



The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at
Lee Valley Tools
100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, N.S.
June 20, 2016. 6:15 p.m.*

**The next meeting will feature
The Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Also
Bring interesting jigs, chucks and tools.**

The President's Workshop

Dianne Looker

2016 NWG June President's report

Another year is coming to a close, and a very successful year it has been. The upcoming meeting on **June 20** will see our **Annual General Meeting**, and a new President and Vice-President. It's good to have change – and continuity. So it's also good to see so many people are staying on the executive to provide that continuity. Again I will remind you all that, even though we have a full slate of people to fill the various positions, you are welcome to nominate others – including yourself - for any and all positions.

On June 20, do bring any **jigs and/or chucks** that you have that you'd like to share with the members. It's always interesting to see new toys and tools... We will also have the Boomerang Box, so start dreaming up what you might make to share.

We had another successful and interesting meeting in May, with **Richard Ford** showing us how to make what he calls the "Ten Minute Pen". While it took him a bit more than ten minutes to show us and explain all the steps, it's clear he could do it in ten. And there was a beautiful finished pen at the end of the demo. Thanks so much, Richard! (And remember, Richard has kindly shared this and other techniques on his Youtube videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PopFord>) His demos are also always full of tricks and jigs – such as (in his May demo with us) how to drill a centered hole and how to hold a drilled piece for further turning.

I'm writing this (my last monthly report as president) in early June. On the weekend of June 12 (when I am away – again!) **Gordon Marshall** is holding his workshop to show you how to make a staved box – such as those some have made for the Bravery Bead boxes we are doing for the IWK. It's great to see our guild take on this important project, as a way of giving back to the committee.

The reason I am away June 12 is I am off to the AAW meeting in Atlanta. This is the first year that the Women in Turning section is holding special sessions and I felt I should go in solidarity. Of course, it helps that I like attending these sorts of things (although a few more days in my lovely home in Gaspereau would be nice – gotta stay put a bit more! ;-)) I will report on the AAW meetings once I'm back.

I also missed the demo that Cynthia Gibson gave on May 20 – I gather it went well. I do hope some of you were inspired to take up pyrography and include it in your turnings. Yet another reminder of the **barbecue** that will be held at **Ted Monk's** place – note the new date: Saturday, **Aug. 13**, rain date Sunday, Aug 14.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in June, when we vote in our new executive. I have enjoyed much about being president these past four years – and - I am ready to step back and let someone else take the helm.

See you June 20.
Dianne Looker, President

Meeting Notes May 16, 2016

Dave Barry

Dianne Looker opened the meeting and there are no new members to welcome so she thanked Calum Ewing and his committee for a great job in relation to the recent competition and also thanked our sponsors.

Calum Ewing announced that \$120 was raised in donations to Feed NS.

Brian Sharp gave an update in relation to the bravery beads stating that he will team up with **Steven Parsons** of the AWA. **Gordon Marshall** has invited members to his workshop on a Sunday in June and he will be showing members the process of save construction. Gordon and Brian were to work out a date and I believe that this has been completed? Members were warned to avoid exotic woods if possible and make sure that the end product is food safe. Mineral oil and wax is a good simple process and avoid linseed oil if possible.

June is the Annual General meeting of the NS Wood Turners Guild so members can nominate other members or themselves for the various positions on the Committee.

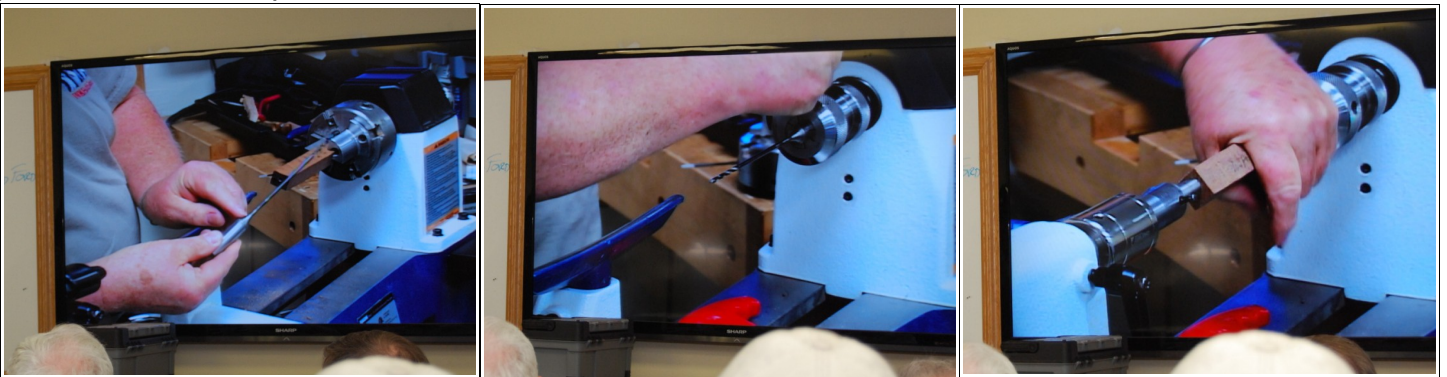
The new date for **Ted Monk's BBQ** will be August 13, 2016 and the rain date is August 14, 2016.

Jim Diamond has raised some concerns about missing magazines from members and is therefore working on a list of unreturned magazines.

Committee reports are due in June.

Main Presentation

This evening's presentation was by **Richard Ford** who presented his 10 minute pen. Some points that Richard pointed out for the members,



1. Insert is 5 inch long.
2. Drill will go in 5 1/8.
3. He used a pen jaw.
4. Drill by hand # 27.
5. Collett chuck and a live centre.



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Dave Barry

- 6. 50 / 50 shellac and lindseed oil.
- 7. 400 / 600 grit.
- 8. Change drill to 5/32
- 9. He used the beal buffing system.

Richard did a great presentation as usual.

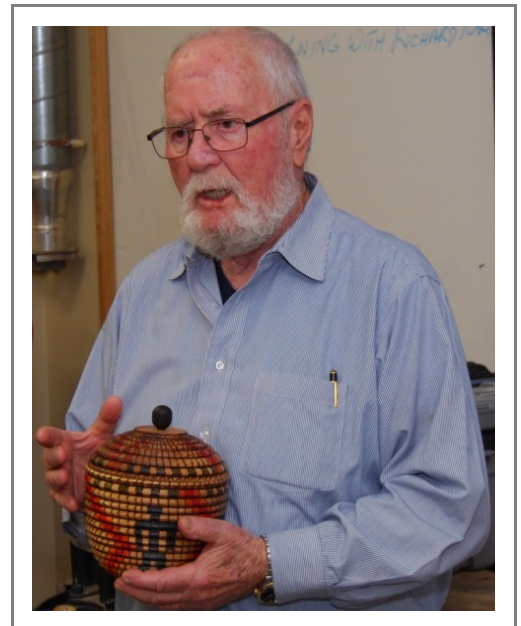
Show And Tell.



Stuart Taylor showed off his piece that placed him 3rd in the spindle division. He saw this idea in a book and it had started off as a cube.



Harold McLellan showed off a piece of crotch elm in which he added a two part epoxy pattern and also he showed a mahogany piece that he says was difficult to work with and was willing to give the piece away.



Zalman Amit showed a Navahoo style piece that he made from ash.

Photos by Guild Photographer Chris Palmer

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Dave Barry

Trevor Edis showed a candle stick he made from curly maple, split turning.



Dianne Looker showed her Ying and Yang piece, lines not perfect and the fact that lots of work went in to the piece.

Richard Ford had a couple of bravery bead boxes that he designed to give the members some ideas that they could reference such as the use of the C and C machine.

Robert Atkinson had a spalted beech platter that he showed to the members which also included a yellow birch piece.

Boomerang Box.

Yogi Gutz is the winner and he won a small Maple bowl made by **Peter Nicholl** and finished with linseed oil.



NWG President's Report to the 2016 Annual General Meeting

As I look back on four years as your president, I realized what a lot we have accomplished in that four years. And as I write this I am also aware of the fact that, in September of this year, we'll be celebrating our 20th year as a Guild, so we will be looking back even further to see even more progress!

When I took on the presidency there were a number of specific things I wanted us to accomplish. And I think I can say that we have accomplished them all. That gives me quite a sense of satisfaction.

The first thing I wanted to tackle was the fact that we did not have liability insurance for our executive members. I felt such insurance was very important, and set out to explore how best to get it. At first it seemed like it wouldn't take much, since the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) offered free liability insurance to its Chapters. So, "all" we'd need to do was become a Chapter.

Of course, this (like most things) was not quite as simple as it sounded. To become a Chapter of the AAW we'd have to change our by-laws (since the AAW has certain specific requirements), and anyone who has ever tinkered with by-laws knows that is never a simple task. Since we are registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks, they also have rules and regulations about by-laws which we'd have to follow. But after some careful consultations and various revisions, we managed to get everything set up so our by-laws met the requirements of both the AAW and the NS Registry of Joint Stocks.

We applied to AAW for status as one of their Chapters – and it was granted in November of 2012. Whew! Then, in January of 2013 all Chapter Presidents got a notice saying the rules around AAW liability insurance were changing – and – the insurance we needed would no longer be available to their Canadian Chapters. Yikes! So much for the best laid plans of whales and women...

After recovering from the shock of this turn of events, I and **Peter Stanbridge** (president in Newfoundland) proceeded to put together a list of names and contact information of all presidents of all the woodturning groups in Canada, both AAW Chapters and others. This was no easy task, but persistence paid off and we tracked down most, if not all. There was enough interest in our pursuing a Canadian insurance policy that we moved in that direction. At this stage we handed things over to Colleen Samila, (president in one of the Toronto groups), who knew more about insurance options certainly than I did. She has taken this on and done it very well, arranging liability (and other) insurance options for those who join the Society of Canadian Woodworkers, and has created a website to help facilitate communications among the different groups.

And so, we have liability insurance – and new and improved by-laws. Since there are other benefits to belonging to the AAW, we are still an AAW Chapter.

A second goal I had, inspired by wading through past minutes to ensure our by-laws reflected recent motions, was to create one document where all our policy decisions were kept. This document would help new executive members know what was expected of them, and it would hopefully reduce the confusion about what motions were and weren't passed when.

We now have a Guidelines and Policy Document. I would encourage the new executive to ensure it is kept up to date. That means adding the wording and date of any motions that are passed by the membership. Also, executive members might want to expand on the roles and duties of their positions, described in that document, as they gain experience. The more detail offered to incoming people, the better.

The third challenge I faced was finding us a better meeting place. At the time of my taking over

the presidency we were meeting upstairs in Kent Building Supplies, in Dartmouth. We were and are very appreciative of them making that meeting space available to us at no charge. As a meeting space for demonstrations that did not involve the lathe, it worked well in many ways. However, it was up several flights of stairs – an impediment for some of our members whose legs found the stairs a challenge. Also, given the stairs (and the issue of storage), it was not possible to contemplate getting a larger lathe than the small, not very powerful lathe we were using. That small lathe precluded a lot of demonstrations, and meant we could not invite guest demonstrators who needed access to a large lathe.

So, I and the executive went in search of alternatives. And we searched. We came close a couple of times – NSCAD looked like it might be an option, so did a couple of schools, one with the Halifax School Board and one with the francophone board. We checked out churches, community halls, service club meeting places – there are few options in the Halifax-Dartmouth Municipal Region that we didn't check. (And our members made it clear it should be in HRM). Then, this past year, **Gary Landry**, one of our executive members and an employee of Lee Valley, managed to negotiate with Lee Valley that we could meet there. And so we have our new meeting place – and it works very well. Our ongoing thanks not only to Gary but to all those at Lee Valley who make this possible.

One other great thing about the Lee Valley meeting place is it met one of my other objectives – access to a larger lathe.

And those were the goals I had when I took on this position: Get us liability insurance, organize a policy document, find a better meeting place, and get us access to a bigger lathe. Mission accomplished – time to move on.

During those four years we accomplished other things as well. We had a number of guest presenters: including **Jimmy Clewes**, **Alain Mailland**, **Malcolm Zander**, **Mark Sfirri**, **Binh Pho**, and **Cynthia Gibson**. I always find it inspiring to see experts such as these do their thing. We do, of course, have many skilled experts within our Guild – and – it's always good to see these others "from away".

We had a very successful exhibition at the Mary E. Black Gallery – viewed by over 2,000 visitors, and well received by the press and the public.

We participated in several wood shows. We have had four years of very successful competitions, always with a wide variety of turnings, by members and non-members, at each skill level. Continued sponsorship of this competition by various companies here and further afield.

And much more: ongoing demonstrations by members, the "Boomerang Box" in which members share turnings with other members, social events, various shape challenges, and recently taking on a new challenge – making boxes for the Bravery Bead program.

So, it's been a very full and successful four years, I'd say.

And I would be remiss if I did not add my heartfelt thanks to the many members who have served on the executive and the many committees during that time. It is a pleasure to work with so many capable and dedicated members. Special thanks to **Gordon Marshall** and **Dave McLachlan**, who served as vice-presidents during my term. I could not have done what I did without their support, and the support of the many others who play an active role in our interesting and vital Guild.

Looking forward to going forward with you all in a different capacity.
Your ever faithful (out-going) president,
Dianne Looker

Library Report

Richard Ford

June 2016 Library Issues:

ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
17 Mar. 2014	Dave McLachlin	049BT	The Craftsman Woodturner -	Peter Child New Revised Edition
16 May. 2016	Harold McLellan	082BD	Woodturning Projects: A Workshop Guide to Shapes -	Mark Baker

The Editor's Desk

Norm Jolivet

I would like to thank Trevor Edis for doing such an admirable job on the newsletter for the last four months. I would also like everyone who helped him pull it off.

Norm Jolivet, Editor



Upcoming Events

Events Committees

Submission Deadline	Event Dates	Event Details
	Aug. 13, 2016	Annual BBQ at Ted's



Answer to last months puzzle: A new series will hopefully start in September. Talk to Dave about it!

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ROBERT GULLEY

Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 21, 2015	Diablo Box shape challenge (really, really!) Bring in a 'useful' item you have turned.	Kent Building Supplies Mic Mac Mall
October 19, 2015	Christmas Ornaments - Don Moore demo	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 16, 2015	Segmented Turning - Gord Marshall (Shape challenge presented)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 14, 2015	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 18, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 1 Texturing – Ted Monk	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 22, 2016	Using the skew - Harold McLellan (Shape challenge result)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 21, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 2 Pyrography & Branding – Ted Monk Fun Turn results	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 11, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 3 Paint, Dyes and Stains – Ted Monk	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 23, 2016	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 16, 2016	The "10 minute pen", and various techniques – Richard Ford	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 20, 2016	AGM	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

We had about 20 people at the last meeting.

1. Calum Ewing won a caliper.
2. Lowell Jenkins won a bowl blank.
3. Trevor Edis won a block of wood.



Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2015/16 Executive

Our e-mail now reflects a more consistent method of communicating with the various offices in the Nova Woodturners' Guild. The recipients will change as the need arises but a note sent to the president will go to who ever is president at that time. All the following addresses should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person

Position	<address>@novawoodturnersguild.com	Name	Chairperson?
EXECUTIVE	executive	(sends the message to all positions on the list)	
President	president	Dianne Looker	
Vice President	vice-president	David McLachlan	
Secretary	secretary	David Barry	
Treasurer	treasurer	Brenna Swinamer	
Members at Large	members-at-large	Gary Landry	
COMMITTEES			
Library	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	C
Web Site	webmaster	Ian Scott	C
Website Forum		Norm Jolivet	
Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Gary Landry Norm Jolivet	C
Newsletter	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	C
Events	events	Brian Sharp Dave McLachlan	C
Competition		Calum Ewing Edmund Benoit Harold McLellan	C
Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
Fund Raising		Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz	C
Nominating			C