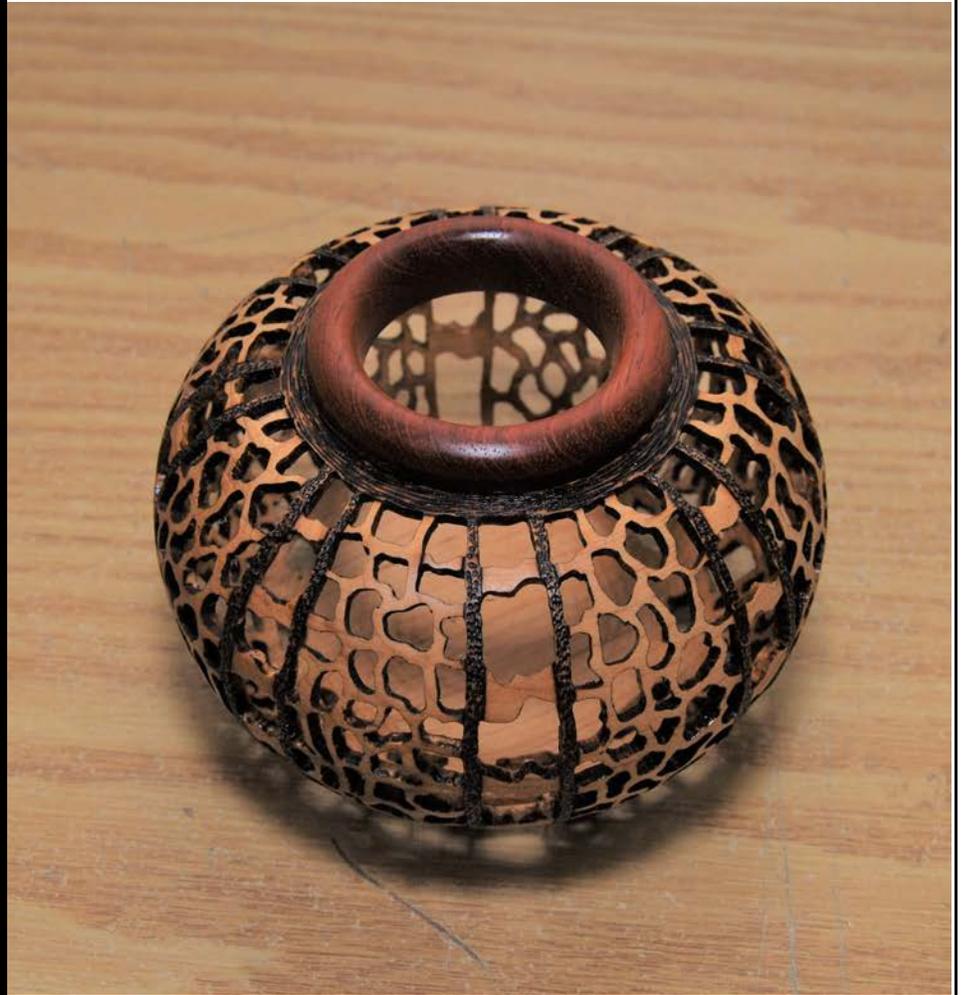




The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at
Lee Valley Tools
100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, N.S.
September 18, 2017. 6:15 p.m.*

The next meeting will feature

**Shaving Brush Turning Demo
– Richard Ford**

I hope that everyone had a great summer and have a lot of great ideas for things they would like to turn this fall and winter. I am looking forward reconnecting with everyone this fall and trying to put on a great program for the coming year. As usual the doors open on September 18th at 6:15 pm for the pre-meeting social and the meeting will start at 6:45 pm. The pre-meeting time at this meeting will also be used for membership renewal, so please bring your filled out 2017/18 membership form and dues.

The NWG BBQ this year was a great success as usual, and I want to take this opportunity to thank **Ted** and **Debbie Monk** for hosting the event and all those who attended and brought all of the wonderful food. It was a great time to catch up with members over the summer, hopefully we will see even more members at the next summer NWG BBQ.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our long time members this summer, **Don Campbell**; he will be missed by many in the Guild. Also this summer the wood turning community lost the great artist and wood worker, **Binh Pho**. Many of us will remember him from the seminar and workshop he gave us a few years ago. He was a talented artist and wood turner who pushed the limits of his art, and had world renown recognition. I also wanted to mention that our long time member and turner extraordinaire **Dr. Andrew Watson** is currently in the hospital recovering from complications after a serious operation. A dear friend to many of us, please take an opportunity to send him your well wishes.

I have to apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter issue; as I took on the publishing of this month's issue since we no longer have a Newsletter Editor and I had a few setbacks producing it. I am hoping that one of the first things we accomplish early this year is finding a new **Newsletter Editor** for the coming year. So if there is anyone out there interested in taking on the Newsletter please let us know.

Our September meeting will open up with short business meeting where **Brenna Swinamer** will give a presentation of the budget, followed by a short discussion about the current state of our finances and how we might change some of our activities to reflect our financial resources. We will also call for nominations for some committee chairs not filled at the AGM – Newsletter editor and Competition Chairperson.

This very short business meeting will be followed by a turning demo by **Richard Ford** using a specialized mandrel and a “Brush Gouge” developed by Richard, which is similar to a Skewchigouge by Crown Tools. This should be of interest to both novice turners and more seasoned turners interested in trying out new turning tools and techniques.

Meeting Notes

June 12, 2017

Calum Ewing

Pre-meeting Demo – New Portable Lathe Dolly with Harold McLellan

Harold McLellan gave an overview of the design and use of the new transport dolly and base for the Guild's bench-top lathe. The dolly functions both as a rolling transport dolly and a base for the lathe when in use for demonstrations and shows. Harold has built the dolly over the past few weeks.

The Base has:

- an integrated tray to catch shavings, and
- an attached safety screen (designed by Harold) to protect viewers from chips and shavings, and in the unlikely event that anything should leave the lathe unexpectedly.

The Dolly:

- Bolts onto the base with two threaded knobs
- Has wheels positioned so that they contact the floor only when the dolly is raised up for transport. This means the dolly will not move around when lying on the floor and should not move much during transport in the back of a truck, etc.
- Has a modified handle shape to allow the handle to 'hook' onto the tailgate or bed of a truck or car for easier loading
- The handle has an integrated roller to assist moving the lathe and dolly into a truck or other vehicle, or onto a table or workbench for demonstrations.



- Anyone wishing specific guidance on using the lathe dolly or base for demos should speak to Harold directly for pointers and any questions. A big thanks to Harold for completing this construction that will ease Guild demos at various events.

Meeting Notes continued

Calum Ewing

Announcements:

President **Dave McLachlan** passed along a tip he has been using to make collets of different sizes using $\frac{3}{4}$ " birch plywood. Disks of plywood are sized to fit inside your chuck jaws and drilled with a specific-sized hole in the centre to hold smaller work pieces. Slots are cut from the outer edge of the disk toward the centre – but not all the way to the inner hole. Then slots are cut between the first slots from the inside hole out outwards – but not all the way to the edge of the disk. The disk is placed in the chuck jaws loosely and the work piece inserted in the inner hole. When the chuck jaws are tightened, the slots allow the disk to compress gripping the work piece firmly. (*see website for templates for the plywood collets*)

- **SketchUp™** Design software – several members are interested in learning more about this design tool. The Executive will look into organizing a Saturday workshop on using SketchUp for turning design.
- **Guild Summer BBQ and Field Day** – July 29th (Rain date July 30th) hosted at the home of **Ted Monk** and his wife **Debra**. Spouses / Significant Others welcome. It will get started any time after 1:00pm until ??? We'll plan to eat at about 5:00pm. It is a true pot "luck" with no list of food being made up. Members are encouraged to bring food in or on something you have.

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(Draft)

June 19, 2017

Calum Ewing

Location: Lee Valley Tools Ltd., 100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, Nova Scotia

President **David McLachlan** called the Annual General meeting to order at 6:45pm. There were nineteen (19) members present.

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(Draft)

Calum Ewing

1. New Members:

Dave introduced two new members: **Darren Eisan** and **William (Bill) Maes**.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the 2015 and 2016 Annual General Meetings have not been officially approved and are not available for this meeting. **David McLachlan** will send out the draft minutes by email to the membership for review, to be approved at the next official Guild meeting in September. Agreed by consensus.

3. Appointment of Auditors:

Ted Monk and **Robert Atkinson** were proposed as Financial Auditors to review the financial report and records. Agreed by consensus.

4. Reports:

President's Report:

President David McLachlan gave an overview of Guild activities and successes over the 2016-17 year. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Nova Woodturners Guild and a number of activities have highlighted this milestone.

A special thanks to all of the presenters who provided presentations, demos and talks at meetings over the year, including Dr. Steven Morris on the important topic of workshop and tool safety.

The Pre-meeting mini-demos have covered a wide range of topics and have been very popular. A big thanks to all the presenters who provided demos in this popular demo and social time.

The *Bravery Beads* project was a big success and we'll hear more details in the Events Committee report. It involved coordination with four different groups (2 quilting groups, the Atlantic Woodworkers Association and the NWG) and the results were very popular with program staff at the IWK hospital.

We recruited a new Webmaster during the year, **Trevor Edis**, and Trevor now has all of the passwords and access codes needed to make updates and changes to the website.

This year's annual Woodturning Competition was a big success with a few more entries than previous years and the introduction of the new 'Master Works' display. A big thanks to the Competition Committee for their work making this run smoothly.

Annual General Meeting – Minutes continued
(Draft)

Calum Ewing

In concluding, David provided a special thank you to the crew at Lee Valley Tools, especially Manager Theresa Bruno, Kevin Hurst and Scott Croucher for all their efforts in facilitating our meetings and helping things run smoothly.

David moved that the President's Report be accepted as read. Seconded: **Gary Landry**. All in favour.

Vice-President's Report: – no report given

Treasurer's Report:

Brenna Swinimer presented the financial report for the year:

Financial Report - 2016-17

The year went fairly well with both revenues and expenses tracking reasonably close to expected. Total Revenues were \$2115.00. Membership numbers were down slightly but similar at 36 paid members. Raffle revenues were down slightly and the competition revenues were a bit lower than anticipated.

Total Expenses tracked close to budget, at \$3286.69, with a few items slightly higher: The wood for the Fun Turn was slightly higher at \$236 (budget: \$200) and the website registration was renewed for 3 years to get a discounted rate. We also made a donation of \$105.00 to FeedNS through donations made by competitors in the annual competition.

This left a deficit for the year of just under \$1,200.

Brenna was asked why the competition revenues were lower when the number of entries was higher than last year. The revenues were below the budgeted amount. In setting the 2016-17 budget we had anticipated that there might be significantly more entries as a result of the 20th anniversary. As it turned out, entries were only slightly above the previous year.

2017-18 Budget – formal budget will be presented for approval by the membership at the September meeting.

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(Draft)

Calum Ewing

Library Report:

Jim Diamond provided a brief (unofficial) report on Library activities. Jim continues to share Library duties with **Richard Ford**. Jim handles the magazines and subscriptions, while Richard handles the Books, DVD's and other materials. The Guild continues to subscribe to the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners (JAAW) and to Woodturning magazine (UK).

Events Committee Report:

Brian Sharp provided a report on activities of the Events Committee for 2016-17:

- August – The annual NWG BBQ was hosted at the home of Ted Monk and his wife Debra with a significant turn out of members and spouses. A great time was had by all with an impressive spread of food and keen competition on the washer-toss front.
- December – the Guild again participated as a demonstrator group at the NS Designer Crafts Council Christmas Show at the Cunard Centre. The demo table was staffed for the Friday afternoon and evening by **Calum Ewing, David Duggan, Harold McLellan** and **Brian Sharp**. Events like this were the impetus for creating the transportation dolly for the Guild lathe that Harold McLellan has completed and demonstrated this evening. There was good discussions with visitors to the show, but numbers at the show seemed to be down from last year. The wet weather was likely a significant contributor to the lower numbers. We did hear that two new turners took turning courses at the NS Centre for Craft & Design as a result of seeing the demos at the Christmas show.
- Bravery Beads – this initiative was a great success through the year and involved two local quilting groups, the AWA and the NWG in collaboration. All told the Guild donated 26 boxes that were enthusiastically received by the Beads program staff at the IWK Hospital. Hospital staff are tending to aim the quilters' bags (which are smaller) for shorter stays and reserving the AWA and NWG boxes for kids anticipating longer stays and treatments. As of last week, the hospital was okay with the supply, but will likely need more boxes / bags in the future. We will look at continuing this effort for the coming fall and winter. The hospital staff were so impressed with the quality and creativity of the AWA and NWG boxes that they seemed reluctant to give them out.

Brian moved that the report be accepted as presented. Seconded by **Robert Atkinson**. All in favour.

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Competition Committee Report:

Calum Ewing provided a brief overview of the work of the Competition Committee over the year. The competition rules were updated and amended to clarify a few items. With the updated rules, a number of the competition forms and documents were updated and streamlined. In addition a new ‘Guidelines for Competitors’ document was created to assist turners in preparing for the competition and avoiding common pitfalls.

The new ‘Master Works’ display was inaugurated in recognition of the NWG 20th anniversary (and the 10th anniversary with Lee Valley as the presenting sponsor), and featured the work of members **Steven Kennard** and **Don Moore**. This new display highlighted the art of the possible in turned wood art and was a huge hit with visitors to the show.

The 2017 competition had a good turn out with 34 pieces entered by 16 competitors. Competition was fierce in some classes with several entries and only a few points separating first from third. A big thanks to **John Macnab**, **Steven Kennard** and **Patrick Rapati** for their support as judges for this year’s competition.

Harold McLellan and **Edmund Benoit** were thanked for their support and efforts as part of the Competition Committee.

Calum moved that the report be accepted as provided. Seconded by **David Duggan**. Approved by majority. (Full report appended)

Newsletter Report: – no report given

Website Report:

Trevor Edis provided a report on the NWG website and its use. He now has all the required access codes and passwords to manage the website and will be looking at making some revisions and updates to freshen up the design and make navigating around the site more user friendly. The website is consistently receiving about 2000 unique visitors per month with an average of 3,600 visits, viewing an average of 5 pages per visit. More than half of the visits are from the United States and Google is the main referring site to the Guild website. The most popular pages include the

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Gallery, Home page, Courses and Links. The most frequently downloaded document is **Ted Monk's** article on making a spindle steady rest.

Trevor moved acceptance of the report as presented. Seconded by **Yogi Gutz**.
Approved by majority. (Full report appended)

Membership Committee Report:

Gary Landry presented an overview of the work in attracting, recruiting and supporting new members. This has included:

Coordinating the demo table during the annual competitions which is a good promotion opportunity for the Guild and has been well supported by members volunteering to cover shifts.

David McLachlan and **Dianne Looker** have made a point of introducing and welcoming visitors and new members at meetings. Members are encouraged to connect with visitors at meetings and help make newcomers feel welcome.

Feedback from visitors has led to the institution of the pre-meeting demos and social time which have proven to be quite popular.

There have been some wrinkles in the information flow between Executive members to ensure that the information about new members flows smoothly to those that support members. This is an area that the Treasurer, Membership Chair and Secretary can work on in the coming months.

Gary moved acceptance of the report as presented. Seconded by **Gordon Marshall**.
Approved by majority. (Full report appended)

Nominating Committee:

David McLachlan presented the report of the Nominating Committee for executive and Committee Chair positions. There have been some difficulties this year finding willing candidates to stand for some positions. The Committee proposed a slate of Directors and Officers.

There was a call for nominations from the floor for any position
– **Gordon Marshall** was nominated as Vice-President.

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Second call for nominations from the floor – none heard

Third call for nominations from the floor – none heard

David McLachlan moved approval of the Executive as follows:

Directors

President	David McLachlan
Vice-President	Gordon Marshall
Treasurer	Brenna Swinimer
Secretary	Calum Ewing
Director at Large	Dianne Looker

Officers

Library Chair(s)	Jim Diamond & Richard Ford
Newsletter	Editor vacant
Competition Chair	vacant
Events Chair	David Duggan
Membership Chair	Gary Landry
Nominations Chair	vacant
Website Chair	Trevor Edis
Fundraising Chair(s)	Yogi Gutz & Norm Jolivet

Seconded by Dianne Looker. All in favour.

Report of the Auditors:

Robert Atkinson presented the results of the financial review by the Auditors on behalf of himself and **Ted Monk**. They reviewed the finances and financial records of the Treasurer and no significant concerns were found. The Auditors did make a number of recommendations on changes to procedures to avoid some problems and improve the Guild’s financial processes.

David McLachlan moved that the report of the Auditors be accepted as presented. Seconded by **Gary Landry**. Carried by majority.

Dianne Looker moved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Seconded by **Calum Ewing**. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.



Fun Turn

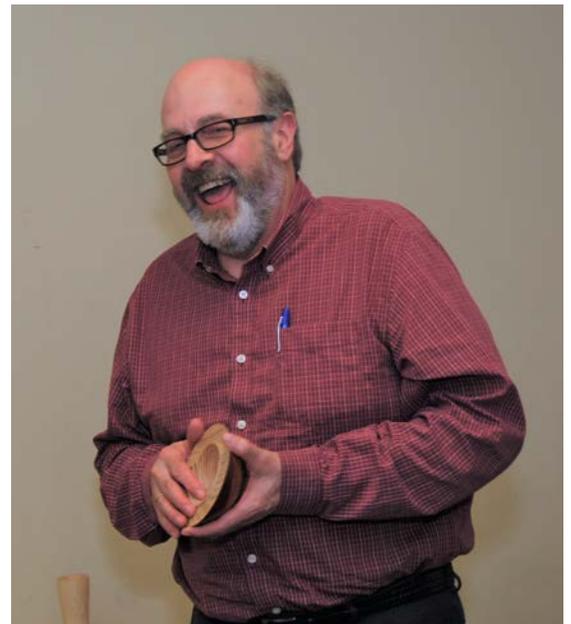
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This year's Fun turn was using a 6x6x2" blank of Ash, with no restrictions or requirements:



➤ **Dianne Looker** showed off a lidded box that she is working on;

- **Brian Sharpe** presented a shallow bowl with lid that he made and decorated with blended stains (Minwax; water-based) the technique is inspired by Andy Coates' YouTube videos and involves applying different stains in adjacent areas and blending the edges with a small brush for interesting effects;



➤ **Gordon Marshall** showed his "Camouflage" Bowl decorated using several colours of alcohol-based stains to create a camouflage pattern;





➤ **Stuart Taylor** showed an open nut or candy bowl with pyrography lines around the rim and an oil & wax finish;

➤ **Zalman Amit** presented a pierced and pyrography decorated hollow form. The wall thickness is 1/8 in. or less for the piercing to work well;



➤ **Jim Diamond**'s open, flared bowl had the 'Tried & True' finish;





➤ **David McLachlan** showed his unusual double-ended pepper and salt mill with an accent band of Cocobolo and Yew;

- **Robert Atkinson** presented his open bowl with an inward turned rim. (photo not available).

Lee Valley Gift cards were drawn for participants and were won by **Brian Sharp, Jim Diamond** and **Dianne Looker**

Show & Tell

Calum Ewing

A number of items were shown off in the Show & Tell session, in addition to the Fun Turn results:



Dianne Looker showed a commemorative bowl turned for Gerald McCarthy for the 50th anniversary of Prince Andrew High School. It featured a rim with gold dust imbedded in epoxy. Dianne also updated her efforts on the 'golf ball in a block illusion. Version 2 was successful in getting the ball inside the block through the side (long) grain but the block split while drying. Drilling out the pith may help



Yogi Gutz presented a nice Cigar Pen he made with stabilized, spalted Poplar that looked quite dramatic. He also showed off some Teflon bushings made to fit his pen mandrel. These are cone-shaped to allow easy access to the pen barrel parts and the Teflon does not adhere to any finish that is applied.

Raffle Results

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Dianne Looker took home a CA glue and accelerator kit; **David Duggan** won a book; **Yogi Gutz** selected a mystery grab bag; **Trevor Edis** won a chisel set and **Darrell Eisner** won a mystery grab bag.

Wrap Up

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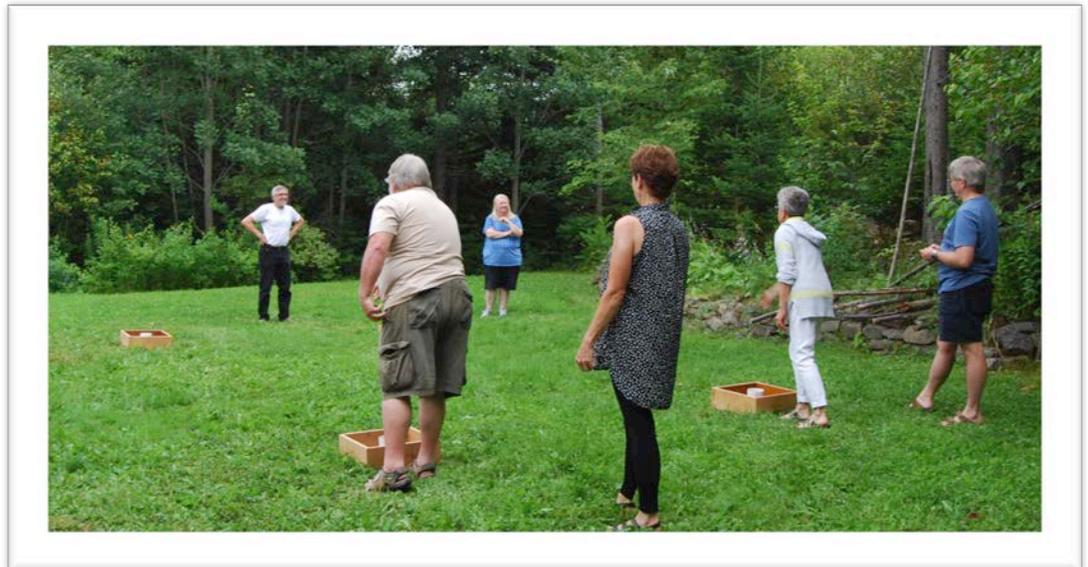
In concluding the meeting and the 2016-17 year, **Kevin Hurst** of Lee Valley Tools mentioned that Lee Valley has been very pleased to be hosting the Guild meetings and activities. It has been a very beneficial relationship for both Lee Valley and the Guild – a win-win for both.

NWG BBQ July 29, 2017

The NWG BBQ was a great success on a lovely summer's day. A special thanks goes out to Ted and Debbie Monk for hosting the event and making sure everything ran smoothly. Thanks to all of the members and partners who came along and brought a great selection of food. It is the one few times during the year when our significant other can join in the fun.



The washer toss pit was a popular hang out that afternoon with several teams challenging each other, and a lot of the spouses got in on the action as well.

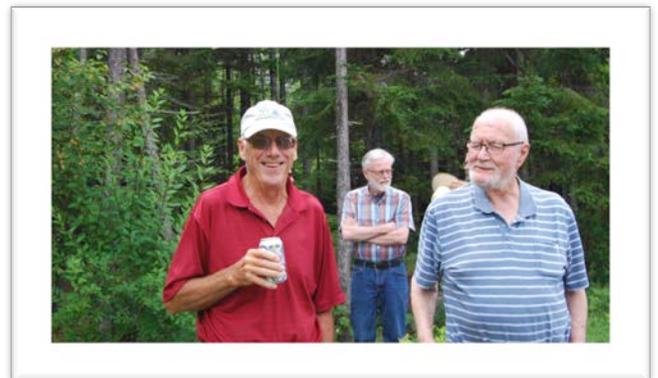




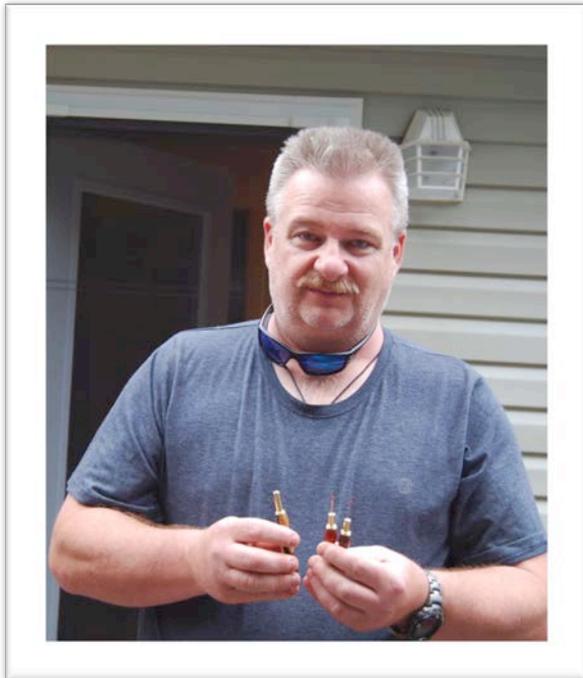
Ted and Debbie's garden was also a popular place to gather and discuss the season's harvest. Ted and Debbie have taken raised bed gardening to new heights with lots of experiments with fall planting of rye, turned over in the spring, used as a green fertilizer. There were control beds that had the same plantings without the green fertilizer and the differences were stunning. Lots of time was also spent just relaxing under the pergola enjoying the greenery and lively discussions.



Generally it was a great time for



everyone to reconnect over the summer.

NWG BBQ July 29, 2017 *continued*

Richard Ford brought along his “Brush Gouge” which he has developed over the summer and finds it to be a very useful tool for working on shaving brushes and the like.

The end of the evening was a time for **Show and Tell**.... **Yogi Gutz** brought in some seam rippers he had been working on for the first time over the summer.



Steve Parsons brought in a lovely set of chess pieces he had been working on using a duplicating jig and templates provided by **Trevor Edis**. Both the duplicating jig & templates and the chess pieces were of interest to many there.



NWG BBQ July 29, 2017 *continued*



Lowell Jenkins brought in an interesting piece that was part of the fun turn wood.

Upcoming Events

Events Committee

Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 18, 2017	Budget Review Shaving Brush Demo – Richard Ford	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake
October 16, 2017	X-mas ornament Turning demo Gary Landry, Dave Dugan	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake
November 20, 2017	Closed Form Turning – Gordon Marshal	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake
December 11, 2017	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 15, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 12, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 19, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 16, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 23, 2018	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 14, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 18, 2018	AGM	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
TBD, 2018	Summer Social	Ted Monk's House

Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2017/18 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 whoever 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	David Mclachlan	
Vice President	vice-president	Gordon Marshal	
Secretary	secretary	Calum Ewing	
Treasurer	treasurer	Brenna Swinamer	
Members at Large	members-at-large	Dianne Looker	
Committees	library	Jim Diamond	C
Library		Richard Ford	
Web Site	webmaster	Trevor Edis	C
Website		Norm Jolivet	
Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Gary Landry	C
		Norm Jolivet	
Newsletter	newsletter	vacant	C
Events	events	Dave Dugan	C
Competition		Vacant	C
Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
Fund Raising		Vacant	C
		Norm Jolivet	
		(Raffles) Yogi Gutz	
Nominating		Vacant	C