



# 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.  
January 15, 2018. 6:15 p.m.*



Member since 2012

The next meeting will feature  
**Gordon Marshall**  
**Hollowing a closed vessel**  
**January challenge: "food"**

**The President's Message**

January 2018

Dave McLachlan

First off, I hope everyone had a fine holiday with family and friends and hopefully had some time at the lathe before or during the holidays.

Our Christmas Social was well attended and hopefully everyone had a good time getting together. A special thanks goes out to all those members who participated in the Christmas Wreath turnings and those that participated in the Xmas Ornament Exchange. As always there were a lot of beautiful items made... an inspiration to all of us for the future.

I also wanted to thank Halifax Specialty Hardwoods for hosting our Xmas social, and offering up a tax-free evening for the purchase of wood by members. And special thanks to everyone who brought in all of the great food and drink items.

January's presenter is Gordon Marshall whose topic is "Hollowing a closed vessel having a small entry hole using a bowl gouge". This is bound to be an interesting demonstration and may be a new technique to many of us. Thanks so much to Gordon for stepping up to give this demonstration.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone that in addition to regular Show and Tell, we also have a special theme for January which is "Food" so bring in that special item that you have turned that is connected to food either – from food, about food or for food.

This month's meeting we will be handing out the "Fun Turn" wood, which is a 3"x3"x3" piece of maple. There is no particular theme associated with this Fun Turn so let your imagination run wild with this piece of wood. The Fun Turn projects will be presented at the February meeting Show and Tell.

Finally I want to remind everyone that Ashley Harwood will be a guest turning presenter at Lee Valley April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. She has also offered to give the Guild a 1.5 to 2hr demonstration on the evening of Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> we will asking members at the January meeting how many would be interested in attending a turning demonstration by Ashley. If you don't know about Ashley Harwood I suggest you check out her website, she has a great reputation as an instructor.

Dave McLachlan

## Meeting Notes

December 11, 2017

Calum Ewing

Recorded by Calum Ewing, Secretary

**Christmas Social** meeting, hosted at **Halifax Specialty Hardwoods Ltd.**, Halifax



President **David McLachlan** Opened the meeting at 6:30pm; with 19 members, 6 guests and 2 visitors present.

**Visitors:**

**Jim & Nancy** – is just getting into turning and has been turning on a Beaver lathe.

**Social Time:**

A great spread of food and drinks was provided by members and guests who spent time chatting and eating. Throughout the evening, a special raffle was held for a number of special raffle draws:

**Special draw:**

**Draw #1** – a pen in Apple wood by **David McLachlan** was won by **Dianne Looker**.

**Ornament Exchange:**

A number of members brought turned ornaments for the ornament exchange. Each was concealed in a paper bag until drawn:

- **Leo Westhaver** provided an elegant birdhouse ornament in Walnut and Yellow Birch – won by **Robert Atkinson**;
- **Stuart Taylor's** very thin-walled Christmas bell was turned in green Cherry – won by **Leo Westhaver**;
- An impressive urchin ornament incorporating a sea urchin shell with spalted Maple finials was contributed by **Robert Atkinson** – won by **Gary Landry**;



- **Gary Landry** provided two of his Icicle ornaments: one in Cherry sapwood – won by **Stuart Taylor**; the other in roasted Maple and Boxwood – won by **Norm Jolivet**;

- **Darren Eisan** turned an elegant birdhouse ornament in Padouk, Maple and Walnut, where even the small bird on the perch was turned – won by **Gary Landry**;



- New member **Louise Plourde** turned an interesting tree ornament in green Spruce – won by **Darren Eisan**;

- **Harold McLellan** contributed an icicle ornament in Maple and Bloodwood – won by **Louise Plourde**;



- **Norm Jolivet** provided an icicle ornament in Maple – won by **Harold McLellan**.

**Christmas Wreath Fundraiser:**

**Norm Jolivet** proposed the idea a couple of months ago of a fundraiser for the Guild where members could make and donate ornaments to decorate a wreath to be raffled at this Christmas meeting.

New additions at this meeting were:

- 2 Icicles by **Gary Landry**, decorated with Sharpie™ markers and tole paint
- A Birdhouse in Maple by **Leo Westhaver**
- A Bell ornament in Cherry by **Stuart Taylor**



Snowman in Holly and Rosewood by **Calum Ewing**



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- A Bell ornament in Maple by **David Duggan**
- An icicle in silver maple by **Dianne Looker**

The draw for the decorated wreath was won by **Zulema Jolivet**.



**Special draw, continued:**

**Draw #2** - A lovely ceramic pot by **Laura Bishop** (NS Pottery Guild) with a wood lid by **David McLachlan** – won by **Mary Landry**.

**Draw #3** – A **Halifax Specialty Hardwoods** Gift Certificate – won by **Yogi Gutz**.



**New Products:**

**Cheryl Borden**, our gracious host at **Halifax Specialty Hardwoods Ltd.** provided an update on some new materials that they have been recently importing for sale:

- Spalted Tamarind blanks – 6 x 6 x 3”
- Indian Laurel - 6 x 6 x 3”
- Katalox squares – 2 x 2 x 24”
- Bocote blanks - 6 x 6 x 3”
- Cocobolo squares – 2 x 2” in various lengths

**Raffle Results;**

- Yogi Gutz took home a turning book;
- Dianne Looker won a turning supplies grab bag;
- Ted Monk took home a turning book and
- Gary Landry won a supplies grab bag.

Meeting wrapped up at 8:45pm

Merry Christmas to all and the very best for the New Year in 2018 !!

## Library Report

Richard Ford

ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
10. Apr. 2017	Bill Fisher	064BJ	Turned Boxes 50 designs	Chris Stott
18. Sep. 2017	Calum Ewing	097BU	Turning Hollow Forms Techniques & Projects	Mark Sanger
22. Jan. 2016	Calum Ewing	104BB	The Airbrush Artist's Handbook	Fred Dell & Andy Charlesworth

## Some video links of demos

Richard Ford

Richard Ford has some new videos posted on Youtube. Check them out!

10 short videos show the steps, Lowell, Edmund & Richard used to build and turn the staved Bravery Bead Boxes they made.

3 videos on Turning, Sanding and Buffing an acrylic crochet handle. Lots of "Thats-Awl" used for fine details.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOTRcb1HvkBppKwSKwZ7K3Q/videos?sort=dd&view=0&flow=lit&disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOTRcb1HvkBppKwSKwZ7K3Q/videos?sort=dd&view=0&flow=lit&disable_polymer=true)





**From the editor  
Looker****Dianne**

A special thanks to **Chris Palmer** for all the photos he has taken and sent – for this last meeting and so many other meetings before. Without his skill and dedication, the newsletter would be full of words and more words.

I welcome articles/reports/ discussions – do send them to me if you have things that might interest our members.

In preparation for seeing her in April, Check out **Ashley Harwood**'s website:

<http://www.ashleyharwood.net/ashleyharwood/Woodturning.html>

She does some truly amazing work. She is working with Stuart Batty at a course being offered at Woodworkers Emporium in Las Vegas, Feb 5-9, 2018. I'd go if I could!

<http://www.woodworkersemporium.com/woodturning-with-stuart-batty-and-ashley-harwood/>

Also check out the woodturning symposium in Saratoga Springs, NY. It's called "**Totally Turning**".

<http://www.totallyturning.com/> I have gone to this symposium several times and found it to be well worth the effort. It's where I first saw Binh Pho. They have a competition that is part of it, and I have won third prize one year and second another. I've yet to win first, but who knows...

Totally Turning is put on by the AWA (Adirondack Woodturners Association), which is a Special Interest Group (woodturning) of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association (NWA). According to their website: "The NWA has presented a woodworking show titled [SHOWCASE](#) in Saratoga Springs, New York for the past 26 years. [SHOWCASE](#) draws about 6000 woodworking attendees. It provides an Instant Gallery of roughly 500 pieces of fine woodworking including woodturning, presents continuous classes on woodworking, offers about 70 woodworking vendors (including many related to woodturning), and displays continuous demonstrations of woodturning, woodcarving, scrollsawing, and lumbering. Door prizes, raffles, and many give-aways make it an exciting two days of woodworking.

On March 24 & 25, 2018 the Adirondack Woodturners Association will present Totally Turning 2018 in the same location as [SHOWCASE](#). Every Totally Turning registrant will have full access to BOTH the woodturning rotations of Totally Turning 2018 and to all of [SHOWCASE](#) 2018. Instant Gallery pieces brought by Totally Turning registrants will be a part of the Instant Gallery of Showcase and as such will be viewed by about 4000 of the general public in addition to the woodturners of Totally Turning 2018..

By moving Totally Turning out of the downtown Albany area and in to the [Saratoga Springs City Center](#), the event has a bigger Instant Gallery, a much larger vendors area, far more total rotations, a host hotel attached to the site, and many convenient places to eat. Spring time in Saratoga Springs is wonderful. The price has remained the same with far more to do and see over the two days. Totally Turning 2018 and Showcase 2018 will be held concurrently at the [Saratoga Springs City Center](#) and the adjoining Saratoga Hilton Hotel."

And don't forget the symposium in 2018 Saskatchewan Woodturners Symposium, Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 22, 2018 in Saskatoon. <https://www.picatic.com/2018SaskWoodturnersSymposium> The early bird deadline is March 31, 2018.

I am hoping to get to both Saratoga Springs and Saskatoon. Hope to see some of you there!

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 18, 2017	Budget Review Shaving Brush Demo – Richard Ford	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
October 16, 2017	X-mas ornament Turning demo Gary Landry, Dave Dugan	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
November 20, 2017	Closed Form Turning – Gordon Marshal	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
December 11, 2017	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 15, 2018	Gordon Marshall Hollowing a closed vessel Show & tell challenge: "Food"	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 12, 2018	TBD Fun turn due	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 19, 2018	TBD	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 16, 2018	TBD Show & tell challenge: "Colour":	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 23, 2018	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 14, 2018	Drying wood and solar kilns Dave McLachlan Show & tell challenge: "2 by 2"	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 18, 2018	AGM Show & tell challenge: "Finial"	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

## 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*

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<b>Executive</b>	executive	(sends the message to all positions on the list)	
<b>President</b>	president	David Mclachlan	
<b>Vice President</b>	vice-president	Gordon Marshal	
<b>Secretary</b>	secretary	Calum Ewing	
<b>Treasurer</b>	treasurer	Brenna Swinamer	
<b>Members at Large</b>	members-at-large	Dianne Looker	
<b>Committees</b>			
<b>Library</b>	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	<b>C</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	webmaster	Trevor Edis Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
<b>Website</b>			
<b>Membership &amp; Promotion</b>	membership-chair	Gary Landry Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	newsletter	Dianne Looker	<b>C</b>
<b>Events</b>	events	Dave Dugan	<b>C</b>
<b>Competition</b>		Vacant	<b>C</b>
<b>Guild Photographer</b>		Chris Palmer	
<b>Fund Raising</b>		Vacant Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz	<b>C</b>
<b>Nominating</b>		Vacant	<b>C</b>