

November 1996 Newsletter of the Nova Woodturners Guild

Wood Swap

Burdened by too many 500 pound burls cluttering up your workshop? Looking for that elusive $4 \times 12 \times 12$ cocobolo blank? Maybe you can solve both problems at once. Next month we will have a swap meet where people with too much of something can trade with other members who have too much of something else. Come armed with a list of what you have but will part with, what you don't have but want, and some idea of how much X is worth how much Y. If what you want to get rid of is small bring it along (inside the school or out in your vehicle), but don't feel bad about leaving the 500 pound burls at home.

Atlantic Wood Show

Those of you who missed last month's NWG meeting may not realize that the NWG has been given a booth at this year's Atlantic Wood Show (November 15, 16 and 17). If you're at the show, drop by and visit for a few minutes. If you would like to display one (or more) of your turnings at our booth, please give Jim Diamond a call as soon as possible (home 469-8838, office 481-4579) to arrange for this; this is a good chance to strut your stuff for free. Finally, if you would like to help out by manning the booth for a while, please call Jim to set things up. Currently we have just enough people to have one person in the booth at all times, but it would be better if we had two people there, at least during busy times.

Also, there is a woodworking competition at the show. The categories are (1) Miniature Woodturning (no larger than a 3 inch cube), (2) Open Woodturning (all turnings except the miniatures), (3) Relief/Chip Carving, (4) Carving in the Round (waterfowl, wildlife, human figures, *etc.*), and (5) Innovation in Woodworking — Furniture. The entry fee is \$5.00 per item, with the competition profits going to the IWK Children's Hospital. There is one \$100 cash prize per category.

Library

The NWG library is now the proud owner of a limited number of *Woodturning* issues. We purchased a two-year subscription as well as a few back-issues to get us going. If you have any issues older than June of this year **in good condition** which you would like to sell (for a yet-to-be-decided but less than face-value price), loan or even give to the NWG library, bring them along to the next meeting. The library might also be interested in acquiring other turning books, turning magazines (particularly the *Journal of the American Woodturners Association*) or turning videos; if you have any you would consider selling/loaning/giving to the library, please see the acting librarian (Jim Diamond) some time during the next meeting.

NWG Crest

We still haven't picked a crest! Do you have any ideas for one? Feel free to obtain the opinion of your better half, your kids, or your dog. Sketch something out and bring it to the next meeting; the creator of the preferred crest will undoubtedly earn the undying admiration of your fellow guild members, but unfortunately no cash prize.

Next Meeting

We are fortunate to have local woodturner John McNab coming to the next meeting to present a talk. John works out his studio at Pier 21 in Halifax, which was open to the public in the recent Nova Scotia Studio Rally. This will be a good opportunity to see some of John's work and to ask him questions about his approach to turning.

Newsletter

Do you have any submissions for the next newsletter? If so, contact Steve Zwerling at 826-7431, or send e-mail to zwerling@ra.isisnet.com.