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Nova Woodturners' Guild Season 6! Feb 19, 2001

The sixth meeting of our sixth season will be Monday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the Carpentry Shop at the NS Community College at Leeds Street, Halifax.

January meeting:

We welcomed another two new members to the club at the January meeting. This brings us up to the high forties, which is considerably more members than we've had in our six years of existence.

Thanks to **Denton Ford** for donating \$40 (proceeds from a turning of his sold at the Atlantic Wood Show) to the NWG. And, continuing his hot streak, Stuart Taylor once again brought in a sizeable chunk of cherry for the raffle; this month's winner was **Richard Dumas**. The raffle earned \$26 for the club's kitty.



Thanks to **Warman Castle, Bob Hamilton, Cliff Moase** and **Andrew Watson** (did I miss anyone?) for bringing in some of their recent work for the show and tell.



The main presentation of the meeting was given by **Steve Zwerling** on the topic of sharpening. As we all know, trying to produce nice turnings with dull tools is an exercise in frustration. Unfortunately for us, sharpening turning tools is something of a more difficult problem than that experienced by our brethren who work flat pieces of wood. Steve brought in his grinder and some jigs and sharpened a variety of types of tools. But just as important as knowing how to get a keen edge is knowing what shape of edge is desired. Using a bowl **Andrew Watson** brought in for show and tell, Steve showed how having gouges with different bevel angles can be very useful for getting access to different parts of a bowl. He also showed how to improve the **Lee Valley** skew-sharpening jig, whose inherent design flaw limits you using it with long skews; a small bit of 1/4" plywood works wonders here!



Steve sacrificed a bit of his high-speed steel by deliberately grinding a groove in one of his gouges in order to show that even with a jig, some intelligence is still required on the part of the sharpener. While gouge-grinding jigs help you maintain a consistent angle, the grinding time on any one spot must be carefully monitored so that the overall desired shape is maintained (or obtained). Steve demonstrated the use of a black felt-tip marker for sharpening; if you "paint" the surface to be ground before applying the tool to the grindstone, you can check for black on the tool after grinding to make sure you ground the entire surface.

Future Meetings:

As a result of some questions generated from **Warman's** "show and tell" box at the January meeting, Warman has agreed to do a demonstration on turning a box at an upcoming meeting. He will concentrate on the aspects of reverse-chucking the bottom and lid; there are many ways to do this, but Warman will show how he uses hot-melt glue for this. Warman will be showing this in March or April, as schedules permit.

We are always open to suggestions for meeting topics. If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to an executive member. Even better, if you have some favourite thing that you wouldn't mind talking about and/or presenting to the group, that would be very appreciated.

Library Info:

Aside from a few catalogs, 18 books and 20 videos in the guild library, we have about 132 issues of various magazines. We also have a number of copies of plans or articles in the library which are "give-aways"; if you'd like to browse through these, just ask Jim at any meeting.

We are always open to suggestions for new library material. If you know of anything you think we should have, just mention it to one of the executive members; if you know where we can buy it, that would be a big help.

We have the following issues of the three periodicals we subscribe to in the library:

Woodturning: Issues 6, 11-14, 18-20, 22-31, 33-34, 36, 38, 41-96.

Woodturning: Issues 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 3.1, 3.3-4.6.

Journal of the American Association of Woodturners: Issues 2.4, 3.1-3.3, 4.3-5.2, 7.1-8.1, 8.4-9.1, 10.1, 10.3, 11.1-15.4.

In our obsessive compulsive need to collect the whole sets, if you have any of the missing issues which you would care to donate or sell to the library, please see Jim at a meeting or give him a call.

We also have the October 1993 issue of *Traditional Woodworking* and the March 1998 issue of *Shop Notes*, since they both have a woodturning-related article of possible interest.

2001 AAW Symposium:

If you are planning on attending the AAW symposium this year (July in St Paul Minnesota) you may be interested in the following:

This year, **Woodchucker's Supplies** in Toronto are arranging a coach trip for Ontario Club members to attend the 2001 AAW Symposium in St Paul MN in July. The "Days Inn" in St Paul MN has offered a Special Group Rate for Ontario Club members making this trip and this Special Group Rate is also being made available to all Canadian Club members outside of Ontario who are considering attending and is as follows: Days Inn Accommodation: \$65.00 (Canadian Funds) each person per night with two people per room. This rate also includes taxes, gratuities, a hot breakfast and a shuttle bus to and from the Rivercentre Convention Centre.

If you are interested, contact **John Buccioni** at Woodchucker's Supplies: Tel. 1-800-551-0192 or by E-mail : Sales@woodchuckers.com

NWG Fun Turn:

At the February meeting everyone present will be given a 2x2x12 piece of maple; if you can't make it to the meeting, contact one of the executive who will give you your own piece. If you can't get to the meeting or see an executive, but still want to take part (please do!), find yourself a piece of straight-grained, non-spalted, non-birds-eye, non-blah-blah-blah hard maple and carry on.

We would like everyone (yup, everyone!) to turn something -- anything -- with this piece of wood and bring it back to the March meeting. Don't sign your work; at the door you will be met by a non-juror who will tag your piece and pass it on to the jury. All the pieces will then be examined by this yet-to-be-picked jury of two or three people.

There are no cash prizes for any winners, just the admiration of your fellow members. This is just for fun, so let your imagination wander and see what you can do with this simple piece of wood.

If you can't make the March meeting but want to get in on this, you can mail your entry to **Jim Diamond** (43 Birchwood Terrace, Dartmouth, B3A 3W4).

Thanks go out to both **Bob Hamilton** for doing the leg-work getting the wood, and to East Coast Speciality Hardwoods who supplied the wood at a very good price.

Reach us: **Jim Diamond**, NWG President, 469-8838 and Be Reached: Send an Email to Jim at jdiamond@fox.nstn.ca, identifying yourself as a NWG member and he will put you on our electronic list.

Notes for the Newsletter? If you want to contribute an article, or an ad to the newsletter, contact **Chris Palmer**, 462-3262, cpalmer@accesscable.net