



The Official Journal

Nova Woodturners' Guild Season 7! December 10, 2001

The fourth meeting of our seventh season will be **Monday, December 10, 7:00 pm at the Carpentry Room at NSIT. NOTE The Second Monday of the month!**

November Meeting

On Wednesday, November 14th our regular monthly meeting was most irregular as it was convened on the 2nd. Wednesday instead of the 3rd. Monday. As well, instead of the regular venue, we met at 6 pm in the show room of "**Busy Bee**" tools for a demonstration of **Robert Sorby Turning tools and equipment**.



Mr. **Tony Kwasniak**, a representative of Sorby, was here to demonstrate at the Atlantic Wood show. **Bill Luther** arranged with the company to have "Tony" do a private demo for our guild. Accordingly, a large group of members and some non-members sat down for Tony's demo.

He told us that he had been up at 3 pm British time to fly to Canada and had arrived only a short time before meeting with us; in spite of fatigue and jet lag, he made a very interesting presentation. He started off by telling us that he was not there to demonstrate woodturning technique but to show us how we could use Robert Sorby tools to improve our work. It was very evident that he was a very skilled "turner." Next, he demo'd a sharpening system which uses a MDF disk mounted on the head stock of the

lathe and fitted with various grits of self-adhesive, aluminum oxide sandpapers. To finish, a leather washer, charged with a polish is fitted to the disk. The chisel is supported on the lathe's tool rest. This system, he explained, is for spindle gouges, skews and parting tools and as the chisel is sharpened on the flat side of the disk, the tool's bevel is flat. After polishing with the leather washer, the bevel had a mirror finish which only had to be touched up with a diamond hone. His honing compound, he explained was "tongue" oil which he thought his British variety might be better than a Canadian type.

During the evening Tony also demonstrated a "Spindlemaster" - a type of rounded skew; "Sandmaster", - sanding system; a beading tool; a shear scraper with detachable heads; and a texturing, chattering system.

The Guild extends its thanks to **Tony** and the **Robert Sorby Company** for a fine meeting and to **Bill Luther** and the **Busy Bee Company** for arranging the demo and providing the facilities.

Chris Palmer won the door prize, a 1/2" spindlemaster.

Incidentally, 3 new members, **Arthur Learning**, **Brian Barker** and **Raymond Chaisson** joined the Guild at the conclusion of the meeting. Raymond now has set the record for the farthest distance to travel to our meetings as his home is in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. Welcome to you all.



Atlantic Wood Show

Many NWG members manned our booths, sometimes for multiple shifts. **Stuart Taylor** wins the endurance award for being in the booth almost all day Sunday.



Shortcuts Competition (Woodturning)

1st Prize - **Jamie Wolverton**

2nd Prize - **Warman Castle**



Woodturning Competition



Novice: 1st Robert Atkinson (9" spalted birch bowl)
 2nd Jim Diamond (11" birch bowl)
 3rd Dave Paul (ash vase)

Open: 1st Denton Ford (segmented Aztec bowl)
 2nd Stuart Taylor (cherry hollow log)
 3rd Jamie Wolverton (cedar flat-top bowl)



Stuart Taylor won first in intermediate category in Alberta, as well as the Viewers' Choice award (shown) at "Great Canadian Woodturning Challenge"

December Meeting

During the meeting, Warman Castle will demo how he turns square edge bowls. He has turned a number of these, ranging in size from about 6 inches to 16 inches in diameter. All of the work can be done with a bowl

gouge and, unfortunately, a lot of sanding. Once completed, however, very original pieces can be created.

Library Notes:

Nothing new in the library, except for recent issues of "The Woodturner" and "Woodturning". But we have a new and improved overdue list! As usual, if you see your initials and don't know what you have out, feel free to call Jim Diamond. The list below only includes items taken out at the September meeting or before that.

RA (Sept: 1 item)
JB (Sept: 1 item)
HD (Sept: 2 items)
BH (Sept: 2 items)
SK (Mar: 7 items)
DMo (Sept: 2 items)
DPa (Sept: 2 items)
DPo (June: 3 items)
DQ (Sept: 1 item)
DS (2000: 1 item)
GS (Sept: 1 item)

For Sale:

16" Band saw with a 7" throat... Manufactured by P.B. Yates of Hamilton, Ontario...Solid cast iron construction, 1/2 hp. motor, runs either 110 or 220 volts...Model # J-14, Serial # H6769. Comes with 15 blades of various widths (blade length is 100 inches). Price for the package is \$475.00 to members of the Guild, price will be \$550.00 in the Bargain Hunter in the New Year ... This is a very good piece of machinery... Contact Don Moore 1-902-352-2959 or e-mail; moorewood@ns.sympatico.ca

Black Cherry Burls

Ken Saulnier has black cherry burls for sale, contact him at 1-902-261-2526, in Maitland.

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

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