

The Official Journal
Nova Woodturners' Guild Season 7!
February 18, 2002

The sixth meeting of our seventh season will be **Monday, February 18, 2002 at the class room near the Carpentry Room at NSIT, 7:00 pm .**

February Meeting

There will be a panel of three persons, consisting of **Warman Castle, Steve Zwerling and Don Moore.** This panel will try to give suggestions to various odd pieces of wood that (hopefully) you will bring with them to the meeting.

Remember to bring a notepad and pen with you, there may be some points of interest to jot down. This meeting will be held in the classroom where a chalkboard will be readily available for a better detailed description of each piece. This should be a very constructive meeting and may very well open a door or two for most of the membership. We plan on giving lots of time to explain to everyone, so they leave the meeting with a positive attitude about the shape and form of their next turning.

January meeting:



23 members were in attendance at the January meeting. The main topic of the meeting was home-made jigs and tools. **Stuart Taylor** showed some of the tools he has made for his work. One of the more difficult tools to make is a gouge, and Stuart had even made one of those. He admits that trying to do a good job grinding out the inside of a gouge is rather difficult. Stuart talked about various compositions of steel and demonstrated how you can get some idea of the type of steel by seeing what sort of sparks are created when you use a grinder on the steel. If you are grinding carbon steel, the more sparks you see, the more carbon in the steel.



Aside from making cutting tools from various pieces of steel, Stuart also showed a clamp he uses for holding items like goblets or vases. Rather than clamping around the outside, this clamp is inserted inside the form and expands using a wedging technique. This brought up questions about the work splitting; **Steve Zwerling** pointed out that you can wrap the outside of the work with (for example) masking tape to give it some additional strength.

Don Moore brought in a tool rest made by a local machine shop. This rest is unusual in that the rest fits in a slot in the tool post, and the rest can be slid back and forth in the post to help him move the tool rest to where it will do the most good. Don also brought in a simple jig to measure the depth of bowls and vessels; just a

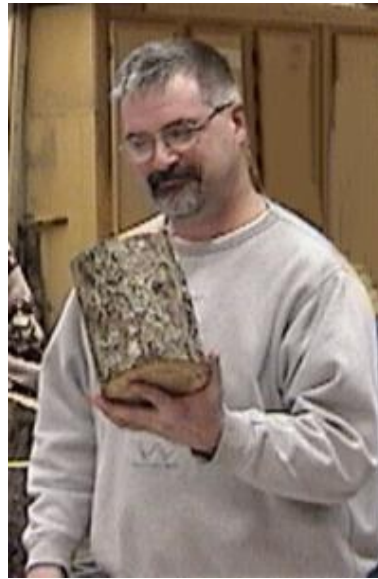
piece of wood and two dowels does the trick. Don also brought in a jig for making balls.

Chris Palmer borrowed a crescent wrench from the school's table saw to show everyone how to use a wrench to size tenons; as discussed, if you sharpen one end of the crescent, you can cut and size in one operation.

Bob Hamilton brought in a tool made from a strip of acrylic; it is a simple scoop used for removing shavings from inside vessels.

Jim Diamond brought in six pieces of apple donated by John Hill. This raffle brought in \$23.05 (!); the winners were **Bob Hamilton, Richard Dumas, David Potter, Maurice Baxter, Stuart Taylor and Tom Conrad.**

The wood had been rescued by John from a firewood pile; unfortunately, Stuart found a nail in his piece of wood; this is always a concern with rescued wood.



Finishing Seminars:

As mentioned in the last newsletter and at the last meeting, there is a possibility of getting an all-day seminar some Saturday. The morning would be a presentation on theory, and the afternoon would be a chance to try out various finishes on your own project(s). There is a cost of \$20 for this seminar, but that would include lunch. There is a maximum of 10 people per seminar; if you are interested please contact **Jim Diamond** as soon as possible.

Library news:

A couple of items were borrowed last meeting without being signed out. If you have such an item, we'd like it back.



David Potter has given the NWG a long-term loan of a metal spinning video. If you didn't go to the Amos Pewter field trip last spring (or even if you did) and you'd like to learn a bit more about this, borrow the video next meeting.

A large number of items were recently donated to the guild library; more on that next newsletter.

Sorby News

According to **Bill Luther**, **Tony Kwasniak**, the woodturning demonstrator for **Sorby Tools**, is returning to Canada for the Toronto Wood Show in March. He will also be demonstrating at the next Atlantic Wood Show in November.

Workshop Space Requested:

Former member **John Hill** is moving to the Purcell's Cove Road area soon, and would like to find a place to do some work. If you know of someone who has a garage or workshop to rent (or share), let John know at jdhill@istar.ca or 542-4023.



Burls for Sale

George Creff of Annapolis Royal has Burls (cherry, maple, spruce) and hardwood lumber (including cherry) for sale. contact him at 467-3424.

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.

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