## Next Meeting - January 18th

The January Meeting of the Nova Woodturners Guild will be January 18 starting at 6:30 pm and will be held at Home Depot. Note the time and venue change.

The topic is carving, piercing and coloring turned work; Zalman Amit will be the speaker for the evening. Don't forget to bring the items you have turned over the Christmas and New Year break

Venue: Home Depot, Lacewood Drive Time: 6.30 pm Dave

## **December Meeting Report**



Pieces by Dave Wilkins, Richard

Ford, Maureen Simpson, Glenn McCarron and Dale Rayner



The December meeting finished with upcoming competition which is to be All competition submissions must be in take place on March 1st

For the December have John Macnab as this year's Lieutenant for his piece entitled Double Cone No. 3, 8 foot long spiral spruce. It is best horizontally, it presents and simplicity that production and its origins." John gave an interesting

competition preparation, form and artist's intent.



meeting we were fortunate to the speaker. John recently won Governor's Master Arts Award CSDC 3-8 (Compound Spiral Sided). This sculpture is a 25sculpture turned from red described as, "Suspended a floating form of lyrical grace belies the complexity of its remarkable cross-disciplinary

and use the variations found

brought along a number of

show, John suggested that

technique, something fresh

encouraged those who wish

innovative and develop a

number of pieces which

for the show and tell. They

a pepper mill, a Christmas

Each was was critiqued and

they should show a

and informative talk on

concept.

growth.

He brought in a number of pieces to illustrate his comments on form including various pieces of pottery and a Japanese vase, as well as a piece of his own - an 'Owl' sculpture - to explain his concepts in further detail. In addition to the visual impact this piece gave to John's explanations it also clearly brought home the fact that technique is not just skill, but innovation combined with skill. When discussing competition entry, he pointed out that a index will search for purity of intent. If you

When discussing competition entry, he pointed out that a judge will search for purity of intent. If you state an intention of function or design development, this is what is looked for. Did you succeed and how well? Is it executed so that it works?

how well? Is it executed Experiment, be playful in the wood. John items to demonstrate the In work for a gallery the things looked for are and new, and he to enter this area to be unifying theme. Also progression of personal John then examined a members had brought in included several bowls, ornament and more. constructive criticism



constructive criticism offered for each piece. In the course of this a number of useful things were mentioned. For instance:

- Sanding. Hold the power sander firmly and dont let it dip into the soft bark or spalted areas.
- By maintaining the curve of the turning through soft material, or voids, it allows the eye to follow the curve even if nothing is here.
- Applewood could be the East Coast's version of madrone due to its ability (or curse) of distorting as it dries. He sees a potential in it as a regional item.



To lighten up the rest of the evening, John brought in a whipping top and discussed turning/playing with it. Many variations were also remembered and discussed.

Once again this article only gives a brief outline of what was a very worthwhile and enlightening meeting. Thanks, John.

## Guild Woodturning Competition 2010

the Competition Sub-Committee discussing our held on March 6th, 2010 at Lee Valley. by February 27th and setup of the display will

Members are reminded that the three documents for the 2010 competition, and copies of the rules are available to download on the documents section of the website.

## President's Message

First off I would like to wish everyone a "HAPPY NEW YEAR" and hope that everyone had a great holiday season.

Our next meeting is going to be held at HOME DEPOT in Halifax. I would like to thank Rona for their hospitality for the last two meetings that we held at their store, but as you all know that it did not work out well, so we will be moving to the Home Depot store in Bayers Lake. Thanks to David for setting this up.

Bill

On a sad note I would like to let everyone know that long time guild member [approx 10 years] John Barter has passed away. I am sure that everyone would join me in offering their condolences to John's wife.

Overdue Books and Videos		
Name	e Item	Date Borrowed
D Armshaw	Bert Marsh Woodturner, Turned Boxes 50 Designs	May 2009
George Beatty	Small & Exciting Woodturning Projects	June 2007(?!)
John Calder	2 books	Sept 2004 (anyone know how to contact him?)
D Graham	Practical Tips for Turners and Carvers	May 2009
Frank Hope	Segmented Turning, DVD1 Curt Theobald	Nov 2008
Steve Jarvis	3 items	March 2004 (anyone know how to contact him?)
Andrew London	D White #3	October 2004 (anyone know how to contact him?)
David Lewis	500 Wooden Bowls	April 2009
Mike Odemans	D White #2, Woodturning, Sculpting Wood, Turning Bowls	Feb 2008
C Palmer	Carving on Turning, Useful WT Projects	June 2009
Russell Parrot	Turning For Furniture	
Overdue Magazines and Tools		
Name	Item	Date Borrowed
D Armshaw	JAAW: Summer 05, Fall 08, WT April 04, Spring 06, Dec 06	May 2009
P Carter	WT:Feb05	June 2009
Dave Richards	Sorby thread sizing gauge and thread cutters	Nov 2009
Ian Scott	WT:Feb04	Nov 2009
A Snow	WT: Feb 07	December 2007

As usual, if you need any more hints about what you have out, feel free to e-mail me or call me (469-8838), and I'll be happy to look it up for you.

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