



## Guild Turning Competition and Next Meeting

As previously announced, the Guild Annual Turning competition will be held during the week of 27th February until 6th March, part of Celebrating Woodturning in Nova Scotia Week hosted by Lee Valley.

Winners will be announced at the next Guild meeting which will take place **at Lee Valley on 6th March at 1 pm**

## January Meeting

January saw a change of venue once again. Last month's meeting of the Nova Woodturners Guild was held at **Home Depot** on Lacewood Drive. Around 25 members attended, which was an excellent turnout considering the weather on the day.



Unfortunately the snow prevented the attendance of the scheduled presenter, **Zalman Amit**. Hopefully he will be able to give his presentation at a later date.

Fortunately **Dave Wilkins** stepped into the breach and presented an excellent overview of the various chucking options available for woodturning.

The meeting opened with **Scott Croucher** from Lee Valley who gave us an overview of the upcoming 'Celebrating Woodturning in Nova Scotia' week. Lee Valley Tools, in conjunction with the Nova Woodturners Guild, will celebrate the state of woodturning in Nova Scotia. There will be a week of hands-on instruction, lectures and demonstrations in the art of turning. The presenters for these seminars are some of the finest turners in the province. There will also be classes with famed bowl turner, **Mike Mahoney**. The week begins on February 27th and culminates with our Competition Awards on March 6th. This promises to be a fantastic week!

Following Scott's spot, Dave made his presentation. He spoke at length on the four prong spur drive, the two prong center, the Stebcenter, faceplates, faceplate rings, a variety of chuck jaws, worm screws, the Beall spindle tap, live centre systems, vacuum systems and chuck keys. Examples of all these items were on hand with some being passed around for closer inspection.

During his talk on the subject of chuck jaws the use of the available whiteboard allowed him to better explain the importance of cutting a dovetailed tenon, should it be required.

The subject of gluing projects on wooden faceplates with 'glue sticks' was also addressed with several members joining in with their preferred techniques and tips on use. These included:

- The darker the glue stick the higher holding power
- Melt the glue stick in a pan and dip the face of the item instead of spot gluing
- In unheated shops it is wise to warm your wood first before gluing

This was an enlightening presentation, to see all of these options assembled in one place. It was evident that there is a solution for whatever shape or size piece of wood that you want to mount on your lathe, and often there are several options! Thanks, Dave!

In the **Show and Tell** sessions some varied and interesting work was shown and talked about by members. **Darrell Eisener** displayed a couple of his latest pen creations, one from a blank using ring-necked pheasant feathers and the other a “syringe pen” – a tribute to the H1N1 Flu! **Richard Ford** brought along a hornbeam burl bowl, **Dave Wilkins** an elm platter and **Gordon Marshall** showed off two of his recent segmented turnings, one of which really stretched the limits of his midi-lathe!

Once again a very informative and pleasant evening all round.

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