



Next Meeting March 29th 2010

The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners Guild will be March 29th starting at 6:30 pm and will be held at Home Depot, at 368 Lacewood Drive, in Halifax.



There has been a change to the topic of the meeting from the published calendar.

Due bad weather in January **Zalman Amit** was unable to get to the meeting. Fortunately he has been able to re-schedule for this month.

Zalman will be talking about carving, piercing and colouring turned work.

February Meeting

(The "February" Meeting was actually held on March 6th this year in order to fit in with Lee Valley's week of events promoting woodturning in Nova Scotia.)

During the week prior to the last meeting those visiting Lee Valley were treated to a selection of work produced by the Guild and entered for the annual competition. Over 40 pieces were on display in three large glass cases and the variety and quality of work is a tribute to our members.

Pieces on display were turned from a wide range of domestic and exotic woods and included everything from furniture to functional. Some were small, some were large, some were laminated, some were pierced, some were carved, some were woodburned - all in all a fantastic display showing the diversity of work produced by the members of the **Nova Woodturners Guild**.

Saturday's well-attended meeting was the culmination of the week, with prizes being awarded for faceplate and spindle turning in Beginner, Intermediate and Open categories.

As well as the category winners, each year the People's Choice Award goes to the member whose piece has received the most votes from the public during the week of the competition. This year's worthy winner was **Don Moore** for his beautiful cherry burl vase with scorched edges. (The burl had been retrieved from a fire hence the



scorching!) Don was awarded the Warman Castle Trophy, named after the late **Warman Castle**, a founding member of the Guild and friend and mentor to many members.

Thanks must go to **Lee Valley** and in particular **Scott Croucher** for their work in once again hosting this event, to the judges, **Steve Kennard, Zalman Amit and G. Heyn** for all of their work spent on what can't have been an easy task, to our sponsors (**Lee Valley, BusyBee Tools, Atlantic Air Cooled Engines SIA, General International, Acme Signs, Don Moore, Darrell Eisner, Dave Wilkins, Rideout Tools, Prime Fasteners Newsbreak Café, Woodmaster Tools and Halifax Specialty Hardwoods**) who provided prizes for the competition, and of course to all of the members who entered their work for display.

A full list of winners will be added to the website in the next few days and pictures of the winners will be added to the gallery. A gallery of the work submitted for the competition has already been added to the Gallery page - thanks for that, Glenn and thanks to Chris for providing the photos.

Contact Glenn on: egscn.mccarron@ns.sympatico.ca

Fun Turn

The display of Fun Turn pieces (remember that nice lump of mahogany you got last September?) has been postponed until the April Meeting.

So if you are still waiting for that block to "speak to you" and haven't found your inspiration yet you now have an extra month....

Courses Available

NSCCD's current schedule is now available with a number of woodturning courses taught by David Wilkins, including use of the skew, hollow turning and others.

Lee Valley's Spring Seminar Schedule has now also been published. Courses of interest to woodturners include Drilling on the Lathe, Turning a Captive Ring Rattle and Care and use of Chainsaws.

Contact **Lee Valley** or **NSCCD** for further details.

Spruce Burls For Sale

Would any members of your turners guild be interested in Spruce root burls? I have four available, the largest is about 8 inches in diameter and the smallest 6 inches. They were cut about two years ago so they are dry. I would like \$20.00 each.

Matt

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