



The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at
Lee Valley Tools
100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, N.S.
May 29, 2017. 6:15 p.m.*

**The next meeting will feature
A Richard Ford drill sharpening demo
&
'Finish and Finishing' with Robert Atkinson**

The President's Workshop

David McLachlan

President's Message – May 2017

Once again our Annual NWG Woodturning Competition was a great success. I want to thank the Competition Committee and all of the volunteers who helped make it happen. I especially want to thank **Calum Ewing** who presided over the Awards Ceremony which ran like clock works. There were some truly amazing pieces entered in the competition and did the Guild proud with the display. I also want to thank **Steven Kennard** and **Don Moore** for providing their display pieces in the Master Class. There was a lot of attention and awe around those pieces.

At this month's meeting (May 29th) **Robert Atkinson** will be giving us a talk on finishing pieces. Robert's pieces always demonstrate exquisite attention to finishing detail, and his talk will cover what he thinks is important in finishing.

The pre-meeting demo will be on drill bit sharpening with **Richard Ford**. This will be a hands on demo so members who are interested in learning how to sharpen regular drill bits should bring along a couple of larger drills to practice on.

I also want to remind everyone that the Fun Turn Show and Tell will be at the June meeting since many members didn't get their fun turn wood until recently due to this winter's storm days which seemed to coincide with our meetings. I am so looking forward to seeing all of the creative ideas that come out of the Fun Turn Project.

I once again would like to bring your attention to the AAW 50% off membership dues for first time members; this deal continues until the end of June. There isn't a better time to apply for a first time membership than now. Check out the AAW website to see all of the great content available to members. They have added a number of new features to the website in the past while, including Explore, and have really updated the video library making the how to do something in turning so much easier to learn.

Happy Turning,
David McLachlan, President.

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Don Moore for
providing their display
pieces in the
Master Class.*

Meeting Notes April 10, 2017

Calum Ewing

Pre-meeting Demo:**Richard Ford and Novasilk Finishing Compound**

Richard Ford gave an informative demo on finishing and using a new product he has developed, **Novasilk Finishing Compound**. Richard stressed the importance of having good final cuts with no tear out: bumps and ridges can be easily sanded off, but tear-out can't be removed with sanding without a LOT of work. Richard's process is as follows:

a) Sand to 220 grit to get open grain (sanding to too high grit will close up the grain and burnish the wood surface);

b) Coat with sanding sealer (50/50 mix of shellac and methyl hydrate) and buff with cotton cloth, generating heat to melt shellac and drive off alcohol;

c) A light sanding with 320 grit to 'de-nib' the surface;

d) Wipe on **Novasilk Finishing Compound** with a paper towel and buff at slow speed with the same paper towel. The micro-abrasives in the **Novasilk** break down and take you through finer and finer grits to polish the surface

e) As shine builds, increase speed of lathe, then buff with a clean paper towel at 1500 rpm.

f) It can be left at that point or you can apply any other finish over top (eg. wipe on polyurethane, Shellawax, etc.) for a higher shine if desired.

Contact Richard directly if you'd like to try it for yourself. rjfwodturner@hotmail.com

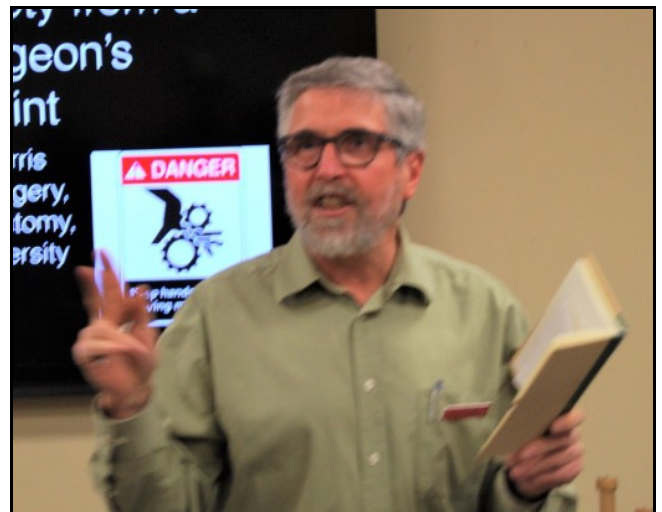


President **Dave McLachlan** called the meeting to order at 6:40 and welcomed everyone. There were no visitors or new members present.

Announcements:

Fun Turn wood is still available if members have not received theirs. Turnings are due back in *June [Ed.]* at the meeting.

The **American Association of Woodturners** has a 1/2 price membership deal on. New members of AAW who are members of a chapter (NWG is a chapter of AAW) can join the AAW for 50% off.



Lee Valley Canada 150 project: Manager **Theresa Bruno** would like to know of anyone who is interested in mentoring youth in making bird, bee and butterfly houses for this project. They could also use some volunteers to help prepare materials (in the Lee Valley shop). Anyone that can help out, please contact **Gary Landry** to sign up.

Meeting Notes continued

Calum Ewing

Lee Valley is now open on Sundays for business from 11:00am to 5:00pm

NWG Competition: **Gary Landry** circulated a sign-up sheet for the demo table during the competition show.

Dave McLachlan thanked **Richard Ford** for the interesting pre-meeting demonstration.

Bravery Beads Update – **Brian Sharp** reported that 24 boxes were delivered to the IWK Hospital for the Bravery Beads program in early February. The program staff were thrilled with the standard and creativity of the boxes and set up a display of the donated boxes. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing need for this program and we will look at coordinating future donation efforts.



**Main Presentation:
Workshop Safety from a Plastic Surgeon's Point of View with Dr. Steven Morris, Dalhousie University**

Dr. Andrew Watson introduced our speaker for this evening. **Dr. Steven Morris** is on faculty in the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at Dalhousie University and Head of Plastic Surgery at the QE2 Health Sciences Centre.

Dr. Morris is a hobby woodworker but most of what he has learned about workshop safety has been from what patients tell him happened when they present at the emergency following an 'incident'. The subtitle of **Dr. Morris'** talk could have been 'what I have to do when you guys screw up in the workshop'. **Dr. Morris** presented a

fascinating, informative and profusely illustrated talk (so glad I didn't have hamburger for supper before the meeting) on the types of injuries that are common in workshops and the lessons he has drawn from repairing and replanting (re-attaching) injuries:

The key messages included:

Most accidents are preventable

30,000 saw-related injuries per year in

North America, with a \$2 Billion economic impact from blade-related injuries

There are lots of causes of accidents. The big ones are:

Inattention

Rushing – "I was just trying to get this finished by the end of the day"

Overconfidence - "I can just push that through the saw by hand"

Fatigue – a major contributor to serious hand injuries



Meeting Notes continued

Calum Ewing

The Key Rule (A-B-C):
A lways
B e
C areful

Safe Practices:

- Follow the safety rules
- Use common sense
- Have and review an Emergency Plan for your workshop

The 4 'Good's: good tools, good lighting, good ventilation, and a good workplace

'Good' ventilation means a minimum of 7 litres of clean fresh air per person per minute (7L / person / min).

Typical types of workshop injuries include: lacerations, crushing and amputations; tendon injuries; soft tissue damage; vascular and nerve injuries. With amputations the outcomes are generally not great: rarely get good sensation returning or good function; these are long surgeries (4 to 5 hours per digit to replant); long therapy to restore function. That said, about 80% of replantings are successful to some degree. **Dr. Morris'** final thoughts: Refresh your emergency plan regularly; plan your work; leave the guards on; take your time.

Show & Tell



Yogi Gutz showed of a very nice bottle stopper in Bocote with an inset Airforce pin.

Stephen Parsons showed off a pair of pepper mills of original design based on Scandinavian influences; a ring holder in Cherry; a ring holder cup in Maple and an interesting seam ripper in deer Antler.



Meeting Notes continued

Calum Ewing

Don Moore presented a sculptural piece in spalted Maple; a pierced and carved goblet; and a sculptural turned and carved piece in White Walnut turned using the **Alain Mailland** tools.



Darrell Eisner showed off a set of Canada 150 pens in acrylic and curly Maple in an attractive display box.



Dave Wilkins presented his innovative tablet holder / stand in Wenge.



Boomerang Box - Draw was won by **Edmund Benoit**.

Photos by Chris Palmer



Nova Woodturners Guild

Celebrating 20 Years

A special thank you to all of the sponsors and donors who have helped make our annual turning competition a great success. Please remember to thank these sponsors for their support when you do business with them.

Presenting Sponsor



Prize Sponsors





Nova Woodturners Guild – 2017 Competition

Calum Ewing

The 2017 Annual Competition is now completed and a great show it was! All told we had 34 entries submitted by 16 turners including two from out of province. Both visitors and the judging panel commented that the variety of turnings and the standards of the work was very high.

A Big Thank-you!

Before we get to the results, we need to thank all those who made this competition the great success it was. Thanks to the Competition Committee of **Harold McLellan** and **Edmund Benoit** who helped with various aspects of preparing and making things run smoothly with coordinating details. In addition to the official Committee, **Dave McLachlan** took outstanding photographs of all the entries and **Trevor Edis** also helped with registration and set-up.

Gary Landry coordinated the schedule for the information/demo tables where **David Duggan**, **Leo Westhaver**, **Gary Landry**, **Edmund Benoit**, **Richard Ford**, **Darrell Eisener**, **Dave McLachlan**, **Jim Diamond**, **Glenn McCarron**, **Gordon Marshall**, **Don Moore**, **Yogi Gutz** and **Robert Atkinson** helped out taking shifts at the table, doing demos and chatting with visitors to the show.

Sponsors

Our competition would be possible, but not as much fun without the generous support of many sponsors donating prizes and support. **Lee Valley Tools** was again our Presenting Sponsor, hosting the show. A big thank-you to **Theresa Bruno**, Manager of the Halifax store and her team for making the Guild so welcome and helping out in so many ways. In particular, **Scott Croucher**, **Gary Landry** and **Kevin Hurst** went above and beyond to help the show run smoothly.

This year 13 Prize Sponsors generously donated over \$2,767 in prizes to our competition.

They were:

Branches to Bowls Ltd
Lee Valley Tools Ltd.
Gordon Marshall
Carter & Son Toolworks Ltd.
Woodchuckers.com
R&D Bandsaws Ltd.
Canadian Woodworking & Home Improvement Magazine

East Coast Specialty Hardwoods Ltd.
SIA Abrasifs JJS Inc.
Halifax Specialty Hardwoods Ltd.
Woodturningz.com
William Wood-Write Ltd.
Craft Supplies USA Inc.

The generous support of these sponsors make a huge difference to our competition, so please make a point of thanking them and letting them know that you appreciate their support of the Guild and our competition when you do business with these sponsors.

Results

Of course having a competition requires experienced and diligent judges to assess the pieces and provide comments on each entry. A big thank-you to **John MacNab**, **Patrick Rapati** and **Steven Kennard** for their many hours of work as judges this year. There were a large number of both competitors and entries in some classes and fierce competition. In a few classes only 3 or 4 points separated the top three entries.

And now the part you've been waiting for. The results of this year's competition are as follows:

Novice Faceplate



Faceplate Class:

- 1st Brian Sharp
Hollow Form - Facing My Fears
- 2nd George LaFontaine
Splash Bowl
- 3rd George LaFontaine
Cherry Burl Hollow Bowl

Novice Mandrel



Mandrel Class:

- 1st Gary Landry
Walnut Bottle Stopper
- 2nd Gary Landry
Mechanical Pencil

Novice Spindle

Spindle Class: No Entries

Intermediate Faceplate



Faceplate Class:

- 1st David McLachlan
Stongylocentrotus purpuratus
- 2nd Yogi Gutz
Spotty Dot Box

Intermediate Mandrel



Mandrel Class:

- 1st Yogi Gutz
Green Dragon Pen

Intermediate Spindle

Spindle Class: No Entries

Open Faceplate



Faceplate Class:

- 1st Leo Westhaver
Ogee Shape Bowl
- 2nd Glenn McCarron
1441 Flower Power Bowl
- 3rd Richard Ford
The Stacked Bowl

Open Mandrel



Mandrel Class:

- 1st Dianne Looker (absent)
Scarlet Letter Opener
- 2nd Leo Westhaver
Sierra Pen
- 3rd Darrell Eisner
"Old Ironsides" Pen

Open Spindle



Spindle Class:

- 1st Richard Ford
Cherry Burl Vase
- 2nd Richard Ford
Cherry Burl Vase - Tranquility
- 3rd David Duggan
Hollow Form – Honey's All Gone
- 3rd Leo Westhaver
Walnut Crotch Vase #1

Peoples Choice



The Warman Castle Trophy Winner

1st	Glenn McCarron	1441 Flower Power Bowl
2nd	Richard Ford	Cherry Burl Vase - Tranquility
3rd	David Duggan	Hollow Form – Honey's All Gone
Honorable Mention	David McLachlan	Stongylocentrotus purpuratus
Honorable Mention	George LaFontaine	Splash Bowl

Draws:

“Peoples’ Choice” Ballot Winner – Leah McKeen, Halifax

Branches to Bowls \$100 Gift Certificate – Lowell Jenkins

Carter & Son Detail Gouge – Dianne Looker

Turning Instruction, donated by Gordon Marshall – Robert Atkinson

Branches to Bowls \$100 Gift Certificate – Gary Landry

Carter & Son Spindle Gouge (Donated by Branches to Bowls Ltd.) – David Duggan

Congratulations to all the winners and thank-you to all who entered and supported the competition!

Library Report

Richard Ford

ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
27 Feb. 2017	Brian Sharp	055BZ	Illustrated Woodturning Techniques -	John Hunnex
27 Feb. 2017	Dianne Looker	096BT	Woodturning Design: Using Shape, Proportion, and Decoration -	Derek Hayes
10 Apr. 2017	Robert Atkinson	099VC	Glen Lucas Traditional Irish Platter	
10 Apr. 2017	Robert Atkinson	102VF	Glenn Lucas Mastering Woodturning Dublin Viking Bowl	
10 Apr. 2017	Bill Fisher	064BJ	Turned Boxes 50 designs -	Chris Stott
10 Apr. 2017	Brenna Swinamer	103BA	Practical Woodturning Projects – A selection from the AAW Journals	
10 Apr. 2017	Dave Duggan	031BY	500 Wood Bowls -	Juried by Ray Leier, Jan Peters & Kevin Wallace



Attention Guild Members;

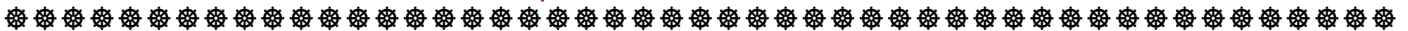
My discount offer to members for turning instruction will end May 31st, 2017.

Any " Woodturning Instruction" booked prior to this cutoff (for a later date in the year) will be honoured.

Don Moore
Artistic Woodturner

Woodturning Instruction at
"Tides Turning"
902-277-1703
moorewood1@gmail.com

285 Lower Lahave Road, Riverport...



Fellow Guildmembers

I don't see selling **Novasilk Finishing Compound** commercially for the moment, Just to fellow woodturners who know me.

I do have a few tins left and I can always make more if required. I'll have them with me next meeting at \$10 a container.

George Lafontain made a video of my presentation with his phone. It's 13 min long and remarkably steady and good quality. I could send you a copy on request.

Richard Ford
rjfwoodturner@hotmail.com



Gordon Marshall, Woodturner
56 Elk Road, Upper Tantallon, NS

**Woodturning instruction in the HRM
 for the beginner or the experienced turner looking to improve, or learn a new skill.**

Individual instruction is one of the best ways to learn a new skill. Turn your question of “how did they do that” into you being able to do it for yourself.

Classes are focused on the specific needs of the student.

Beginners will learn of the common pitfalls that frequently bog down the learning process and enthusiasm while you get the most out of your time at the lathe. You will have the opportunity to practice specific skills insuring that you are properly introduced to the art of woodturning.

Individuals with existing skills may wish to focus on specific areas of woodturning. I can customize the instruction to meet your needs. Just let me know where your interest lies and I will put special emphasis on developing those skills and techniques.

For further information or to book a class, please visit my web sites.

<http://www.woodturninginstruction.com>

<http://www.marshallturning.com/index.html>

Proud sponsor of the NWG “Turning Competition” for over 5 years.



“I see what you did there”



Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 19, 2016	Membership dues and Bravery Bead box presentations.	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
October 17, 2016	Celebration of the Guild's 20 th anniversary	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
November 21, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 4 Inlays - Ted Monk	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
December 12, 2016	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 16, 2017	Pen turning demonstration and general discussion	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 13, 2017	Deep Vase Hollowing – Richard Ford Fun turn wood tonight!	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 20, 2017	Kevin Power on dustless sanding technologies offered by Mirka Ltd.	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 10, 2017	Aspects of Safety for Turners Submissions for NWG Competition	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 29, 2017	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 29, 2017	“Finishing and Finishes” with Robert Atkinson	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 19, 2017	AGM Fun Turn Show & Tell	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

Dave McLachlan took home a book;
Glenn McCarron won an oak bowl blank;
Edmund Benoit won a maple bowl blank and
Yogi Gutz took home a book.



Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2016/17 Executive

Our e-mail now reflects a more consistent method of communicating with the various offices in the Nova Woodturners' Guild. The recipients will change as the need arises but a note sent to the president will go to who ever is president at that time. All the following addresses should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person

Position	<address>@novawoodturnersguild.com	Name	Chairperson?
EXECUTIVE	executive	(sends the message to all positions on the list)	
President	president	David McLachlan	
Vice President	vice-president	Harold McLellan	
Secretary	secretary	David Barry	
Treasurer	treasurer	Brenna Swinamer	
Members at Large	members-at-large	Dianne Looker	
COMMITTEES			
Library	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	C
Web Site	webmaster	Trevor Edis	C
Website Forum		Norm Jolivet	
Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Gary Landry Norm Jolivet	C
Newsletter	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	C
Events	events	Brian Sharp Dave McLachlan	C
Competition		Calum Ewing Edmund Benoit Harold McLellan	C
Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
Fund Raising		Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz	C
Nominating			C