



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.
January 21, 2019. 6:15 p.m.*



The next meeting will feature
Jigs for Segmented Turning

Dave McLachlan
"2x2" challenge due

The President's Message January 2019**Gary Landry**

Happy New Year to all.

I hope that Santa was good to you all and your workshops are brimming with new tools and wood blanks. It was an unusual Christmas for me personally...no turning tools or accessories. Oh well...I guess I'll have to do my own tool shopping.

I have an announcement for the New Year. A decision has been made about what camera we are buying to allow us to record our presentations as well as display the action on the big TV in the LV Seminar Room. As we saw in November, we had a catastrophic failure of our video feed line into the TV resulting in a less than optimal viewing of the presentation by Steven Kennard. This new camera and video cable should remedy that. And there is further good news. The membership allocated up to \$400 to secure a camera and we were able to source a name brand unit for \$239 plus tax. A compatible cable and a couple of SD memory cards round out the kit, and we should save in the neighbourhood of \$100 of the monies originally allocated.

In all, this should mean that we can archive our presentations and make them available through our library for those who need a refresher or who missed the live presentation.

I will see you all at the January 21st meeting where Dave McLachlan will present his design of a jig for segmenting. Please read the rest of the newsletter for updates on the other activities for this meeting.

Keep turning and stay safe.

Gary Landry

Editor's Note:

I was unable to do the newsletter last month; Norm Jolivet very kindly and ever so capably stepped up and got it out to members before the December meeting. It looked great – as ever it did when he was editor. Many thanks, Norm! And now we are back to your rather less talented but usually reliable editor...

Dianne Looker

Meeting Notes

October 15, 2018

Calum Ewing

The Social meeting was generously hosted by Cheryl and Taylor Borden at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods Ltd. In Bedford.

President **Gary Landry** opened the meeting at 7:00 pm; with 27 members and 3 guests present

Cheryl Borden, our gracious host at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods welcomed everyone and explained the discounts available to members this evening. In addition to the evening discount, there is also a half price special on maple and ash bowl blanks.

A vast assortment of savory and sweet treats and snacks was contributed by participants and it's safe to say no one left hungry.



Playing Card Raffle:

- **Don Moore** explained how the playing card raffle worked, with several different options on how players could participate, and promised to run an 'above board' event this year. 😊
- A number of prizes have been generously donated for this year's meeting.
- To start things off, 8 players were eliminated – too bad
- Then **Shawna Mitchell** won a \$10 Lee Valley Gift Certificate
- 4 more players were eliminated, and the playing field is dwindling
- **Dianne Looker** goes home with a \$10 Lee Valley Gift Certificate
- 3 more players are eliminated – the tension is high
- Then **Ken Riles** won a \$10 Lee Valley Gift Certificate



- 2 more players are eliminated
- **Calum Ewing** takes away a \$10 Lee Valley Gift Certificate
- 1 more elimination – the room is still and quiet with only a handful of players left – you could hear a splinter of Bubinga fall to the floor...
 - Then **Glenn McCarron** scooped up a \$25 Gift Certificate for Halifax Specialty Hardwoods
 - Another elimination and **Don's** witty banter is reaching a fevered pitch...

- A quiet hush and **Taylor Borden** wins a lovely pen turned and donated by **David McLachlan**
- 3 more eliminations and crestfallen players toss in their cards, having survived so long.
- The final card is drawn and **Gordon Marshall** takes home one of **David McLachlan**'s new carbon fibre tool handles.

Thanks Don for another fun prize draw and thank you to the donors of the prizes.



Brian Sharp has continued his tradition of creating Christmas

ornaments that are scale replicas of Nova Scotia lighthouses. This year's subject is the Gregory Island Light done in Maple. The original lighthouse is at the entrance to the Bars d'Or Lakes near St. Peters.



Leo Westhaver showed off a nice 'inside-out' free standing ornament in Cherry and

Maple with a small snowman inside. Leo added a base with a bearing from a router bit so the ornament can turn on the base.



David McLachlan presented a new tool handle design he has been working on. The shaft is carbon fibre with aluminum bolsters in the ends to accept 1/2" and 3/4" diameter tools. The overall length is a little over 16" with a 1 3/8" diameter and the handle is very light in comparison to some others on the market. A big advantage is that the handle does not draw heat from your hands as some metal ones do so is a great advantage in a colder shop. Dave is also working on a smaller diameter (1") short handle for pen turning.

Cheryl & Taylor Borden showed off some new woods they are carrying at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods:

- 3 bowls turned in:
 - Bocote (or Mexican Rosewood) - a dense fine-grained Central American hardwood with contrasting dark and orange/yellowish grain



- Spalted Tamarind – a light-coloured wood from tropical regions that shows dramatic spalting figure. The paste from the seed pods of the Tamarind is used in Asian cooking to flavor curries and other dishes

- Katalox (or Mexican Black Walnut) is a very dense, strong (stronger than hard maple or Teak) and hard (harder than White Oak) tropical hardwood that turns well and takes a beautiful finish.
- New woods now for sale include:
 - Quilted Big Leaf Maple from the west coast with lovely figure
 - Striking Ambrosia Maple with dark lines in the grain caused by the burrowing larvae of the Ambrosia Beetle
 - Baltic Birch plywood in 1/8", 1/4", 1/2" and 3/4" thickness as full (5' x 5') sheets or quarter sheets (30" x 30").

Ornament Exchange



A large number of people contributed ornaments to the annual exchange this year:

Gary Landry took home an Icicle Ornament in white Corian by **Yogi Gutz**

Louise Plourde received an icicle Ornament in Bloodwood by **Richard Ford**

Yogi Gutz received an Inside-Out Ornament in Cherry and Maple by **Leo Westhaver**

Brian Sharp received an Icicle Ornament in spalted Maple and African Blackwood by **Gary Landry**



Richard Ford took home a Globe Ornament in Maple with Walnut finials by **Norm Jolivet**

John Ashton took away an Icicle Ornament in white Corian by **Yogi Gutz**

Richard Ford received a Bulb Ornament in Maple with blue



and silver acrylic paint decoration by **Shawna Mitchell**.

Yogi Gutz took home a Gregory Island Lighthouse Ornament in Maple by **Brian Sharp**

Leo Westhaver took away a Christmas Bell Ornament in Maple by **John Ashton**

Shawna Mitchell received an Icicle Ornament in white Corian by **Yogi Gutz**

Norm Jolivet took home an icicle Ornament in Bloodwood by **Richard Ford**

Yogi



Gutz took away a Christmas Tree Ornament in Maple by **Louise Plourde**



Raffle Results

The regular fund-raising raffle was held with **Joe Crouse** taking home a turning Grab Bag; **John Ashton** scooping up a turning book and **Glenn McCarron** taking home a Grab bag and an acrylic pen blank donated by **Ted Monk**.



The Special raffle for the Christmas wreath decorated with turned ornaments was won by

Ray Bollman. Thank you to **Norm Jolivet** for again organizing this special raffle.



Meeting wrapped up at 8:40pm

No due items this month.

From members

Two by Two Challenge. Dianne Looker

The “Challenge” **due in January** is “2 by 2”. This can mean: something from a 2x2 piece of wood; two items made from two different types of wood; a piece made from two types of wood, using two types of texturing...

Use your imagination – this is a conceptual as well as a turning challenge....

Don’s spray station

I have had a “Eureka” moment recently. After having used a turntable that I made to rotate my work while applying the Lacquer Spray finish to my work, I thought why not find an old “record player turntable”... So off to visit the Recycle Depot, luck would have me find one needing a little electrical repair, next stop to buy a \$4.95 Toggle switch I now have a new and improved “Spray Station”. This works wonderfully well, not only during the initial spraying session, but I also leave the piece rotating (at 33 rpm) resulting in a much more even drying method via constant evaporation. Extremely smooth, even coverage...

This is the new version . . .



This is the previous hand rotation turntable in the foreground...

Note: In this photo there is also a “Rack” on the turntable allowing for pieces without a centre hole to be sprayed on this “Record Player Turntable”...

Don Moore



Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 17, 2018	Financial statement Review Lathe & Workshop Setup & Maintenance Bill Luther	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
October 15, 2018	Sharpening Turning Tools, Steven Zwerling	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
November 19, 2018	Fitting Boxes: Lids & Liners Steven Kennard	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
December 10, 2018	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 21, 2019	"2x2" challenge due Jigs for Segmented Turning Dave McLachlan	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 11, 2019	Finishing Well: Finishes and Sanding TBA	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 18, 2019	Jigs, Fixtures, Hacks & Tips TBA	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 13, 2018	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 15, 2019	Software for Turners Steven Parsons / Gordon Marshall Show & tell – competition pieces	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 13, 2019	Bandsaw Epoxy Inlays Dianne Looker	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 17, 2019	AGM	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2017/18 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 whoever 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

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Executive executive (sends the message to all positions on the list)

President	president	Gary Landry	
Vice President	vice-president	Bill Maes	
Secretary	secretary	Calum Ewing	
Treasurer	treasurer	Dave McLachlan	

Members at Large	members-at-large	Bill Luther	
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Committees

Library	library	Jim Diamond	C
		Richard Ford	

Website	webmaster	Richard Ford	C
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Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Brian Larter	C
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Newsletter	newsletter	Dianne Looker	C
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Competition		Dave McLachlan	C
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Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
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Fund Raising		Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz	
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Nominating		Bill Maes	C
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