



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.
March 16, 2020. 6:15 p.m.*

The next meeting will feature
Zalman Amit
The use and sharpening of carbide tools

The President's Workshop

Gary Landry

Hello once again. Do I feel some extra heat in the air or is it just wishful thinking?

I hope each of you are well into production of your pieces for the Annual Turning Competition. If not you may be joining the long and illustrious list of entrants who were waiting for that last coat of finish to dry before bringing it in to **Lee Valley** on the last day for drop off. Don't ask me how I know about this phenomenon! By now you all should have received an email and spreadsheet asking you to volunteer for the live demonstrations in the Lee Valley showroom. Please volunteer as this is our major outreach to the public to both promote the craft of woodturning and to recruit new members. As of March 6th the afternoon shifts of April 18, 20, and 28th and the morning shifts of April 17, 18, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and May 1 are waiting for volunteers.

Please consult the Calendar tab on our website for all pertinent dates relating to deadlines for the Annual Turning Competition and the Documents tab for the current entry documents and the rules and regulations for the competition.

Also, we have accepted an invitation to present a selection of our work at the **Scott Manor House** for a week in July. You can volunteer to staff the booth and/or demonstrate actual turning techniques. One extra benefit to participation is you may sell your work at this event for a 10% cut of your selling price to benefit the Scott Manor House. If you have not already, please contact me (president@novawoodturnersguild.com) if you wish to sell and/or if you wish to volunteer to staff the booth (actually it is a whole room, not a booth). I'll be in touch when a final roster is available at which time I'll have more info about who is doing what and when.

Progress has been made on the order for dust masks. I anticipate an order will be placed by the time you read this. Also, the orders for custom made turning smocks have been coming in to my email address. I can tell you that the price has been firmed up at \$100 each and that price includes a name tag (cloth backed cork) that can include your name and/or the Guild logo. Some extra info on how the letter sizes relate to actual inch measurements is coming and I will share that with those who have contacted me when I get it. Hopefully that will be sometime during the weekend of March 7th.

Our meeting this month is on the 16th of March. **Zalman Amit**, ably assisted by **Don Moore**, will be presenting a demo on Use of Carbide Cutting Tools and if time permits, perhaps sharpening them as well.

See you on the 16th. Turn some wood and stay safe,

Gary Landry

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Meeting Notes Feb. 24, 2020

Calum Ewing, Secretary

President **Gary Landry** Opened the meeting at 6:45 pm; with 33 members present

Visitors: **Tim Elliott** Interested in turning and friends with **John Ashton**
George Kearley is from Kentville and just starting out in turning
Ian Park has been turning for just a little while and just getting into turning

Thomas Black did some turning a few years ago and considers himself a novice turner beginning again after a break from turning.

Announcements:

- **Garry Landry** pointed out that **Lee Valley** is no longer selling turning smocks, popular with several members. One of the staff at Lee Valley is now making custom turning smocks (not a Lee Valley product) that sell for about \$100. Several sizes are available and an email will be sent out with more information shortly.
- **Bill Maes** has investigated the potential show at **Scott Manor House** in Bedford and met with staff there. The show would be on display from July 13th to 18th and members will be able to sell pieces in the show (Scott Manor House collects a 10% commission on all sales). The show must be staffed from 1:00 to 4:00pm each day, so we'll need folks to volunteer to staff the show. Anyone interested in participating in the show is asked to contact **Bill** or **Gary Landry**.
- A sign-up sheet was circulated for demonstrators during the annual NWG Competition hosted at Lee Valley. There are lots of spots available so please sign-up early to make sure you get your preferred spot. All styles, materials and levels of turning are encouraged to demonstrate turning in the store as it is a great way to attract interested folks to the Guild. The sign-up sheet will also be distributed by email following the meeting.
- This year's Competition Chair, **Bill Maes**, reminded members that the annual Turning Competition is fast approaching. Deadline for entries is April 11 at 5:00pm. Entries can be dropped off at the Lee Valley store starting at the regular Guild meeting on April 6th. Bill is looking for 2-3 people to help with set up and shuttling entries during the judging day.
- President **Gary Landry** announced that the Executive has approved a new Privacy Policy that covers the sharing and publication of members' private information. Please see the Guild newsletter or website for details of the policy.
- We have an opportunity to make a bulk purchase of GVS Elipse P100 low profile Dust Masks. These will be available for pre-order at a significant savings over many other outlets for these masks. An email will be sent following the meeting with details of sizing and how to sign up if you are interested in



Meeting Notes continued

Calum Ewing

getting one of these dust masks.

- Nominations are needed for the 2020-21 Executive with the AGM coming up in June. If you are interested in running for a position or nominating someone, please see **Bill Maes**.

Main Presentation: [Tips, Tricks, Hacks and Tools](#)

Dave McLachlan – *Carbon Fibre Tool Handles*

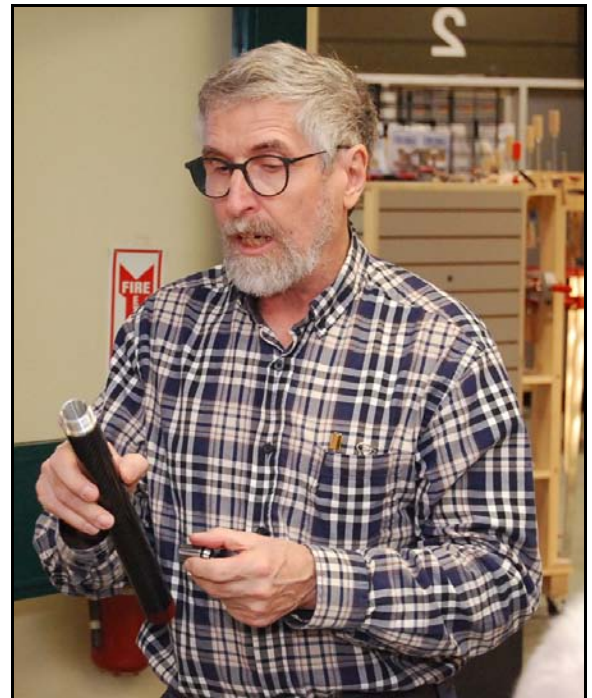
Dave showed off a number of the tool handles he has been making and selling. He has been incorporating a number of changes to the designs based on used feedback and new options:

- The New handle is available in three lengths to suit different tools and types of tuning.
- He is also exploring a smaller diameter handle body for smaller tools and younger turners. These handles would have a 1 inch or 28mm diameter handle body.
- The handle is also available with an ER25 Collet Chuck to make tool changed quicker and easier. The interchangeable collets allow you to use tools with several different shank diameters in the same handle.
- The Mark I style handle with the machined aluminum tool holder and set screws sells for \$45.00
- The Mark II handle with the collet chuck sells for \$60.00
- All handles are now available with removable plugs in the butt end, making it easy to add shot to the handle for increasing weight and heft; storing spare collets, etc. The end plugs are available in several different woods to allow colour-coding of different handles for quick identification.

Norm Jolivet – *Plastic Donut Chuck for Small Items*

Norm presented a design for an easy DIY plastic donut chuck. It is ideal for small objects like tree ornaments and finials.

- The chuck is made from half of a 2inch compression coupling for PVC pipe
- The coupling is cut in half and a hardwood plug is fit in the end, with a dovetailed recess for mounting on a scroll chuck.
- A “donut” of thin plastic sheet or plywood is then cut to fit inside the ‘compression’ end of the coupling.
- A hole in the inside end of the hardwood plug holds the end of the piece to be turned, then the ‘donut’ is slid over the turned piece and the threaded compression ring is added and tightened up to secure the piece for turning or finishing.
- All of the parts can be acquired at a typical hardware or building supply store for not much cost.



Show & Tell

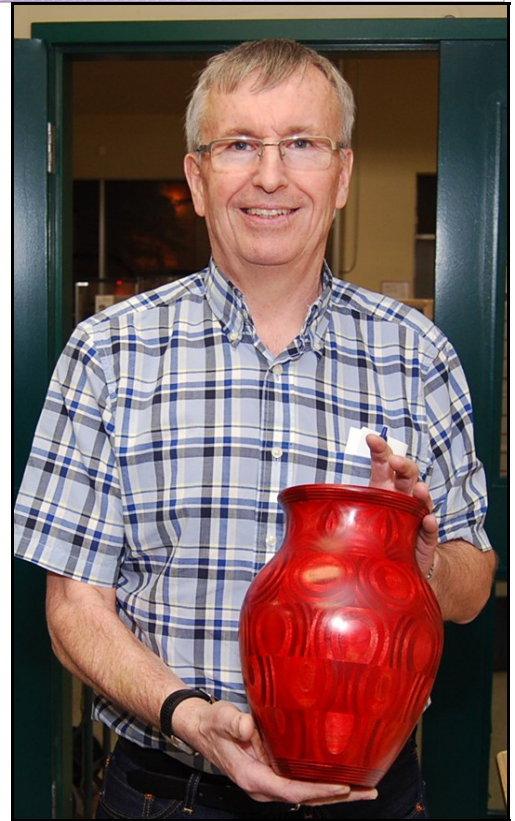
Show & Tell

Glenn McCarron presented a segmented vase in Baltic Birch plywood. Each ring is composed of 8 segments to keep the grain pattern consistent. It is stained with TransTint™ Dye and finished with Minwax Antique oil.

Jim Kuzma brought a “Show & Ask” piece, an Ambrosia Maple blank he is working on. It has a fairly punky core and several large radial checks in the base. Options discussed:



- Drilling out the soft core and filling with coloured epoxy
- Making cuts using a table saw to coincide with the checks and filling with epoxy
- Stabilizing the core with CA adhesive
- Using black CA glue to fill the checks and voids
- Brass or chrome fillings in CA glue for a metallic infill effect



Shawna Mitchell showed of three pens in some of the more

expensive kits from Penn State Industries:

- A Dragon pen in blue dyed Buckeye burl with antique brass finish
- A Dragon pen in green acrylic with antique pewter fittings and finished with chrome polish paste for a glassy shine.
- A Dog pen in Thuya burl.



Meeting wrapped up at 8:00 pm



Chris Palmer did the photos, (Thanks Chris)



Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 16, 2019	Using Collet Chucks (Dave McLachlan)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
October 21, 2019	Inside out Ornament Demo (Richard Ford)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
November 18, 2019	Ford's Awesome Duplicator (Richard Ford)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
December 9, 2019	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 20, 2020	Lathe Safety (Calum Ewing) Dust Control (Bill Maes) Wood Toxicity (Gary Landry)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 24, 2020	General tips, tricks, hacks favourite/least favourite tool demonstration	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 16, 2020	Carbide Cutter Tools (sharpening?) (Zalman Amit)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 6, 2020	Turning Finials (R. Atkinson)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 2, 2020	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 11, 2020	Turning a Goblet Stewart Taylor	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 15, 2020	AGM	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

George LaFontaine took home a turning book; **Edmund Benoit** added some Cherry blanks to his collection; **Ian Park** took home a Maple blank and **Leo Westhaver** added a book to his library.

Remember, all donations accepted and anonymously too.



Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2019/20 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	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 Richard Ford	C
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Web Site	webmaster	Richard Ford	C
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Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Brian Larter	C
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Newsletter	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	C
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Competition		Vacant	C
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Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
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Fund Raising		Vacant	C
Raffles		Norm Jolivet Yogi Gutz	

Nominating		Bill Maes	C
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Privacy Policy re Members' Personal Situations

February 2020

- 1- Members have freedom of speech (and the legal responsibility for that speech) and therefore can stand and make an announcement at Guild functions about a member being ill, etc.
- 2- The Guild (in the form of any or all of the Executive) will not be making such announcements from here on thus incurring any no legal liability for the announcement. This is subject to Point 5 and 6 below.
- 3- Any such announcements by 'ordinary' members will NOT be recorded in the minutes of meetings and will not be placed on our website in any format (Newsletter, meeting minutes, etc.)
- 4- Past newsletters and meeting minutes for the 2019-2020 year will be reviewed and any mentions of a specific member being ill will be removed before re-posting.
- 5- Any member who is ill or otherwise indisposed and who wants the Guild to formally acknowledge it must send an e-mail to one of the Exec giving permission for the information to be shared AND what format is acceptable (orally at meetings and/or minutes and/or newsletter, etc.). In certain circumstances where the member is unable to give permission, a spouse can give permission for such announcements.
- 6- Alternately, if a member of the Exec is made aware of such a situation, contact must be made with the ailing member or spouse before their situation can be disseminated to all members (and potentially the public through web postings of minutes and newsletters)
- 7- Should a member pass away and an obituary is generally available it is assumed that the situation has been made public by the family and can be shared with all members in all our formats by linking to the obituary in a newspaper or on a funeral home's website.

Addendum:

Before beginning the official meeting for the month the President (or alternate) will advise the videographer and the secretary that no video or minutes are to be taken until directed. The President will then ask if there are any announcements from the floor about absent members. After all such announcements are made the videographer and secretary will be advised that the meeting is about to start and video and minutes can begin to be taken.