



The Turning Point

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
WASH
YOUR
HANDS**



MEMBER SINCE 2012

The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at

Cancelled

(but normally at Lee Valley)

**Due to the requirements related
to the COVID-19 pandemic,
meetings are suspended until further notice.**

The President's Workshop

Gary Landry

APRIL 2020 (COVID-19 EDITION)

Hello to you all. I hope that all of you and your loved ones are well.

Our current situation has been rather difficult to come to grips with. It is hard to envision these events would come to pass in our lifetimes. So much for benign complacency. We have a new reality we have to deal with. There are no choices to be made but to follow the direction and advice of those whose job it is to help keep us safe.

That mantra is the one that has guided the Executive Committee in our actions and planning up to now, and will do so for a period into September at least. By the time you read this message you probably have already received my email, through our Secretary (Calum), concerning your online vote on a motion to take specific actions to implement a COVID-19 response plan. Bottom line is that all votes received were in favour of the motion and so it is considered carried. Please revisit the original email for the vote to refresh yourselves on the plans and associated timetable.

As this emergency unfolds there may be sudden or gradual changes in advice or direction that will alter our plans one way or the other but with the motion in place the Exec can meet and take action. The current Directors have agreed to remain in their positions until an Annual General Meeting can be held so governance is not an issue. The Exec will also keep in touch with **Lee Valley** concerning any change in the availability of their Seminar Room to hold our meetings. I can tell you that it is the expectation and desire of the Manager, **Theresa Bruno**, to continue our partnership.

In the event that we can somehow hold a competition this year please do not stop production of entry pieces. Even if we have to cancel the competition can you imagine the kick-ass Show and Tell we could have at the first post-pandemic meeting?

I would like to close by thanking my fellow executives for their advice and support especially over the past number of weeks. To all members, while all this swirled around us, and with little concrete information to use to make decisions that made sense for the Guild as well as the safety of our members, you kept your cool and allowed us the space to study the situation and come up with a plan. On behalf of the entire Exec I extend to each of you our thanks for your support of our motion and your patience during these unprecedented events.

So my parting comments are to please stay home except to do grocery and pharmacy runs, practice social distancing and keep on turning.

Stay well,
Gary Landry

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The Secretary's Quill

Calum Ewing

News from the AAW:

American Association of Woodturners new Chapter Affiliate Membership Program

AAW Launches new Chapter Affiliate Membership Program giving all Chapter members FREE membership in the AAW

For many Guild members the most tangible impact of the fact that the Guild is a Local Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners is that our Library carries the *American Woodturner* magazine produced by AAW every two months. But what to do if you want a particular issue and someone else has it signed out? The fact is that *American Woodturner* is only one benefit of membership in the AAW and now you can explore all of the member benefits – for free!

It is AAW's long-term vision that every chapter member will be able to find a place within the AAW community. And, AAW envisions that the line between chapter membership and AAW membership will gradually blur, if not disappear altogether. Our next generation website offers the technology needed to bring us closer to this vision!

When the new AAW website launched in December, every member of an AAW chapter (NWG is a member chapter) who is not presently an AAW member will be invited to join the AAW community under our new Chapter Affiliate membership. Here's how it works:

- Chapter Affiliate memberships are free to chapter members for three months and offer access to the entire AAW portfolio of online information and educational tools.
- After the third month, a chapter member may choose to upgrade to a paid AAW membership. If the member elects not to upgrade, they will continue to belong to the AAW community and receive benefits commensurate with a non-paid membership.

Chapter Affiliate Members will have full access to the online resources of the AAW. These benefits include:

- 3,000+ online projects, articles, videos, and tips are in AAW's Explore! search tool. Get the best project instructions, technique guidelines, and information in just a few simple clicks. Easily searchable by topic and includes all interest areas.
- 12,000+ images of member work are in AAW's Forum gallery online. Get inspiration, ideas, and feedback simply. Connect with woodturning enthusiasts using this member-moderated virtual community.
- 475+ online videos are quickly searchable by topic in AAW's Video Source. Avoid the frustration of searching YouTube. Get relevant woodturning videos in just a few clicks. All videos are pre-screened by the AAW for quality content and safety.
- 150+ issues of *American Woodturner* are online with a searchable index.
- 38+ issues of *Woodturning FUNDamentals* publication and the *Woodturning FUNDamentals* online learning portal offer one-stop basics. Helps newer turners build and expand their woodturning knowledge and skills safely with a curated selection of information, projects, tips, and videos.

The Secretary's Quill

Calum Ewing

Becoming a Chapter Affiliate Member

To sign up and take advantage of this new membership offer, just follow these steps:

1. Go to the AAW Website: woodturner.org
2. Click on the **Membership** tab at the far right of the menu
3. Click on “**Click here to Join Today!**”
4. Scroll down to the Guest & Affiliate panel and click the “**I am a member of an AAW chapter**” button
5. Then click the “**Free: Chapter Affiliate Membership**” button
6. Fill in the membership form and submit it

You will then receive an email confirmation of your new AAW membership, and your member benefits will begin.

So, check it out and enjoy!

Calum Ewing. Secretary.



2020-04-04 NWG Website Communications.

As you probably know our club has a website this is a link to that website.

<http://www.novawoodturnersguild.com/index.php>

At the top right corner is a link to our Facebook page. I'm not much of a Facebook person but if you are this might be a good spot to interface with NWG members. This is a link to our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Nova-Woodturners-Guild-1247552298688048/>

Back to our Website: Each month the latest newsletter is posted it usually contains a message from the club president. A summary of the last meeting, along with any submissions to the editor. The front page of the newsletter is used as the HOME page on our website. At the base is a link to a pdf version of the newsletter. Down the right hand side of each page are links to our past newsletters at least the last 10 years and a few more of before 2010. I have posted everything I can find. If you have access to any newsletters not listed please contact me

webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com

If I can get them I will post them. They are a history of what was happening in our club and woodturning in NS at that time.

Note: when you click on a link to one of these newsletters it displays a pdf file on your screen and you can download it to your computer if desired.

Along the top of the website pages are Tags that take you to different pages:

HOME: The first page of our website with a screen shot of the front page of our newsletter.



And now a word from the Webmaster

Richard Ford

ABOUT: Information about our club.

CALENDAR: Displays a calendar of club events. At the bottom is a link to a pdf version.

EVENTS: This is a place for Guild Members to post a picture story of a woodturning event. You put the story together in a word or Open Office document, when you are satisfied with the layout send a copy to: webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com the webmaster will make it available on this events page. We can also link to videos of NWG related events you have posted on YouTube.

GALLERY: I am unable to maintain this feature. Perhaps the next webmaster will.

FORUMS: Links to Woodturning Related Forums Recommended by Members.

LIBRARY: A list of NWG's Books, Magazines, Videos and woodturning tools.

HINTS & TIPS: Links to Videos, Documents, Demo Handouts, Spreadsheets etc.

INSTRUCTION: Links to local woodturning courses in and around Halifax.

MEDIA: YouTube Links, NWG Demos, Show & Tell and others suggested by members.

DOCUMENTS: NWG Documents for downloading Bylaws Competition Rules etc.

LINKS: Interesting woodturning Links Recommended by NWG Members

CONTACT US: Links to a form to contact the NWG

.....Note This website can be viewed by anyone on the internet.....

Another feature we use on the website is the **Mail Forwarding** program.

This allows us to use an email address and redirect mail sent to that address to another address or multiple addresses.

For example an email sent to executive@novawoodturnersguild.com will have 1 copy forwarded to each of the NWG executives. Or a message may be sent to the holder of an office by using the Office name on the list below followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com so you don't need to know the personal email of the person holding the office. The advantage is the same address will work no matter who holds the office.

Example: Today an email sent to president@novawoodturnersguild.com would be forwarded to **Gary Landry** our current president.

Office Domain Currently Elected to the Office 2020-04-04

president@novawoodturnersguild.com
vice.president@novawoodturnersguild.com
secretary@novawoodturnersguild.com
treasurer@novawoodturnersguild.com
library@novawoodturnersguild.com
webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com
membership@novawoodturnersguild.com
newsletter@novawoodturnersguild.com
competition@novawoodturnersguild.com
photography@novawoodturnersguild.com
raffles@novawoodturnersguild.com
nominations@novawoodturnersguild.com
director.at.large@novawoodturnersguild.com

Gary Landry
Bill Maes
Calum Ewing
Dave McLachlan
Jim Diamond & Richard Ford
Richard Ford
Brian Larter
Norm Jolivet
 Vacant
Chris Palmer
Norm Jolivet & Yogi Gutz
Bill Maes
Bill Luther



Another Forwarding address set up 2 years ago is: members@novawoodturnersguild.com
 (The webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com can add your email addresses to a list associated with members@novawoodturnersguild.com you only need to request it.)

How it works:

A copy of emails sent to members@novawoodturnersguild.com is sent to everyone in the member group. The Senders email is displayed at the top of the email so you can see who it is from. If there is any problems delivering to an email on the list the sender will get an error message with the problem email displayed. Please send a copy of the error message to webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com and I will fix the problem. (Not always fast)

If you reply to one of the emails sent to members@novawoodturnersguild.com The reply goes to the sender of the message.

If you want your reply to go to everyone on the list add members@novawoodturnersguild.com to the send to address box.

As you can see there are some limits to this a mail forwarding service and it has been suggested Facebook may be a better way of communicating and I'm sure there are many other ways too.

Recently we have seen a big increase in the use of members@novawoodturnersguild.com and it seems to be working well. Presently there are 32 NWG members on the forwarding list.

Finally if you need to contact All the NWG members the only way is to request the secretary@novawoodturnersguild.com (Calum today) forward your email to all NWG members

I hope this explains how we are using the NWG website today.

Your webmaster
 Richard Ford...



Proposed new club lathe



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	Cancelled	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 6, 2020	Cancelled	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 2, 2020	Awards Day Lee Valley Cancelled	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 11, 2020	Cancelled	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 15, 2020	TBA	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

The Raffle Booth Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz



**NOT THIS MONTH,
OR NEXT.**



Show & Tell

Dianne Looker:

We found a piece of driftwood with a small burl on one such walk recently, and I decided to turn a wee bowl.

Nothing fancy, no super thin walls. Just a cute little bowl that got me out to the shop and turning. It's about 3 " diameter and less than 2" high...



(This) was a bowl turned as part of the hands on workshop that Ashey Harwood did in 2018. I won it I sanded the foot flat, (did) some pyrography.

I donated it to a local fundraiser - where it went for over \$100.

I called it "A Swift Swirl in Wood". I wanted to evoke the image of the chimney swifts that swirl into a local chimney.

I sanded the area that was not burned, to a very smooth surface and left the part to be burned rougher. So, the final bowl had a very interesting tactile surface of silky smooth mixed with the bumps and lines of the burned area.



Bill Maes:

A small bowl about 6" wide by 3" high. The trouble is I'm not sure what the wood is. Does anyone have any ideas?



Show & Tell continued

Lowell Jenkins:

About 4 years ago a friend gave me a beech log, 16" diameter. **Richard Ford** and **Edmund Benoit** helped me core some pieces



They sat on a shelf with other bowl blanks since then. Now that I am self isolating, am getting around to finishing some pieces.

GaryLandry:

Laminated poplar cutoffs from leg blanks I made for a bed. Toonie included for scale.



Show & Tell continued

Darren Eisan:

Just a quick paintbrush holder for my daughter who has been asking for one for some time now. So to the garage I went and found a piece of firewood. As I was hollowing it out, a crack formed so I sewed it up with some coloured wire.



Doug Allen:

This is my first attempt using the **Lee Valley** ceramic shaft-less pepper mill mechanism. I plagiarized this "chewed pear" design from **Chris West's** book. The mechanism he uses calls for different internal measurements and I did not have a piece of wood the diameter his plan calls for. Concentration was definitely required and think proportions suffered. The punky, presumably worm eaten area I filled with CA - perhaps over accentuated.

The apple wood I cut and stabilized >2 years ago. Believe I followed the usual recommended technique, but it appears apple is a challenge to dry - lots of checking.



Leo Westhaver:

A little bowl about 6.5" dia. x 4" high. The grain didn't look too interesting so I decided to leave a rim around the top and try some pyrography. (Did) some flowers connected by a vine. This was my first attempt at it??. I believe the wood is Ash.



Chris Palmer cannot be blamed for any of the photos

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	
Committees			
Library	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	C
Web Site	webmaster	Richard Ford	C
Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Brian Larter	C
Newsletter	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	C
Competition		Vacant	C
Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
Fund Raising		Vacant	C
Raffles		Norm Jolivet Yogi Gutz	
Nominating		Bill Maes	C