



# The Turning Point

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Richard Ford



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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is  
Normally at Lee Valley Tools but, this month (ready for this??)*

*Online via Zoom*

*November 16, 2020 6:45 p.m.*

The next meeting will feature

**Richard Ford**

with

**Turning a Hollow Christmas Ornament**

**The President's Workshop** Nov. 2020

Gary Landry

Well we made it through our first demo by Zoom in October and it went well. One thing that came up as a result is that we have content on our website and in our library that has been made by or for us that does not address safety at the beginning of each one. This is not just a safety concern but also a liability concern. To this end we have decided to begin each demo with a safety caution which will also act as a liability disclaimer. This will be added retroactively to all our generated content.

**The Fun Turn** is to be announced this month so get ready to be inventive. An announcement will be made mid November. One complication is that because we do not meet in person it is impossible for the Guild to provide the blanks as in previous years. You will have to provide your own blanks but you will be able to use whatever type of wood you like, but only one type. Stay tuned.

Unfortunately, COVID 19 restrictions has made it impossible for us to meet in person for our annual Christmas Social. Perhaps members would consider this as an opportunity to turn some Christmas ornaments for Show and Tell during our December Zoom meeting? Please??

Next month's demo will be by **Gordon Marshall** and he will be presenting on the topic of "Colouring and Airbrush Techniques". This is a new field for many of us and a lot of useful information can be gleaned from this demo.

All those who have not yet paid their dues (\$40) to **Dave McLachlan** by e-transfer or by mail should do so as soon as possible. If you are a returning member and none of your information has changed from last years Membership Form you can just let Dave know that you authorize last year's form to be effective for this year as well. If you are a new member or if there have been changes please download a copy of the Membership Form from our website (under 'Documents'), fill it out, sign it and email a scan of it, or mail a hard copy of it, to Dave along with your dues.

That is about it for now. I look forward to seeing your Christmas ornaments at our December Zoom meeting

Stay safe, stay well and turn some wood.

**Gary Landry – President**

*We made it through our first demo by Zoom in October and it went well.!*

Meeting Notes Oct. 19, 2020

Calum Ewing, Secretary

## NWG Member Survey on Meetings

The NWG Executive conducted a survey in August 2020 to gauge member thoughts and feelings about resuming meetings for the 2020-21 season. The survey was conducted using the SurveyMonkey platform. Members can see the results presented here.

All identifying information and individual comments have been removed to assure anonymity.

### The Results:

**Q1.** If the Guild resumed in-person meetings under the current COVID-19 restriction (including wearing a mask during the meetings) would you plan to attend?

Option	Percentage	Number
Yes	44.8%	13
No	27.6%	8
Undecided	27.6%	8
<b>Total Responses</b>		29

**Q2.** How important are in-person meetings/demos to you as a feature of Guild membership?

Responses	Average Score	Number
1 Not important at All	5 Neutral	10 Extremely Important
Total	7.4/10	27

**Q3.** If the Guild could not hold in person meetings for the coming membership year (Sep to June), would you continue to be a member?

Option	Percentage	Number
Yes	89.7%	26
No	0.0%	0
Undecided	10.3%	3
<b>Total Responses</b>		29

**Q4.** Would you be willing to meet virtually/online (eg. using meeting tools like Zoom or others)?

Option	Percentage	Number
Yes	50.0%	14
No	3.6%	1
Not Sure	21.4%	6
Sometimes but not always	25.0	7
<b>Total Responses</b>		28



**Q10.** I am willing to attend Guild meetings in:

Option	Percentage	Number
Halifax Only	0.0%	0
Metro HRM Only	46.4%	13
Central NS (ie Halifax, Lunenburg, Hants, Colchester Counties)	28.6%	8
Anywhere in NS	7.1%	2
Other (please specify)	21.4%	6
<b>Total Responses</b>		29



## SAFETY ADVISORY

Working with power tools is dangerous. The Nova Woodturners' Guild does not guarantee the safety of tools, techniques or approaches shown or discussed in any of our live demonstrations or recorded materials.

Nobody but you can determine if you are safely performing any task. Read and follow the instructions and safety precautions for the tools you are going to use and study acceptable ways to carry out any specific task, especially those that are new to you. Always use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

### **Bottom line on safety:**

If you do not feel safe or comfortable with any tool or technique,

**STOP.**

Resolve the issue causing your concerns or find another, safer way to do it.



## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 21, 2020	AGM	Online via Zoom
October 19, 2020	Zalman Amit with Don Moore Care and Use of Carbide Cutters	Online via Zoom
November 16, 2020	Richard Ford Turning a Hollow Christmas Ornament	Online via Zoom
December 21, 2020	Gordon Marshall Colouring and Airbrush Techniques	Online via Zoom
January 18, 2021	Stuart Taylor Turning a Goblet	Online via Zoom
February ?, 2021	Gary Landry – Adhesives Dave McLachlan - Tree to Turning Blank	Online via Zoom
March 15, 2021		Online via Zoom
April 19, 2021		Online via Zoom
May 17, 2021		Online via Zoom
June 21, 2021		Online via Zoom

These dates are the third Monday in their respective months Things may change.

The Raffle Booth	Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz
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Steady as she goes woodturners. This Covid train ride is going to get weirder before it gets better. With some skill and a bit of luck we will all get through it, look back and say “Thank Goodness that's over. Lets get back to normal”.

All things shall pass.



## Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2020/2021 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?
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<b>Executive</b>	executive (sends the message to all positions on the list)		
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<b>President</b>	president	Gary Landry	
<b>Vice President</b>	vice-president	Bill Maes	
<b>Secretary</b>	secretary	Calum Ewing	
<b>Treasurer</b>	treasurer	Dave McLachlan	

<b>Members at Large</b>	members-at-large	Brian Sharp	
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### Committees

<b>Library</b>	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	<b>C</b>
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<b>Web Site</b>	webmaster	Richard Ford	<b>C</b>
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<b>Membership &amp; Promotion</b>	membership-chair	Brian Larter	<b>C</b>
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<b>Newsletter</b>	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
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<b>Competition</b>		Vacant	<b>C</b>
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<b>Guild Photographer</b>		Chris Palmer	
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<b>Fund Raising</b>		Vacant	<b>C</b>
Raffles		Norm Jolivet Yogi Gutz	

<b>Nominating</b>		Bill Maes	<b>C</b>
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