



# The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is  
At Lee Valley Tools, 150 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax.  
**SUNDAY**, October 16, 2022. 1:00 p.m.*

*The next meeting will feature  
**Dave McLachlan**  
Making Sanding Tools.*

## PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER REPORT

Well I must start out by saying that I hope all of you now have your electricity back and your properties cleaned up after Fiona blew through the Atlantic Provinces. One up side I can see is that none of us should be short on wood for turning. I don't think many of us can go far from our houses without coming upon sections of tree trunk on the side of the road awaiting disposal.

September's meeting at **Lee Valley**, our first in-person meeting for over two years, went fairly well. The Executive decided not to have a demo for that meeting but rather provide coffee/beverages and doughnuts for an extended meet and greet among those of us who have not seen each other for quite some time. Total attendance was 11 with most using the occasion to submit new membership forms and pay dues. If you have not done so already I ask you to go to our website, download and fill out the membership form under "Documents" and then pass it to **Dave McLachlan** at our next meeting.

Speaking of dues, they are our primary source of operating funds for the year. With the pandemic cutting our membership numbers by 40% our funds on hand have dropped below our typical level from before we had to stop meeting face to face. We need you to renew your membership as soon as possible so plans can be made for the year. If our numbers do not rebound to pre-pandemic levels and if we are expected to provide the same level of services our bank account will be drained fairly shortly thereby jeopardizing the existence of the Guild. The Executive have come up with a plan to raise funds without asking for monetary donations or increasing dues. You will be receiving a message from me through our Secretary, **Calum Ewing**, shortly. This message will also be in the October Newsletter. Please read the message and help out as you are able. It is one way to increase your support without spending money.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM sharp in the Seminar Room of **Lee Valley, Halifax**. If you have outstanding books, DVDs, tools or magazines from our library please bring them with you so others can check them out. **Dave McLachlan** will be presenting a demo on the construction and use of his newly designed hand sanders. Finally, please bring your show and tell items and some spare change to buy raffle tickets from Norm.

That is it. I am looking forward to meeting you. Let us all turn some wood, make some shavings and stay healthy.

**Gary Landry** – President

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## Making a 2" sanding disk handgrip

David McLachlan

Here is a quick project that makes it easy to sand the interior of bowls. So many times I have been sanding the interior of bowls with folded up sandpaper and just felt my fingers were at risk. This little item works wonders to keep your fingers safe and works well with hook and loop sanding disks or Abranet disks.

I started with a 2" sanding pad with a foam backing pad (Amazon - sanding disks/backing pads \$20). Removing the shaft leaves you with a 1/4" x 20 TPI aluminum boss on the pad



For the handle, I started out with a piece of Yew branch about 2 1/2" in diameter, chucked it in a 50mm jaw set and faced it off. I put on a 50mm tenon and a 16mm recess for the aluminum hub and a 9.5mm center hole in which I put a 1/4" x 20 TPI threaded insert. I then reversed the block of wood into the dovetail jaws and turned a shape I liked for a handle.

The next job was to create a holder to hold the finished portion of the handle to remove the tenon and



get it down to size to fit the diameter of the sanding disk (32mm). To do this I mounted a small block of maple 3" x 3" x 3/4" using a ring faceplate to the chuck and then cut a 50mm dovetail tenon. The block was then reversed and held by the tenon and I cut a recess just the size of the handle diameter. I cut slots into the holder so it would grip the handle without damaging the finish. It grips the work piece once the jaws are tightened up I brought in a live center to ensure the work piece didn't leave the jaws as I was turning down the tenon.





In the photo you can see how the handle is held in the auxiliary wooden chuck jaws, and the photo beside it shows the two components before assembly, with a long set screw threaded into the insert nut to hold the two parts together.



The finished handle. The addition of the 1/2" thick foam backing pad and then the hook and loop sanding disk completes the project and allows one to sand the interior curve of bowls easily without risk to fingers. I have also made a 3" version of this with a little larger diameter handhold. This also works well for hand sanding small parts, or hand sanding with the lathe turned off.

**David McLachlan**



**David McLachlan**

Hi Guys:

This video link might be something that could go into the newsletter, and maybe set out as a general interest item in an email to members (if you guys agree that it is a fun watch...)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFFS9PsgHCI>

This took a lot of effort to make the video, I would love to see more of these sorts of things...

Dave M.



## **ATTENTION ALL GUILD SUPPORTERS**

### **THE GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP**

The Guild has only two revenue streams that we can rely on to support our activities each year. One is membership dues and the other is funds realized from our raffles.

Over the past two and a half years the number of paid memberships has declined by about 40%. We went from a high of 40+ in 2019-2020 to a low of 25 last year. This has drastically reduced the funds the Guild has available to support its activities and events such as the turning competition, library acquisitions and guest instructors (including Internet Remote Demos). In fact the Guild has had to spend out of its cash reserves over the past two years. These reserves will be depleted if we do not come up with a solution and this will put the very existence of the Guild in jeopardy.

It was obvious, from a previous attempt, that raising membership dues is not an answer that is acceptable to the membership...so that is a non-starter. That left the Executive Committee with the task of finding a way to fund the Guild until memberships increase to pre-COVID numbers.

This notice is to inform you of the solution that the Exec feels is best likely to get us out of, or at least drastically reduce, our funding crisis. The idea is for members to provide turned items to the Guild which can be sold at a craft market or similar venue with all funds going into the cash reserves. We would like to start this process right away in order to try and get in on Nova Scotians' need for Christmas gifts. Ideally the Exec would like to see this become an annual event to bring in needed revenue without raising dues. Who knows, if successful enough, we may be able to expand our activities.

It is our belief that many members have probably turned items during the pandemic lock down as a way to keep their skills up and to act as distraction from induced boredom. These type of items, being already available, are perfect for our first sale as they can be donated now. This would get us selling in time for Christmas. We know that some of you turn professionally and as such may not want to deplete your inventory for

your regular sales events but perhaps you have some lightly flawed seconds that you could donate. It is not necessary for any items donated to be signed and dated. So seconds from the pros would generate funds without causing any dilution of your artistic reputation. By the way, items turned specifically for this effort will also be most appreciated.

So far, as a result of our September meeting, we have commitments from five members to donate a salt and pepper grinder set, six Christmas ornaments, a resin/burl bowl, a wood bowl and a winged bowl. We would ask all of you to join in on this effort to support the Guild.



In these tight times cash money is harder to part with but any of us can put a spare piece of wood on the lathe and turn a saleable item or items. All we are out is our time and some of us have plenty of spare time but little spare cash. This would show we support the Guild and wish to see it, at least, survive if not actually thrive.

So we ask, as soon as possible, please contact **Gary Landry (Pres.)** at [novaguild72@gmail.com](mailto:novaguild72@gmail.com), if you have a donation to make. Give a description of the item(s), the quantity, and a suggested price(s). Please make your suggested price attractive to the typical buyer, if there such a thing. We want to sell everything and not have items left over at the end. If you have problems setting a price please contact one of the exec and we will connect you with a member who is experienced in selling who can give you some guidelines.

One final thing. If any of you have a venue that you are familiar with that is great for selling these types of items we would like to know the name, location and dates available for sales up to and including the first week of December. It would also help to know if there is a charge for us to set up a table. As an example, it is of little use to the Guild to have to pay \$500 for a location and then only sell \$600 of product. Free is best but a minimal charge may be possible. We are, in reality, a non-profit organization so perhaps some accommodation can be made for our participation.

**Gary Landry** – President, October 8, 2022



Show & Tell



## Show &amp; Tell continued

**Peter Eaton**

News from the shop of Peter Eaton  
Found a new lathe, Vicmarc VL300. Included  
is a photo of one of the first projects on it. 17x6  
block of popular with Oneway #2 coring set.  
Resulting in a 15" blank and 12 1/2" and 9"  
cores.

Used the cutter that came with it. Set top of  
cutter to dead center. It worked perfectly.



Photos courtesy of Chris Palmer and contributed.



*I suppose we've all had one of  
those days.*



## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 18, 2022	Registration Meet-n'-Greet / Various Developments	Lee Valley Tools
October 16, 2022	Dave McLachlan Sanding Tools	Lee Valley Tools
November 20, 2022	Richard Ford TBA	Lee Valley Tools
December ?, 2022	Xmas Social	TBA
January 15, 2023		Lee Valley Tools
February 19, 2023		Lee Valley Tools
March 19, 2023		Lee Valley Tools
April 16, 2023		Lee Valley Tools
May 7, 2023		Lee Valley Tools
June 11, 2023	AGM	Lee Valley Tools

(Third Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.)

<b>The Raffle Booth</b>	Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz
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With only eleven members present, the raffle was not the noisy affair we would normally expect.

We hope the winners went away satisfied with their treasures.

Next month will be better (we hope)!



## Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2022/23 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 <address> should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person*

<address>@novawoodturnersguild.com

<b>Position</b>	<address>		
<b>Executive</b>	executive (sends the message to all executive positions on the list)		
<b>President</b>	president	(or) pres	Gary Landry
<b>Vice President</b>	vice-president	(or) vp	Bill Maes
<b>Secretary</b>	secretary		Calum Ewing
<b>Treasurer</b>	treasurer		Dave McLachlan
<b>Director at Large</b>	director-at-large		Brian Sharp

### Committees

<b>Library</b>	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	<b>C</b>	
<b>Web Site</b>	webmaster	Richard Ford	<b>C</b>	
<b>Membership &amp; Promotion</b>	membership	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>	newsletter	(or) news	Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
<b>Competition</b>	competition	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>Guild Photographer</b>	photographer	(or) photos	Chris Palmer	
<b>Fund Raising</b>	Raffles	Norm Jolivet Yogi Gutz	<b>C</b>	
<b>Nominating</b>	nominations	Bill Maes	<b>C</b>	
<b>Members Group</b>	members	30+ members		

To add or remove yourself from the group email: [webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com](mailto:webmaster@novawoodturnersguild.com)

Note: to email all NWG members you must go via the club secretary.