

## The Turning Point

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The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild  
will be held at Lee Valley Tools, 150 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax  
Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:00 PM

At the September meeting:  
Welcome back, show and tell  
Thread cutting on a small lidded box

## The President's Report

Once again the start of a new year is fast approaching and will be here on September 15th at our usual location, Lee Valley Tools, starting at 2:00 PM.

I would like to thank Gary Landry for the years he spent as Guild President. It was because of Gary that I joined the Guild and became involved with the wonderful world of turning. I turned my first bowl in grade 9 in what was called Industrial Arts at that time. The next bowl I turned was 45 years later, while I was working at Lee Valley, in a turning class presented by Steve Zwerling. After that experience I was part of a team, including Gary, at LV that turned several hundred pens for product display at a number of Lee Valley stores. I was totally hooked on turning and before you knew it I was wanting to learn as much as I could and the Guild seemed to be the perfect place to fulfill my wishes.

Enough about me. As a relative new comer to the Guild it was rather unexpected when asked by Gary to accept the offer of taking over as President. After accepting the offer I am still learning the ropes, so to say, and look forward to any ideas that will make the Guild more useful to the membership.

The recent meeting of the executive discussed the meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Any ideas of what you would like to see in the way of demonstrations are welcomed.

That's enough for now and I'm looking forward to see everyone at the first meeting, whether in person or online.

Bob Earle – President

## Notes from the June Meeting

At press time, notes from the last meeting (other than the competition awards) were not available.

**Bill Maes**, chair of the competition committee, announced and presented the awards. Here is a transcript of his presentation.

“Welcome to the Awards Ceremony for the 2024 Annual Turning Competition of the Nova Woodturners' Guild.”

“First of all, as Chair of the Competition Committee, there are several persons and organizations that we should thank and acknowledge:”

“Personally, I must thank Gary Landry, David McLaughlin, Bob Earle and Calum Ewing for all their assistance during the display setup, the judging event and this presentation.”

“Business support is essential for our awards ceremony to be as successful as it is. This year is no exception and we are indebted to:”

Lee Valley for hosting this event as in past years  
East Coast Speciality Hardwoods  
Halifax Speciality Hardwoods  
R&D Bandsaws  
SIA Abrasives  
Wood Chuckers  
William WoodWrite  
Craft Supply  
Mill Supply  
Woodworker Specialties, Port Coquitlam  
Carter Tools, Seattle  
Woodmaster Tool, Dartmouth

“Many of these have been long-time supporters of the Guild and are deeply appreciated.”

“Please, when doing business with these companies take the time to let them know that you appreciate the support they give to our Guild. Perhaps you could, if it is true, even let them know that you learned of their business as a result of being a supporter of our annual competition.”

“Some basic statistics about our competition this year:

- We had 29 pieces entered by 13 turners compared to 15 pieces submitted by 6 turners in the previous competition.
- We raised \$145 in entry fees.
- We raised \$95 in donations to the Food Bank.
- Donations (products and gift cards) were just short north of \$2000.”

“Now, let's get to the results part of this event.”

## JUDGED AWARDS BY CATEGORY AND LEVEL

“First of all the Committee and the Guild would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank profusely the two judges who spent several hours studiously considering each entry against criteria provided by the Guild. (Unfortunately, one judge had to withdraw for personal reasons.) Considerable discussions were involved in producing the results we are about to disclose.”

“So . . . many thanks to Steven Kennard, (life members of the Guild) and Patrick Rapati from NSCAD University.”

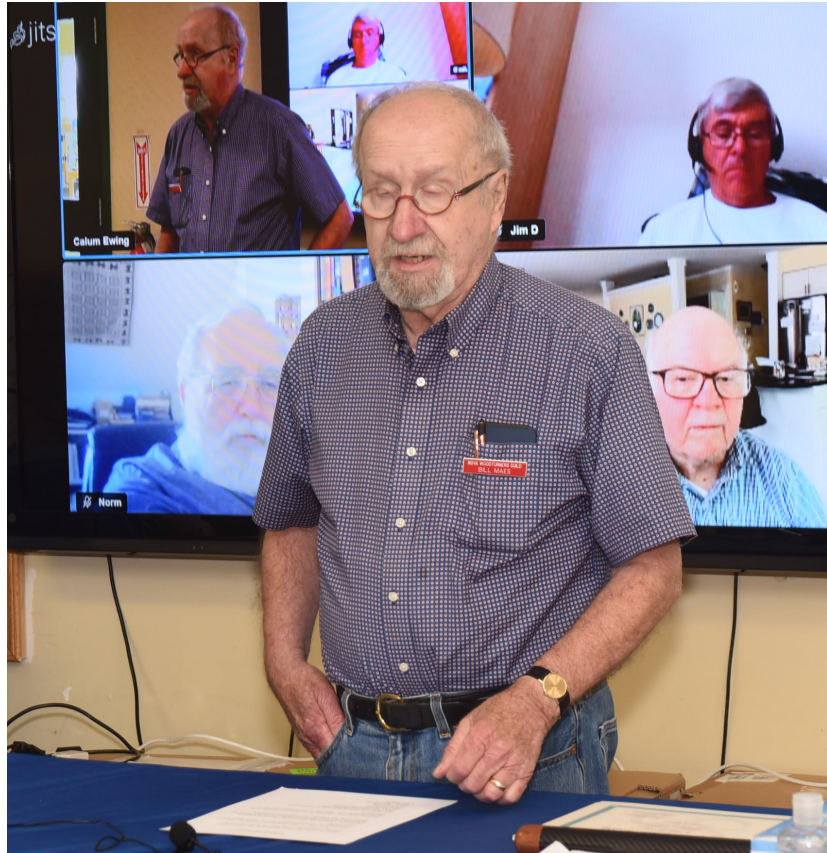
## AWARD WINNERS

Novice Faceplate	1st place	William Maes
Novice Faceplate	2nd place	Bob Earle
Novice Faceplate	3rd place	Bob Earle
Novice Spindle	1st place	Bob Earle
Novice Spindle	2nd place	Bob Earle
Novice Spindle	3rd place	W. Maes
Novice Mandrel	1st place	Bob Earle
Intermediate Faceplate	1st place	D. DeRoches
Intermediate Faceplate	2nd place	Gary Landry
Intermediate Faceplate	3rd place	Mark Hazen
Intermediate Spindle	1st place	D. DeRoches
Intermediate Spindle	2nd place	Mark Hazen
Intermediate Mandrel	1st place	D. DeRoches
Open Faceplate	1st place	Calum Ewing
Open Faceplate	2nd place	Lowell Jenkins
Open Faceplate	3rd place	Dave McLachlan
Open Spindle	1st place	Calum Ewing
Open Spindle	2nd place	Dianne Looker
Open Spindle	3rd place	Dianne Looker
Open Mandrel	1st place	Dave McLachlan
Open Mandrel	2nd place	Calum Ewing
Open Mandrel	3rd place	D. McLachlan

The Warman Castle Award was not presented this year.

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Although the official notes from the meeting were not available at press time, here are some photos from the meeting. (Bonus points for any members who can match all names and prizes to the photos.)

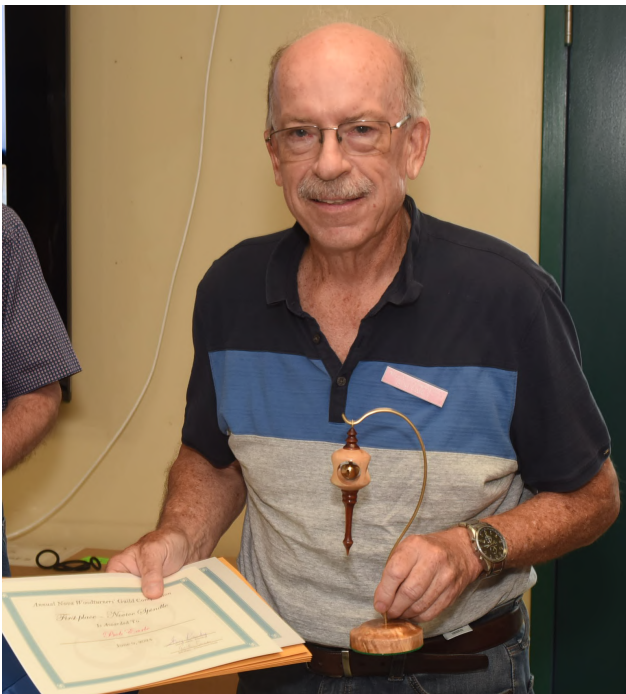


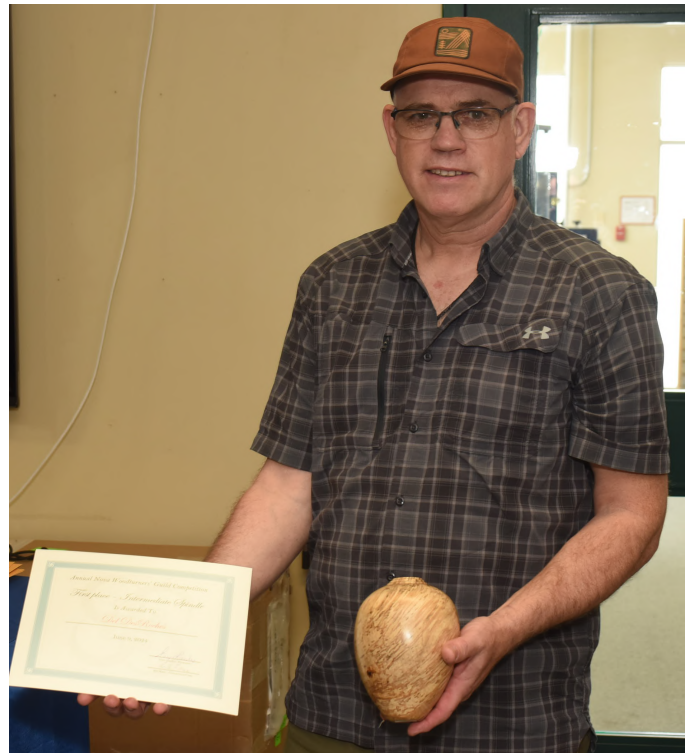
Bill taking over “The Big Cheese” duties for absent Gary

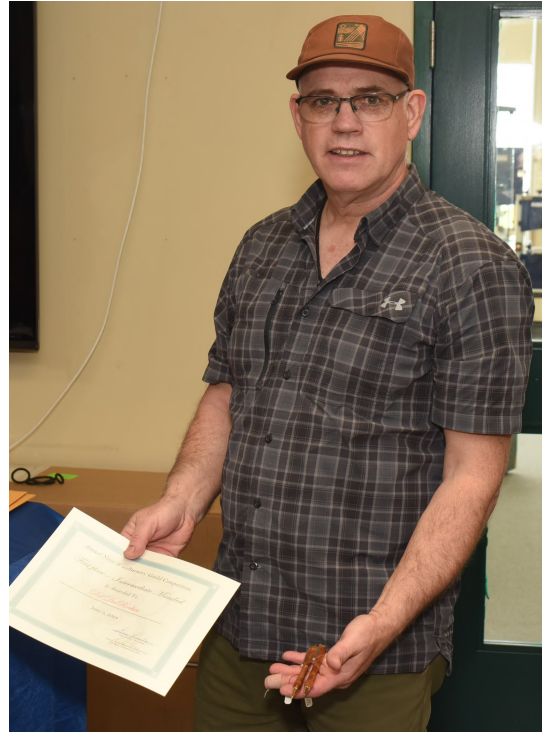


Entries from the 2024 turning competition

Here are photos of competition winners with their turnings and certificates, followed by pictures of people holding sharpened pieces of steel and other items. Why are some people looking so serious while others have grins? Come to the next meeting and ask around! (Please ignore the suspicious people hanging around the background, there wasn't time to edit them out!)















## Cover Photo



Autumn is coming, time for woodturners to admire the beauty of maple trees, at least before they cut them down to make turnings out of them.

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This photo is an image by “jcomp”, taken from the Freepik website. It can be found [here](#). More bonus points to the turner who can identify the specific type of maple.

## Photo Credits

Thanks to Chris Palmer for photos from last month's meeting.

## Nova Woodturners' Guild — 2024/25 Executive

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A 'C' after a committee member's name indicates they are chair of that committee.

Position	<address>	Incumbent(s)	
<b>Executive</b>	<a href="#">executive</a> (sends the message to all executive positions on the list)		
<b>President</b>	<a href="#">president</a> (or) <a href="#">pres</a>	Bob Earle	
<b>Vice President</b>	<a href="#">vice-president</a> (or) <a href="#">vp</a>	Bill Maes	
<b>Secretary</b>	<a href="#">secretary</a>	Calum Ewing	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<a href="#">treasurer</a>	Dave McLachlan	
<b>Director at Large</b>	<a href="#">director-at-large</a>	vacant	
 <b>Committees</b>			
<b>Library</b>	<a href="#">library</a>	Jim Diamond	C
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="#">webmaster</a>	Richard Ford	C
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