

# The Turning Point

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**June Meeting**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Shape Challenge Pieces Due**

**Guild BBQ  
August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mark Your  
Calendar!**

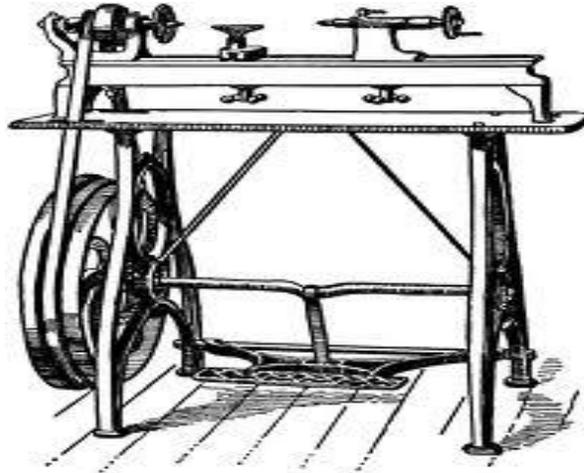


**The Next NWG Meeting is June 18th**

**The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is  
June 18th at Kent Dartmouth at 6:30pm  
Go to page 11 for more info on the meeting topic!**

## From The President's Workshop

Don Moore



This will be my final submission to our newsletter as your President. It has been a privilege for me to do so and to be involved with the evolution of our Guild. As President, the first things I appreciated were the other members who also choose to participate, as it becomes so evident that this is definitely a team effort. This diversity is what creates the atmosphere for inspiration and development. I was more than fortunate to be working with the special group of woodturners that make up this year's Executive, especially under the circumstances that I found myself in during the past two years.

*“At our AGM we will be voting on another motion of the advancement of our Guild...”*

At our AGM we will be voting on another motion of the advancement of our Guild, as we apply for entry into the AAW as a Chapter Member. This is very important in many respects. However, the one that is most significant, to me personally is the aspect of securing liability insurance for our Executive and demonstrators. It is most important that we show due diligence in this regard with the world we presently find ourselves living in.

At the time of this writing we are still looking for members to show interest in the future of our Guild by submitting their name as a candidate for this coming year's leadership. We need you... It is a wonderful way to truly get to know fellow turners with the camaraderie and the fine dining helps too... The motto of the current “Events Committee” has always been “It's all about the Food”. **“Come join the fun!”**

We also have the final “Shape Challenge” of the year, with Dianne's request to see your “Eggs”. If you think Dianne had fun fondling the shaped bowls at our past shape challenges, you don't want to miss this month's “Egg Shape Challenge”.

If there is a certain aspect of turning that you would like to see covered during the upcoming season, or another Woodturner visit to have workshops and seminars, etc., please submit this at the AGM, either orally during the meeting or by writing your request via email or hand presentation to a member of the Executive.

Until then, keep your bevel rubbing,  
Don

## Vice-President's Report

Dianne Looker

This is a very exciting time for our Guild. Earlier this year we voted to become a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). The key benefit of this move is to ensure that those who serve the Guild as key executive members are covered in terms of liability insurance. There are, of course, other potential benefits – increased visibility of the Guild and increased awareness of our Guild members of the many activities of the AAW and other AAW chapters. Becoming a chapter also makes us eligible for various grants from the AAW.

Once the membership voted in favour of this step, in principle, it fell to the executive to make the necessary changes to our By-laws so that the formal application for Chapter status can be submitted to the AAW. These changes have to satisfy the requirements of both the Registry of Joint Stocks here in Nova Scotia and the AAW. The By-laws Committee drafted these changes, which have been accepted by the executive. Once that approval had been given, the draft By-laws were sent to the AAW for informal confirmation that their requirements had been met. This confirmation has been received.

This means we are set to formally approve the changes to our By-laws at the June meeting. Once the membership approves the changes, we can submit the revised By-laws to both the Registry of Joint Stocks and the AAW. The draft By-laws have been circulated to all members via email. I would encourage you to examine them prior to the June meeting.

If there are any questions or concerns that can be addressed before that meeting, please contact me at [dianne.looker@msvu.ca](mailto:dianne.looker@msvu.ca). I will do my best to answer your questions.

In terms of other issues, I confess I have done virtually no woodturning over the last couple of months. Other than making a few garden tools for friends, I have not even turned on my lathe. However, I have a grand excuse. I've been travelling. I am currently in Ontario at conferences – hardly exciting in the grander scheme of things, but for several weeks in May I was in much more exciting locales. I spent about 10 days in Turkey and another ten in Greece. I saw ruins and artifacts dating from three thousand years BC – that's five thousand years ago!!! I walked where Anthony and Cleopatra walked; I saw views seen by the Ottomans and Romans and ... I explored an underground city that went eight stories below the earth; churches carved from the rock; palaces with elaborate tile decorations, with residences for an extensive harem. I saw what was purported to be the sword of David, and even the staff with which Moses parted the sea. I saw the mask of Agememnon, in solid gold, that covered his face in death. I saw carvings made thousands of years ago by crafts workers I cannot imagine – carvings that struck me with their beauty and precision. I did not, of course, see much wood, which wood deteriorates over time. Nevertheless I found myself looking at pottery and marble and mosaics for patterns I could adapt to woodturning.

I am continuing to travel for the next while, so it's likely to be July (which, among other things will bring retirement for me ;-) before I get back to the workshop. I am very much looking forward to staying put for a while and having the time to, first, introduce a bit more order to the chaos that is my shop and then to have the time to play and explore techniques on my lathe. At the end of July I am off to Saskatchewan for a woodturning symposium and some hands on classes with Jimmy Clewes. But that is for another report.

I hope many of you are turning more than I've been able to lately. I look forward to seeing you in June and to our taking the exciting step of joining the AAW as a formal Chapter.

*"...we are set to formally approve the changes to our By-laws at the June meeting."*

## The Secretary's Quill

*Ted Monk*

Well, folks, this will be the last time that I will be speaking to you in the capacity of Guild Secretary. It has certainly been an enjoyable couple of years. I have got to know a lot of you a whole lot better, I've got to know some of the inner workings of the Guild and I'm leaving with the feeling of satisfaction that I have given a little something back to the Guild. Thanks for the opportunity.

I'd like to take this time to welcome in advance the incoming Secretary (whoever he or she may be) and to wish them the best of luck in their new role as well as to offer them any help that I can.

My wife and I were more than happy to see that the membership voted at the May meeting to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Guild BBQ. We had such a great time last year (was it that long ago?!) and we look forward to hosting this event again. See you all in August!

Take care, everyone!

## The Editors Desk

*Ted Monk*

First, I'd like to thank Robert Atkinson for doing the May meeting report in my absence. Thanks, Robert!

As this is the last Guild newsletter that I will be producing I'd also like to thank everyone for their support with this project over the past couple of years. I believe that we have created a newsletter that accurately chronicled through text and photo the Guild's meetings, its competitions, challenges, special projects, exhibitions, member's turnings, how-to's and more. Kudos to all involved!

As above, take care!

### Notice of motion, May 2012

Whereas it has been agreed in principle that the NWG apply to be formally recognized as a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, and whereas the requirement for such recognition requires a revision to our by-laws,

Be it resolved:

That the Executive of the NWG comprise (1) four Officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer), (2) the chairs of all Standing Committees, and (3) additional Guild members to serve as members at large, to a maximum of fifteen Executive members.

That a quorum at any executive meeting be 50% plus 1 of the total number of executive members in that year, so long as two of the four Officers are present.

That the circulated By-laws be approved.

Note that any material in our current by-laws that is not in the proposed draft, but which is ongoing policy, will be included in a separate document on Guidelines and Policies. The point is to word the motions and the by-laws so they meet the legal requirements of both the AAW and the Nova Scotia Joint Stocks Board.

*"Notice of motion..."*

**Events Committee Report** *Robert Atkinson*

This is my last report as Chairman of the Events Committee and I find it hard to believe that two years have gone by so quickly. The members of the Committee have improved the process of our competition and exhibitions with each passing year and I am sure this will continue with our new Committee members. I would like to thank Dan Graham and Ted Monk for all their work and support over the past few years as they, as well as myself, will be leaving the Committee as of the AGM.

As of the AGM our Events Committee will consist of: Edmund Benoit, Calum Ewing, Bill Luther, Gordon Marshall, Don Moore and Peter Nicholl. As per our policy they will meet and select a Chairman from among themselves. I welcome the new members to the Committee and I am sure the Guild will provide them with any assistance they require, as they go about their duties.

Robert Atkinson  
Events Committee Chairman

*“I welcome the new members to the Committee...”*

**Library Report – Books & Videos** *Richard Ford*

DATE	NAME	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
19. Apr. 2010	Alan Hun	Turning Wood with Richard Raffan	
16. Apr. 2012	Bill Fisher	Segmented Turning (2 DVD Set)	Curt Theobald
21. May. 2012	Bill Luther	Turning Pens and Pencils	Christensen/Burningham
21. May. 2012	Brian Sharp	Woodturning Techniques	Woodturning Magazine
17. Oct. 2011	Calum Ewing	The Art of Turned Bowls	Richard Raffan
16. Apr. 2012	Calum Ewing	Beneath The Bark	Christensen / Nish
16. Apr. 2012	Chris Palmer	Turned Boxes 50 designs	Chris Stott
21. May. 2012	Dave Duggan	Illustrated Woodturning Techniques	John Hunnex
21. May. 2012	Don Campbell	Useful Woodturning Projects	Woodturning Magazine
21. May. 2012	Don Campbell	Turning Practical Items	Dick Sing
21. May. 2012	Doug McGuire	Fixtures and Chucks	Clarence Green
16. Apr. 2012	Ian Scott	Fun At The Lathe	R. C. Bell
16. Apr. 2012	Peter Nicholl	Multi-Center Woodturning	Ray Hopper
21. May. 2012	Ralph Kennedy	Turning Wood	Richard Raffan
21. May. 2012	Ralph Kennedy	Ellsworth On Woodturning	

**Annual General Meeting – June 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**

The Guild is in need of a President, a Secretary and members for the Newsletter, Events and Membership Committees for the 2012 – 2013 season.

If you have an interest in any of these positions please contact the present position holders or Jim Diamond for more information.

Please get your nominations in to Jim Diamond ASAP!

Folks, please give this some serious thought.  
We obviously need these positions filled!

## The May 2012 Meeting – Texturing

Robert Atkinson

Dianne Looker brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and passed out to all members present a copy of “ Notice of Motion, May 2012 “. She stated that the motion will come before the membership at the AGM to be voted upon. She then proceeded to explain that these changes are necessary for us to become a chapter of the AAW. There was discussion on such things as: this doesn't this doesn't change our name, provides us with liability insurance and showed what our structure will now become.

Dianne announced that our Second Annual NWG BBQ will be held on the 18 of Aug 2012 at the home of Debbie and Ted Monk. A call of hands was asked for those who planned on attending and 10 of the 14 present indicated they would be there. Further information will be forth coming in the future, but do mark the date on your calendar now.

Jim Diamond, from the Nominating Committee informed us that there are still opening for various positions for the upcoming year. They are President or Vice President (Dianne Looker will take one or the other, so you get to choose which one you want), Secretary and Newsletter Committee. These are all important positions that need to be filled in order to make our Guild work efficiently. If you would like to put your name forward for one of these positions or get more information please contact Jim Diamond at [zsd@alumni.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:zsd@alumni.uwaterloo.ca).

Doug McGuire along with his assistant, gave a demonstration on texturing with a chatter tool and the Decorating Elf from Henry Taylor. As there was a small group Doug had everyone come around the lathe so they could see much better and have a chance to actually try using the tools after he demonstrated them. Several members were bold and took advantage of the opportunity to play. Doug stressed that there are many variables to get the effect you want; such as the hardness of the wood, speed of the lathe, type of end on the chatter tool and the length of the exposed cutter. Jim Diamond was so impressed with his creation he parted it off and took it home. I'm sure his wife will appreciate his lovely creation and reward him with a new tool. Many thanks to Doug for an interesting demonstration on texturing.

For Show and Tell Richard Ford showed his modification of Don Moore's bar used in offset turning and mounted in a chuck. As Richard had concerns for the stress on the jaws of the chuck and the possibility of the piece flying out of the chuck if the jaws loosen off (where is his sense of adventure), he addressed these concerns with his patent pending off set turning device. He also showed a hanging plant holder he had turned and which the customer was coming to pick up tomorrow. Robert Atkinson showed two pieces that had had holes and cracks filled with a mixture of epoxy and freshly ground coffee beans. Also the larger ash bowl, which had been turned green and greatly distorted while on the lathe overnight was brought back into shape using Don Moore's tip of a few meeting ago. This was filling it with shavings, adding some water and putting it in a plastic bag for a few days for the wood to take the moisture back into the cells. Next time I would turn the bowl upside down once in the bag, as the water did stain the bottom of the bowl a bit.



Doug McGuire



Some Texturing

The May 2012 Meeting – Texturing

...continued



Members Trying Texturing Techniques



Doug Presenting The Elf



Robert Atkinson Showing His Technique!



And Richard Ford Showing His!



Lathe Repair Work?



Yep, Repair Work...

The May 2012 Meeting – Texturing

...continued



Coloured Texturing



Thanks, Doug, Great Presentation!



Show & Tell – Robert Atkinson



Show & Tell – Richard Ford



Show & Tell – Richard Ford



Show & Tell – Robert Atkinson

The May 2012 Meeting – Texturing ...continued



Show & Tell – Ash Bowl



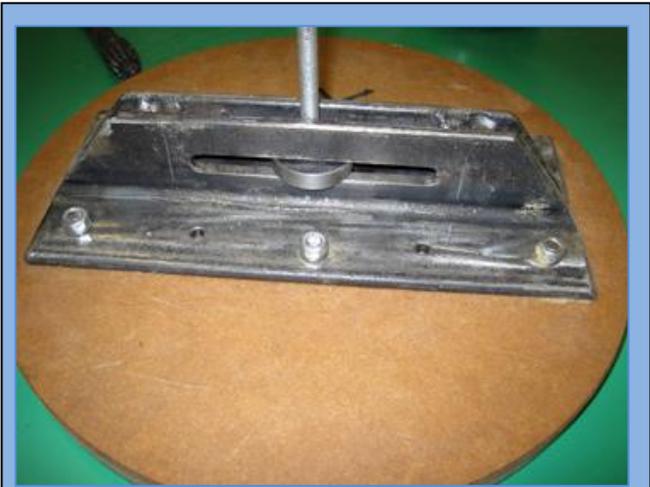
Show & Tell – Coffee Bean Infused Bowl



Show & Tell – Hanging Plant Holder



Show & Tell – Off Center Jig



Show & Tell – Another View Of Jig



Show & Tell Pieces

## NWG Meeting Calendar 2011-2012

Date	Subject	Location/Time
September 19, 2011	Multi-Axis Eccentric Turning - Don Moore Shape Challenge III Introduction - Dianne Looker Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
October 17, 2011	Bandsaw Epoxy Technique - Dianne Looker Show & Tell Fun Turn Wood Pickup	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
November 21, 2011	Stuart Taylor - Hollow Turning Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
December 12, 2011	Christmas Social Shape Challenge III Show & Tell Show & Tell	HFX Specialty Hardwoods 6:30-8:30
January 16, 2012	Woodturning Safety - Dan Graham Pen Turning 102 - Ian Scott Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
February 11, 2012	Annual Nova Woodturning Guild Competition	Lee Valley 1:00-5:00
March 19, 2012	The Annual NWG Fun Turn Competition Entries Show & Tell Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
April 16, 2012	Woodturning Techniques - Don Moore Shape Challenge IV Introduction - Dianne Looker Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
May 21, 2012	Texturing - Doug McGuire Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30
June 18, 2012	Annual General Meeting Shape Challenge IV Show & Tell Show & Tell	Kent Dartmouth 6:30-8:30

More information on each meeting will be in the preceding month's newsletter.

### Important Dates

- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting and Shape Challenge IV pieces are due
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Guild BBQ and Fun Day
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – The 2012-2013 NWG meeting season begins!
- November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – The Moncton Woodshow

## The June 2012 Meeting – June 18th

### Annual General Meeting

The Guild's Annual General Meeting takes place tonight. In addition to voting in new Executive members there will also be a vote regarding our by-laws. Important stuff! Be there!

Be sure to attend to exercise your democratic right!

### Show & Tell -Shape Challenge IV

Shape Challenge IV was presented to the Guild a few months ago by Dianne Looker. Now is the time to bring in your EGGcellent pieces for this fun and exciting session!

The previous Shape Challenges were all very popular events and we expect this one to be even better! The theme is 'eggs', a shape that looks simple but can be tricky to get EGGsact.

Haven't started yours yet? Better scramble! The timer is running out.

Templates are available here: <http://tinyurl.com/d5rjqa2>. (Feel free to poach other ideas...)

Bring your item hidden in a bag until show time...

### Meeting Show & Tell

You are encouraged to bring along a piece or two that you recently completed, something you are having a problem with, a new tool, a handy jig, a tip or anything that would be of interest to the other members. We love to see and hear what you have been up to!

There will also be more great items for the Raffle! Remember to bring a loonie or two!

Also, if you have any items to donate to this great cause please bring them in!

**The June 18th, 2012 Guild meeting is at Kent Building Supplies 6:30 – 8:30**  
Kent is located at 35 Mic Mac Blvd. Dartmouth, NS B3A 4Y8.  
A map is located here - <http://goo.gl/maps/dZG8>

***It's going to be another great one. See you all there!***

**The Guild's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbeque And Fun Day**

**The Guild's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ & Fun Day**

will be held on

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

(mark your calendars now!)

If you were at last year's party then you know what a great time it was. If you weren't have a look at Page 20 of the September 2011 newsletter:

[http://novawoodturnersguild.com/newsletters/nwg\\_newsletter\\_2011\\_09.pdf](http://novawoodturnersguild.com/newsletters/nwg_newsletter_2011_09.pdf)

Some of the highlights were:

**Great food!**  
**Great conversation!**  
**Washer toss tournament!**  
**Tool exchange!**  
**Tool auction!**  
**Show and tell!**  
**Lots of Laughter!**  
**More Great food!**  
**And More Great food!**

And it will be this time too!

*More info to follow soon...*

## Shavings

### Turning Up A Storm!

Guild member Robert Atkinson noticed that, even though he used end sealer, a bunch of his Yellow Birch slabs were starting to check. Taking quick action and a lot of hard work he turned and cored over 40 bowl blanks!



### Woodturning Safety

Here are a couple of links to some articles on safety in woodturning:

<http://bit.ly/L7K5YP>

<http://bit.ly/lmAApQ>

### From Sussex & I Know It

A group of teens from Sussex, New Brunswick say they're blown away by the success of a school project that they posted online.

The four-minute video called 'From Sussex and I Know It' is a parody of life in the community. It's been viewed on YouTube more than 110,000 times and climbing!

<http://bit.ly/K1gQ6s>

### Woodturner's Fear Factor

Lyle Jamieson's article, Woodturner's Fear Factor, written for the Winter 2006 issue of American Woodturner revisits his original article 'Five Ways To Avoid A Catch'. It offers great visuals in explaining the cause of catches and how to avoid them. You can download here at <http://bit.ly/L1xm9A>

### How To Turn A Pen

Woodturningz (<http://woodturningz.com>), a popular pen kit supplier, has created a short video showing how to turn a pen. Though it has been speeded up and is only six minutes long it offers all the steps that you need to create a pen. It's informative and entertaining! Check it out at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ET32hEeiU>

*Do you have any 'Shavings' that you'd like to share? How about a cool woodturning website or video that you found? Perhaps you have something for sale that the other Guild members would be interested in? How about a humorous anecdote or a turning tip? If you do, please send them along to [tedmonk@gmail.com](mailto:tedmonk@gmail.com)*

## The Turning Point

The purpose of the Official Journal of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is to keep you updated on the various aspects of the Guild, to announce upcoming meetings and to keep record of past meetings. In addition, and more importantly, its purpose is as a vehicle to share information among the Guild members.

It is through the sharing of information and ideas that the true benefit of being a Guild member is determined.

This newsletter gives the opportunity for you to do that.

Please submit articles, how-to's, photos, humour, interesting tidbits, reviews, items for sale, items wanted, helpful jigs that you've made, thoughts, ideas, observations, websites, videos and anything else related to woodturning.

We need your input to make The Turning Point a success.

Don't worry if you don't consider yourself a 'writer'. This is not about how great you can write (look what we're getting away with! 😊), it's about getting the information out there. Type it as you speak it. If it needs editing we can edit it for you. No submission is too large or too small. We'll take it all! 😊

Please send your submissions to Ted Monk at [tedmonk@gmail.com](mailto:tedmonk@gmail.com)

*Sharing is what a guild is all about!*

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success depends on  
YOU"*

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Please send any changes to [tedmonk@gmail.com](mailto:tedmonk@gmail.com)**

**Don't Forget - We're On The Web!**

**The Nova Woodturners' Guild website is a great  
place to connect between meetings!**

**It offers message forums, a member photo  
gallery, hints and tips, links and more!**

**<http://novawoodturnersguild.com>**

## Your 2011-2012 Guild Executive

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**Secretary:** Ted Monk

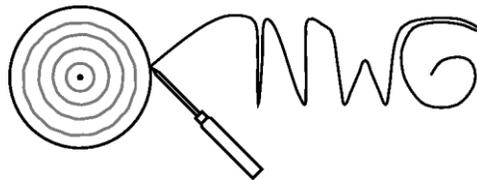
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Bill Luther



*“...to encourage and promote the art and craft of woodturning”*

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Ian Scott

Gary Landry

Gordon Marshall

Doug McGuire

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## Committees

### Library

Jim Diamond

Richard Ford

### Website

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Norm Jolivet

### Membership & Promotion

George Price

Gary Landry

### Fund Raising

Norm Jolivet (Raffle Master)

Bill Luther (Competition Prizes)

### Newsletter

Ted Monk

### Events

Don Moore

Robert Atkinson

Dan Graham

Gordon Marshall

Peter Nicholl

Ted Monk

### Insurance

Alan Hunt

Don Moore

Darrell Eisner

### Constitution & By-laws

Dianne Looker

Jim Diamond

### Guild Photographer

Chris Palmer

*“We would love to see your name here! Contact any member of the Executive with your interest.”*