

# The Turning Point

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Due to inclement weather and the poor timing thereof, our meetings in February were cancelled. Because of these unfortunate events, I humbly offer this smaller, lighter version of **The Turning Point**.

**Gheer up, Stuart's Truckload Sale is still on for Monday.**

*The next meeting of The Nova Woodturners' Guild is at  
Kent Building Supplies  
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.*

March 18, 2013 6:30pm

## The President's Workshop

Dianne Looker

**February Report of the NWG President, 2013.**

Spring, they say, is on its way. As I write this, it's still February and the wind is howling outside, with a blizzard raging. A good time to head out to the shop to turn.

The annual competition has come and gone. There were, as ever, some wonderful pieces. I am always amazed and impressed to see the variety. Unfortunately the blizzard prevented us from having our awards ceremony at the scheduled time, so we have to wait until our next meeting to see who won, and to give out the prizes for participation. The number of entries, both in terms of the number of people entering and the number of pieces, was down this year. Part of that may be due to the timing – so early in January after all that turning of gifts for the holidays, and also the fact that the entry time did not overlap a meeting date. We are working to fix the later problem for future years. And, we need to hear from those of you who decided not to enter, to find out why you made that decision. The more who enter, the richer and more varied the competition. (And, there are great prizes, just for entering! ;-)

Plans are firming up for Malcolm Zander from Ottawa to come in April. He is doing a demonstration on April 20, and a hands on April 21. So, mark those dates in your calendar.

We had a very successful turn out for the demonstration evening with Jimmy Clewes when he was here. And several of our members (myself included) participated in his hands on classes. It is great that we can work with Lee Valley to bring in these world class turners. I know I learned a lot during those sessions and I am sure others did as well. I was also quite unabashed about promoting the Guild during those sessions, so hopefully we will get a few new members.

Others promoted the Guild while staffing the booth and lathe at Lee Valley during all the turning events. Our heartfelt thanks to them. (I was to do that, but got storm stayed on the relevant day.) I know

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several people expressed interest in the Guild as they watched the chips flying.

As you know we changed our by-laws so we could become a Chapter of the AAW, mostly so we would qualify for their free of charge liability insurance. Things have become complicated around that. Their rates went up astronomically (from \$11,000 two years ago to a projected \$175,000 this year), so they are exploring alternate options – all of which will cost Chapters some yearly fee. I will be updating you as things become finalized. And this means that we have to look seriously at fundraising options to cover these additional costs.

One idea I've been toying with (but have not yet discussed with the executive) is to have a wine and cheese "reception" with a whole host of turned bowls made and donated by members. The price of entry would be set to cover the cost of a bowl – so everyone attending would take home a bowl. I've seen this sort of thing done with pottery – one buys a ticket and gets a bowl of soup, and gets to keep the bowl. One option for this would be everyone puts a number in a hat and the first person gets to choose the first bowl, etc. It's one idea for fundraising (and raising the profile of the Guild). We welcome others.

We have applied for some funding under the provincial government's program for assisting with the operating expenses of cultural organizations. It remains to be seen if we are successful in this. Clearly we need to do something to augment our income, if we can.

In the meantime, I plan to put my newly learned skills to the test by heading out the shop. I look forward to seeing the "show and tell" items from others of you at our next and future meetings.

Stay warm – and keep turning.  
Dianne Looker, President.

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## Jimmy Clews Seminar at Lee Valley

Lee Valley Tools played host to world renowned turner Jimmy Clews. All the seminars at Lee Valley sold out fast and his were no exception.

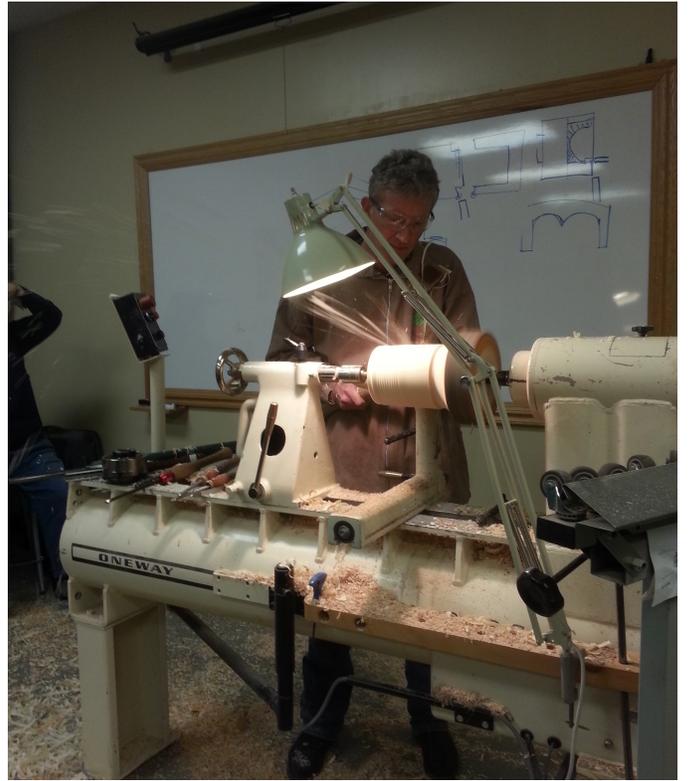
Here's a few photos, courtesy of **Bill Luther**, of our members happily making one heck of a mess while trying to apply the new ideas shown.

Jimmy wasn't shy about filling the place with shavings either. A lot of techniques were demonstrated and several full examples were turned to completion.

Photo ops with the guest of honour were popular too.



Jimmy Clewes Seminar at Lee Valley continued

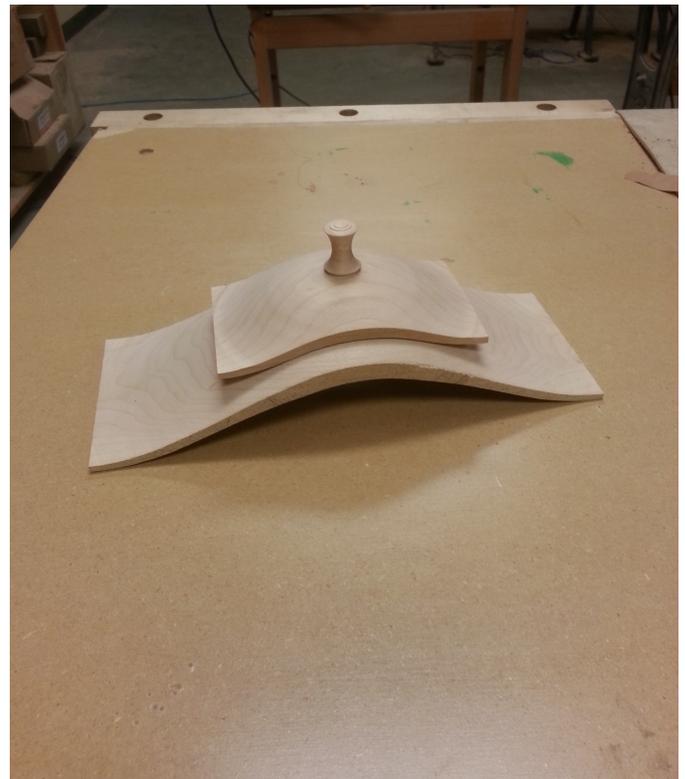


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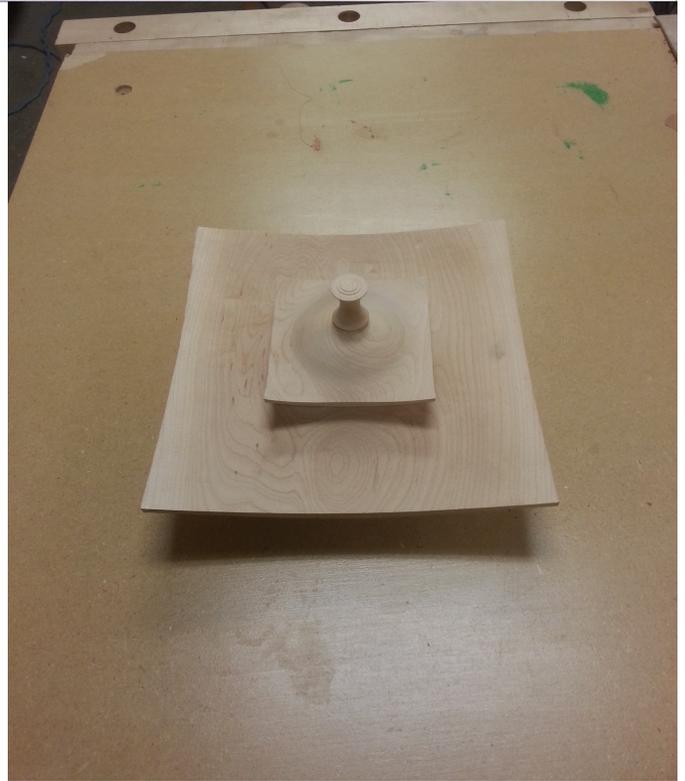


And what were the examples? Here's a few turned out in remarkably short time

Our thanks once again to Lee Valley Tools (Halifax) for hosting the Nova Woodturners Guild Woodturning Competition and for bringing Jimmy Clewes to Nova Scotia to share his skills and insight.



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From: Dianne Looker

Subject: Coloured rim platter

Hi all,

Those of you taking the course from Jimmy Clewes involving the rimmed platter will have noticed that he didn't show you how to do the colour.

If you took the course, you can still colour the rim if you (a) sand off the finish and then resand it to 400 grit, and (b) mask off the inside of the bowl with tape. (Normally you cut the inside after you colour the rim).

Sanding the existing rim to remove the finish is obviously easier if you leave the foot on and sand it on the lathe - which is why I'm having this note sent out now.

I know some of our members were disappointed that the platter they made at Jimmy Clewes' class was not coloured (especially since the ad said the workshop was for a coloured rim platter). I have taken Jimmy's class when he did do the colour and can possibly show people how to do that, if there is interest. I do have the notes.

I'll send the note out soon, so people who made the platter can remove the sealer and oil from the rim and colour it after the fact. (Few, if any, of us finished it by removing the foot, since we moved on to another project.) But I'd have to send the note out soon to stop the keeners from removing the foot.

Dianne

## NWG Buy Sell & Trade

From Guild Member **Darrell Eisner**,

I am looking to purchase some "angelique wood" used in the construction of the new Bluenose II. A number of cutoffs were given away in the summer/fall of 2011 and 2012 at the work site. If you know of anyone that would like to sell their extra wood then I would like to purchase it. If you are able to find any angelique wood I would be prepared to pay you. [bdeisner@eastlink.ca](mailto:bdeisner@eastlink.ca)

Halifax Specialty Hardwoods offers a 5% discount for Guild members.  
Wear your badge or show your membership card and save.

I plan on loading the truck for Monday's meeting no matter how cold it is.  
Stuart

Fresh green Cherry 'BLOCKS' in the round, approximately 16-18" long.  
Each block will make two bowls 11"-13", more if you use a bowl saver. \$20 each.  
2 blocks with burl features \$35.  
These blocks have been end sealed.  
Smaller round green Cherry in 4' lengths, 6"-8" diameter. \$20.  
4' length less than 6" diameter \$10.

Planning on 'truckload' sale in Kent's parking lot.



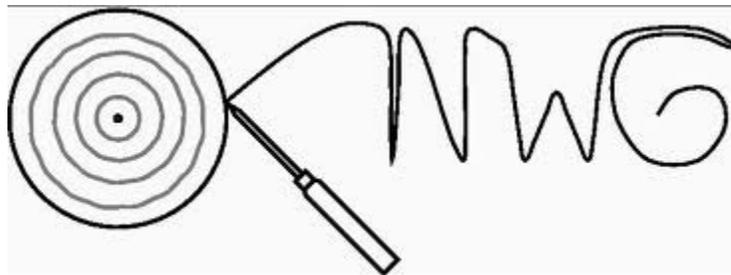
### THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1.) *You believe in Santa Claus.*
- 2.) *You don't believe in Santa Claus.*
- 3.) *You are Santa Claus.*
- 4.) *You look like Santa Claus*

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

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