



# The Turning Point

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**ALIAN MAILLAND**

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at  
Kent Building Supplies  
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.  
Sept. 15, 2014 6:30 pm.*

**The next meeting will feature  
Discussion on lathes  
and  
show and tell  
“What you turned this summer”**

## The President's Workshop

Dianne Looker

NWG President's report, September, 2014

Well, it's been a good summer for me, and hopefully for all of you as well. And it has flown by! I did get some turning done but, as ever, not as much as I had planned or hoped.

The executive met in June to plan the upcoming year's meetings and to deal with other issues. The Events Committee, headed by Brian Sharp, will be fine tuning the preparation for the "Everything about wood" part of the Home Show at Exhibition Park, Oct 3-5. We will be calling on members to staff the booth during that time and are hoping a few will do some demonstrations. Recently we were also notified that the Wood Show is coming back in November, so there will be another opportunity for showcasing the Guild then.

We will make a point of having a brochure ready for those events. We have also gotten information about ways to distribute brochures to provincial information centers. So, the brochure will be critical.

We are still hoping to find someone to spearhead the Mary Black exhibition. For different reasons both Ted and Don have had to step down from that, but the executive is committed to ensuring it happens.

Plans for bringing Binh Pho here are coming together. He will be coming to Ottawa, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Lee Valley has become more involved in the discussions and is considering having him do some workshops for them while he is here. If that happens, two things are likely to follow: one is that the time of the turning week/competition may be later – at the end of April, not February. And, we would make minor changes to what we have him do for us as a Guild (we don't need to replicate what he does for Lee Valley).

We are still looking for a better meeting place. We will be asking you in September how far you are willing to travel. As for the upcoming year, we will continue to have lots of informative demonstrations, the boomerang box and shape challenges, as well as the fun turn.

Looking forward to a good year – see you on September 15!

Dianne Looker, President.

*Plans for bringing  
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coming together.*

## Meeting Notes June 16, 2014

Dave Duggan



President **Dianne Looker** got the meeting started at 7:00 and asked if there were any guests with us, **Doug Allan** introduced himself as a beginner turner and was looking for membership. Dianne explained the library and what the Guild is all about. Doug will be with us for the upcoming year so when you see him say hello, and welcome aboard.

Dianne then thanked **Don Moore** and **Alain Mailland** for the demo on Sunday as well as **Stephen Zwerling** for the use of his shop and to **Peter Nicholl** for all the work setting it up. Hopefully Tuesday will prove to be a good day as well. Thanks to all for signing up and showing up. It was also noted for those attending the class that Alain will make the tools he uses for turning the flowers available for sale

at the end of the class.

There was a question of insurance raised but Dianne double checked and according to our representative we are covered when we visit another site under NWG business.

Member **Yogi Gutz** wanted to thank **Gordon Marshall** for his time on the sharpening course he attended and for the wealth of knowledge Gordon shared with the attendees. Thank you Gordon. A member making a surprise showing was **Stuart Taylor**. Stuart is back from a very serious injury and it is great to see him up and about so soon. Welcome back and keep getting well Stuart.

Our Boomerang Box was up next and the lucky winner was Gary Landry. Gary received a laminated mahogany vase turned by last month's winner **George LaFontaine**.

### AGM comes to order.

Dianne spoke of the items that were done over the past year and for some hopeful things to follow in the upcoming year. Dianne mentioned that Vice President **Gordon Marshall** is stepping down from his position but will continue as the "CEO" Chief Education Officer, and also **Peter Nicholl** who will be stepping down from the Events but will remain on the executive as the Treasurer. Dianne expressed her thanks to both of them for giving up their time.

The agenda was passed out and approved as is.

Approval of the minutes from 2013 AGM, motion to accept was made by **Norm Jolivet** and seconded by **Gil Pacheco**, motion carried.

The next order of business was the notice of motion regarding the members email list. The first motion was defeated as it did not allow for members that only wanted their email to be shared within the executive.

First motion " Any member in good standing can, on request, have a copy of the email addresses for all current members. Those receiving the list are responsible for ensuring it is not shared with any person or entity outside of the Guild." Motion by **Dianne Looker** and seconded by **Gil Pacheco** Motion defeated.

## Meeting Notes June 16, 2014

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A second motion allowing for a shared list and an executive only list was made.

"Any member in good standing may, on request, have a printed copy of the available addresses for current members. Those receiving the list are responsible for ensuring it is not shared with any person or entity outside of the Guild. Members can request that their email not be shared outside of the executive of the NWG." Motion made by Gil Pacheco and seconded by **Norm Jolivet**, motion carried.

Motion to accept the Library Report was made by **Dianne Looker** and seconded by **Yogi Gutz**, motion carried.

Motion to accept Website Report was made by **Dianne Looker** and seconded by **Gary Landry**, motion carried.

Motion to accept Newsletter Report was made by **Gary Landry** and seconded by **Calum Ewing**, motion carried.

Motion to accept Events Report was made by **Peter Nicholl** and seconded by **Robert Atkinson**, motion carried.

The financial report was not available due to unforeseen circumstances. An overview was given by **Peter Nichol**. A motion was made by **Dan Graham** and seconded by **Robert Atkinson** to have the full report given at an executive meeting within two weeks, motion carried.

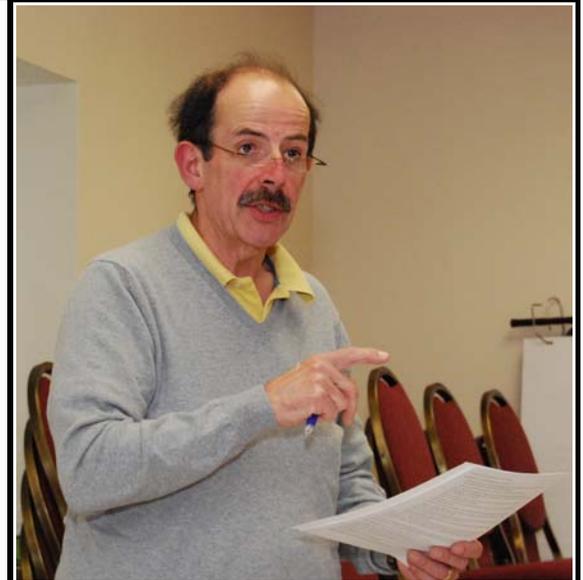
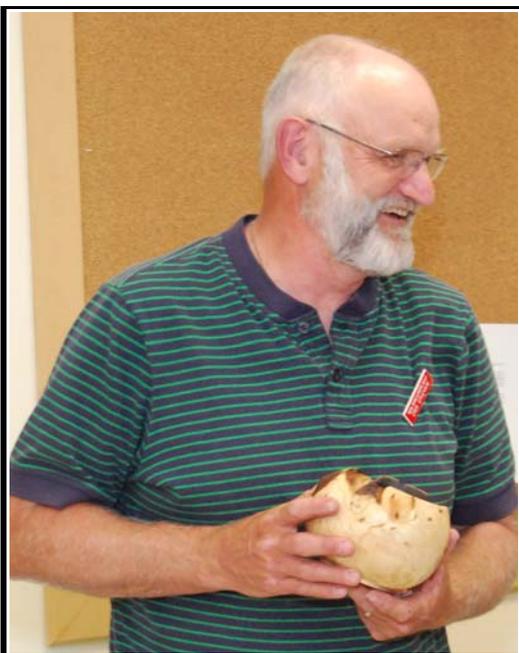
The Nominating committee report was given with a full slate of nominees except for the Chair of the Fundraising who is TBD at a later date. The President then asked three times for any further nominations from the floor, hearing none a motion was made by **Gary Landry** and seconded by **Gil Pacheco** to accept the nominations, motion carried.

The Raffle report was given with a motion to accept from **Norm Jolivet** and seconded by **Gary Landry**, motion carried.

All committee reports will be posted online.  
With no further business the business meeting was closed.

**Show and Tell:**

**Dan Graham** brought in a spruce burl bowl, with a number of coats of oil on the outside Dan decided to torch the inside but too much heat can make a round bowl go oval just ask Dan, or Robert who pointed it out to Dan.

*Gary Landry**Dan Graham***Photos by Chris Palmer**

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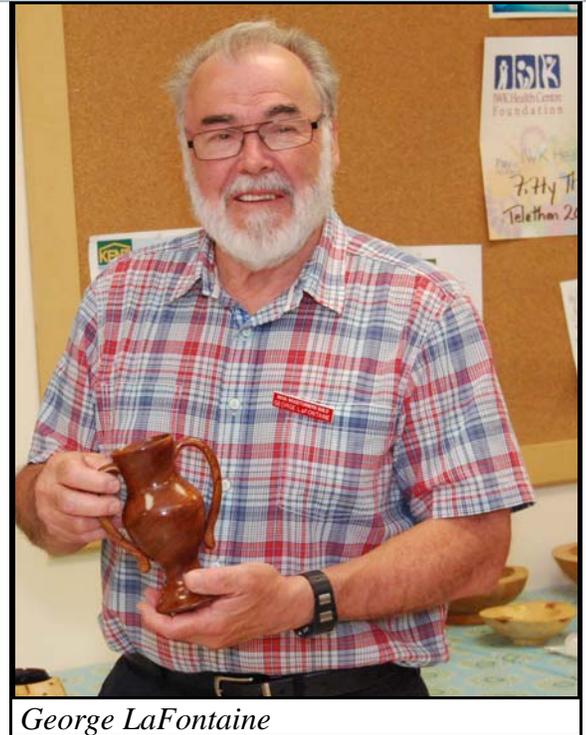
**George LaFontaine** brought in a laminated mahogany vase complete with handles, and a couple birds eye maple bowls finished with wipe on poly.

**Raffle:**

**Dan Graham** won twice along with **Yogi Gutz**, **Calum Ewing** and **Brian Sharp** who all received a bowl blank. The last draw winner was **Henderson Allen** who received some calibrated syringes.

It was a great annual meeting, 18 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Dave Duggan  
Secretary NWG

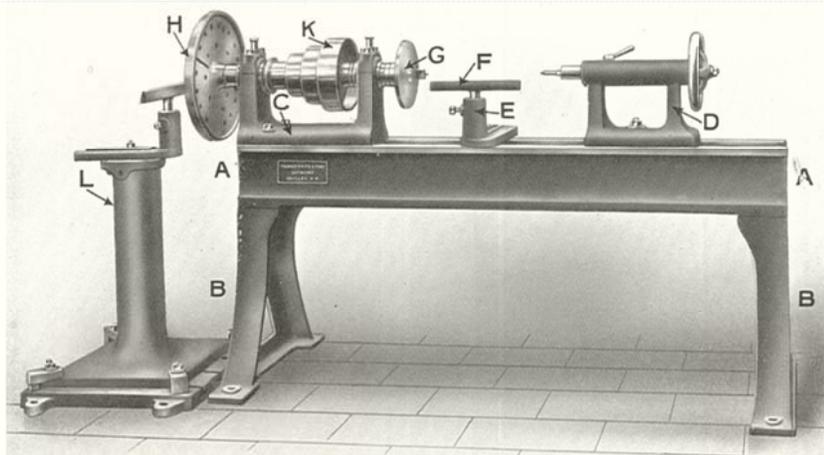


*George LaFontaine*

## Upcoming Events

Events Committees

Submission Deadline	Event Dates	Event Details
Sept 24, 2014	Oct 3-5, 2014, Oct 18th -Nov 2, 2014 Nov. 14 - 16, 2014	'Everything to do with Wood 'Show Swoon, Hammonds Plains, Grotesque East Coast Woodworking Show
Sept. 30, 2014	April 25 – 26, 2015 July 16 – Aug. 30, 2015	Guest Turner - Binh Pho Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax





## ***Dianne's further adventures in Woodturning***

*Photos provided by D. Looker*

On one of my last days for hanging about in Ottawa (Aug 16), I decided to take in an event sponsored by the Ottawa woodturners, rather than strain my bad back loading a U-Haul. So, I left others to do the loading and headed off into the wilds of the Ottawa countryside. A few wrong turns later, I eventually found the venue.

Someone had opened their huge workshop to the event. It's at least twice the size of mine – and complete with stained glass windows at one end and an extra wide side door that was outfitted with screens to keep the bugs out. Wow!



*Watching the spindle turning competition (that's me in the blue and white jacket by the door)*



*Lance Besarah demonstrating turning a green bowl*

I had missed the first demo (which started much too early – I am not a morning person and this was a 45 minute drive from the city), but I arrived in time for the second – by **Lance Besharah**. He was demonstrating turning a green bowl. He was very good at describing the cuts he was using. He mostly used one bowl gouge, alternating his cuts. He emphasized how one should move your body, not your arms to move the tool (and noted that, in his experience, women were more likely to do that than men ;-). Presumably men feel they can rely on their strength? Who knows.) He showed the cut that

would help save the bark, but cautioned that it is rare that it stays on. He ended up taking it off. Hollowing the inside, as others also advise, he worked slowly and carefully, finishing the thickness of the edge while leaving a solid unturned chunk in the middle. Then gradually moving inwards, while the center still supported the cuts. It's always good to be reminded of these things because, as he noted "you can't go back" – once the edge starts to flex, you can't refine it anymore! He assumed (correctly) that many of those in the audience wouldn't have a vacuum chuck, so he showed how you can reverse turn a bowl on a regular chuck (with some padding to protect the piece), held in place with the tail stock. Then parting to a fine nub, which can be cut off.



Like any woodworker I've met, he was quick to note that his bowl wasn't perfect – but not bad for a couple of hours, with frequent stops for explanations and answering questions.



*Turners doing the spindle challenge*

After a lunch and lots of visiting, they had their annual “spindle challenge”. They had four lathes (three smaller ones having been brought in for the occasion) and so four challengers at a time.

They were all given the same template – a moderately complicated spindle that looked like a railing in a staircase – complete with dimensions and thickness specifications. They had twenty minutes. It was good fun watching. The first four all approached it in different ways. Some started at one end; some at the other. Some would finish a section before starting the next while others worked at different components along the spindle. One (the fellow who did the

demo I missed) finished easily and was sanding his piece when the time ran out. Others got flustered every time the remaining minutes were called out, much to the amusement of their friends in the audience. After those four, there were two more contestants. One had recently learned off center turning so decided all along to start by turning the spindle off center rather than round. Needless to say this took some of the precious twenty minutes, but he had fun – and it was fascinating to watch.

People starting drifting off mid afternoon, the rain, which was getting heavier, discouraging further hanging about.

For me, it was good to consolidate my connections with people in their group, since we are hoping to do more co-operative ventures, such as bringing in **Binh Pho** next year. And, it was a great way to avoid loading a U-haul, which got loaded quite well without me.

All in all, a good day.



*Three Ottawa turners – Tony Ricard, their president in the middle – with the spindle challenge result*

## Annual General Meeting (The AGM)

### President's report to the AGM, June, 2014

Looking back, we have accomplished a lot this last year.

- We have joined the newly formed Canadian Society of Woodworkers, and thereby we have access to some affordable and fairly comprehensive liability insurance.
- We have been awarded an exhibition on "Wood Art" at the Mary Black gallery in 2015.
- We have started an interesting exchange of turned items with each other through the monthly "Boomerang Box" – an idea that has since been introduced into a woodturning club in Ottawa, and will soon be introduced to a Toronto club.
- We have coordinated a visit from **Binh Pho** in 2015 with the Newfoundland and Ottawa clubs. We will see how well something like that works out.
- And, of course, as I present this, we will have experienced a demo day with **Alain Mailland**. What an opportunity that has been!



*President Looker*

We had a very successful competition, with a wide range of entries, including some from non-members.

There are a number of interesting events coming up, including an "Everything about Wood" event that will be part of the Home Show in October.

We have had a number of new members join our Guild; hopefully we will continue to provide the kind of environment that attracts woodturners from around the area.

We have created a new "Events Committee" so that those involved in the yearly competition can focus on that and not be overwhelmed.

We still have not managed to find a better locale for our meetings. I and other members of the executive are continuing to work on that. We have discussed various fund raising and publicity generating ventures, but we are still fine tuning those. Finally, I am still hopeful that we will develop a brochure that we can distribute at various events.

We will be welcoming some new people to the executive, and thanking those who are stepping down from specific positions. It is the active involvement of members that keeps our Guild vibrant, and I want to thank all those who have served in various capacities this past year.

**Dianne Looker**

### Library

In the last year the library renewed GMC Woodturning (GBP 99.54 for 24 issues) and made modest additions to the books and video. We continue to subscribe to Woodturning Design (to be renewed some time in the next year) and the AAW Journal (to be renewed in November of this year).

Annoyingly, both Woodturning and Woodturning Design get renewed for a given number of issues, rather than an even number of years, so the renewal times keep changing.

The library continues to be a popular part of the Guild meetings.

Richard and I would like to reiterate that if you can recommend any books or videos which we do not have, and if you know where they can be purchased, we are happy to consider acquiring them (budget constraints notwithstanding).

As chair of the library committee, I would like to once again thank **Richard Ford** for taking on the role of acting co-librarian; the library has long since been too large for one person to deal with.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Diamond**

acting librarian for the last 17 years or so.

## Website

Website Committee Report 2014

The website continues to operate satisfactorily. Both the Hosting and the domain registration were renewed this year, at costs of \$178.20 and \$15 respectively (US dollars). The hosting charge is for 3 years, the domain registration is an annual charge.

Traffic has steady once again over the last year and the site continues to be well used by members at least as far as the newsletter and information about meetings is concerned. It would, however, be nice to see more members posting on the gallery and forum, both of which have gone somewhat stagnant in recent years ...

A number of current members made their initial contact through the webpage, as did a number of people with wood/other items for sale and requests for turning services, which have been forwarded to all guild members whenever possible.

Thanks to Norm for his work on the newsletter and forum, and to **Jim Diamond** for sorting out generic emails for the executive.

**Ian Scott**

## Newsletter

The Turning Point (Newsletter) Annual Report

The Turning Point generated no revenue for the guild but on the other hand it did not consume anything either. The newsletter remains an under utilized medium of publicly thanking our supporters, both corporate and private. The newsletter can only benefit from more input from the membership.

**Norm Jolivet**

## Membership

Report for 2013-14 from **Gary Landry**, Chair-Membership Committee  
Committee members are **Gary Landry** and **Norm Jolivet**

Activities for the year:

1- Once again, the Gaspereau Gazette published our PSA (October 2013). As a related result, the Gazette used pictures from our website (with permission from the Guild) in an article on woodturning and the practical and artistic results achieved.

2- Contact was made with the Arts reporter of the Chronicle Herald to see if she would like to interview **Alain Mailland** for inclusion in one of her columns. She was given Alain's website to preview his work and make an informed decision on coverage. As of this writing it is not known if she is interested or not.

3- A slate of volunteers was recruited and scheduled to staff the Guild's demo booth at Lee Valley during the annual Celebration of Turning in Nova Scotia. Of 40 potential slots the members filled 32 of them (two ending up being canceled due to a storm and the closure of the Lee Valley store). The participation of the Guild members is gratefully acknowledged.

4- Visitors were greeted at meetings and the function of the Guild explained to them. Dianne or Gordon formally introduced the visitors in front of the members present as a way of making the visitors feel welcome and encouraging them to consider becoming full members.

5- Name tags were ordered and distributed to those who were first-time, paid up members.

Submitted by **Gary Landry**, June 14, 2014

## **Fundraising**

The Raffle Annual Report May 2013 to May 2014

\$650.00 was collected in raffles and direct sales of items both purchased and donated. The cost of the items purchased was \$141.68 leaving \$508.32 given to general revenues of the guild.

**Norm Jolivet**

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 GUILD MEETING YEAR**

### **EXECUTIVE:**

President – Dianne Looker

Vice President – David McLachlan

Secretary – Dave Duggan

Treasurer – Peter Nicholl

Past President – Don Moore

Members-at-Large – Ian Scott and Gary Landry

### **COMMITTEES:**

Events Committee – Brian Sharp and David McLachlan

Competition Committee – Calum Ewing (elected previously for multi-year term) and Edmund Benoit

Library – Jim Diamond (Richard Ford volunteered to assist)

Website – Ian Scott (Norm Jolivet volunteered to assist)

Membership and Promotion – Gary Landry (Norm Jolivet volunteered to assist)

Nominations – To be determined during the 2015 calendar year

Newsletter – Norm Jolivet

Fundraising – Norm Jolivet (Raffles)

Photographer – Chris Palmer

## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 15, 2014	Discussion on lathes, big show and tell of what you turned over the summer	Kent Building Supplies Mic Mac Mall
October 20, 2014	Design - Head to paper to lathe.	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 17, 2014	Coloring /Dyeing.(Shape challenge)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 15?, 2014	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd Bedford
January 19,2015	Photography./Shape challenge	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
February ?, 2015	Turning Days @ Lee Valley Awards Day	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 16, 2015	Fun Turn and Competition pieces.	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 20, 2015	Turning materials other than wood. (Shape challenge)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
May 18, 2015	Insurance and your shop An Insurance Broker	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
June 15,2015	AGM	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall

### The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet

We had 6 draws in the Raffle at the June meeting with a donation of bowl blanks from **Stewart Taylor**. There were 25 members in attendance.

Next meeting, in addition to the regular, irregular raffle, I will have 2oz. (60mL) syringes available. These are brand new, sealed and sterile. These units have a long tip and are perfect for dealing with oils, thinner, varnish, finishing products, getting the gas out of the lawnmower etc. and at \$1 / two, cheaper than the pharmacy.

Amazing what gets donated!

Norm,  
jolivetn@yahoo.ca  
Hey, you could even phone me! 902-354-2165



## Guest Turner – Alain Mailland France

Dave Duggan



Just a few thoughts to share on **Alain Mailland's** visit here in June. I found Alain to be very professional, and in control of his tools, showcasing his confidence gained through many years of practice in the trade.

Alain demonstrated three turned items at the seminar. The first was his famous flower made from the pistachio root that is grown in France; the second, a tubular flower that had a leaf or cap attached. The flower was produced by cutting the top almost all the way through but then peeling it back and tying it to the chuck so he would be able to hollow out from the top down. The third was an offset turning where he turned what he called a nesting of hollowed forms. Three hollows on one piece of wood, very thin walls inside, as none of the hollows connected.



*"Root-flower" in progress*

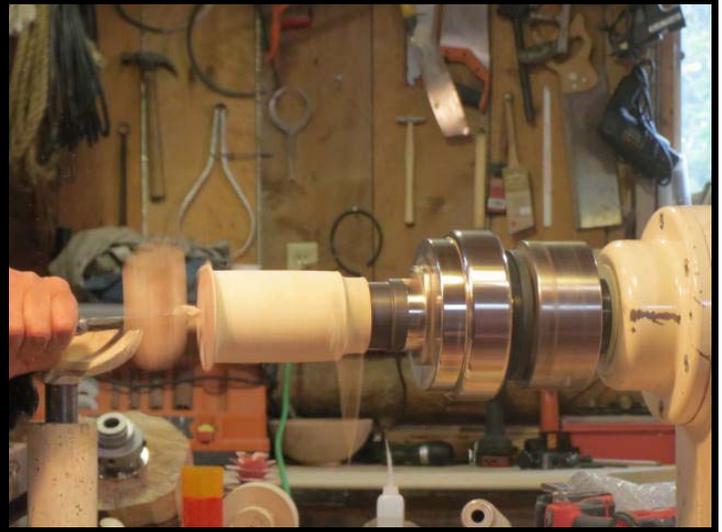


*Root-flower*

Alain was forced to carry out the two day workshop somewhat challenged as his had broken his glasses on his way to Canada and the US. To add to that challenge was the fact that his suitcase equipped with all the tools he needed, not to mention his clothing, was misdirected by the airline along the way. Thanks to **Don Moore** and **Stephen Zwerling** who stepped up with some clothes and tools Alain was able to continue.

Guest Turner – Alain Mailland France

Dave Duggan



## Guest Turner – Alain Mailland France

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The second day of the class was hands-on and, luckily, Alain's tools had arrived. In this session, we were required to attempt his famous "root flower". The root is from the pistachio tree and for this project must be turned wet or fresh. The roots were shipped here from France in water to be ready for us. This root is very soft and has the consistency and texture of a turnip. Specialty tools are needed for this as the whole leaf from the stem to the tip is shaped at the same time. Alain has developed and perfected this arched tool tip over the years, and I believe the Guild has purchased a set for our own tool box. The leaves are turned to less than a millimeter in thickness to encourage movement. With a little snipping and sanding the flower is complete. It all sounds easy but it took pretty much all day for each of us to make two.

## Guest Turner – Alain Mailland France

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While Alain's turning skills are quite evident, he admits that he is sometimes looked at as a professional sander. The forms he creates at his professional shop in France are labor intense, time consuming, and skillful. Everything he does starts out on the lathe, and is carved and may even return to the lathe.

Alain is truly an artist worth meeting and talking with. All in all it was a great two days.

A very sincere thanks to **Stephen Zwerling** for the use of his shop on both days, and also to **Don Moore** for the time spent hosting Alain during his visit.

Dave Duggan

**PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DAVE DUGGAN AND CHRIS PALMER**

## Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2014/15 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?
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	executive	(sends the message to all positions on the list)	
<b>President</b>	president	Dianne Looker	
<b>Vice President</b>	vice-president	David McLachlan	
<b>Secretary</b>	secretary	Dave Duggan	
<b>Treasurer</b>	treasurer	Peter Nicholl	
<b>Members at Large</b>	members-at-large	Gary Landry Ian Scott	
<b>COMMITTEES</b>			
<b>Library</b>	library	Jim Diamond Richard Ford	<b>C</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	webmaster	Ian Scott	<b>C</b>
<b>Website Forum</b>		Norm Jolivet	
<b>Membership &amp; Promotion</b>		Gary Landry Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	<b>C</b>
<b>Events</b>	events	Brian Sharp Dave McLachlan	<b>C</b>
<b>Competition</b>		Calum Ewing Edmund Benoit	<b>C</b>
<b>Guild Photographer</b>		Chris Palmer	
<b>Fund Raising</b>			<b>C</b>
		Norm Jolivet (Raffles)	
<b>Nominating</b>			<b>C</b>



# NOVA WOODTURNERS' GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(AMENDED 2014)

YEAR 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ (if a past member)

In which of the following committees would you be interested in participating:

Events     Membership     By-Laws     Website     Library

Nominations     Newsletter     Meeting Presentations     Executive

***A complete application for membership includes signing the following waiver:***

I understand that the use of a lathe and or other tools can be dangerous during use and during demonstration. I will take all precautions for my own safety including but not limited to removing myself from a dangerous situation, providing my own eye and ear protection, providing my own face shield and/or dust mask, and wearing various protective clothing as I deem required and/or necessary. Should I incur any injury to my person or my property while attending any Nova Woodturners' Guild function including but not limited to meetings, demonstrations or exhibitions, I fully understand and acknowledge that the Nova Woodturners' Guild, its Executive Members, demonstrators, instructors or other members will not be held responsible and are not responsible to me or to my estate.

I understand that my address, phone number and email address will be made available to the executive and committees of the Nova Woodturners' Guild and that any member in good standing may, on request, have a printed copy of the available email addresses for all current members (except those who have requested it not be shared). Those receiving the list are responsible for ensuring it is not shared with any person or entity outside of the Guild.

In witness thereof, I enclose cash or a check made payable to the Nova Woodturners' Guild and in the amount of **\$40.00**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do **NOT** share, other than with the NWG executive and committee members, my:

Email address     Telephone number     Mailing address