



The Turning Point

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Binh Pho Bowl to be raffled off.



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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at
 Kent Building Supplies
 Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.
 June 15, 2015 6:30 pm.*

**The next meeting will feature
 The Annual General Meeting
 (AGM)**

The President's Workshop

Dianne Looker

May 2015 President's Report

Another very full month! The very successful competition wound up and then, like me, many of you turned (so to speak) to putting finishing touches on the pieces you designed for the Mary E. Black exhibition.

We had over forty pieces submitted for the exhibition. The jurors met at Lee Valley on Monday, May 25 and selected twenty-nine pieces by fifteen members for display at the Mary E. Black Gallery. **Dave McLachlan** organized the photography for May 27; **Steve Farmer** did the photography. I have yet to see the results, but I know it will be amazing. We certainly had some amazing pieces submitted. I was very pleased with the range of works submitted and **Shannon Parker**, the curator for the exhibition, was and is very excited. It is coming together folks!

Thanks are due not only to the committee, which has been working diligently on your behalf, but also to **Lee Valley**, for letting us store the pieces submitted for the exhibition there, and for letting us use the seminar room for the jurying day and the photography. Much appreciated. And of course, our appreciation goes to the jurors (**Steven Kennard**, **John MacNab** and **Jeff Cowling**), and to **Shannon Parker** for choosing the pieces for the exhibition – not an easy task, I suspect. We will be working with Shannon and with **Susan Charles** at the Mary E. Black Gallery to fine tune details throughout June and into July. The exhibition itself runs from July 16 – August 30, so do tell your family, friends and neighbours.

The saga of getting the wood from Vintage Flooring is almost at an end. We managed to get the wood, sort the wood, and distribute it. There are a few loose ends (so to speak) to clear up, but I think we can call that task done – and a success. Thanks to those who brought trucks, and those who came to help sort. Special thanks to **Henderson Allen** for letting us use his space to do the sorting.

In other news, two members have agreed to let their names stand for Secretary (**Dave Barry**) and Treasurer (**Brenna Swinamer**). Many thanks to them. We now have a full slate of nominees for next year – and, of course, always welcome others who might like to let their name stand for any position.

I myself am unable to attend the June 15 meeting. I will be reoffering as President, but I sincerely hope this is my last year. I and other executive members will be submitting year end reports for the Annual General meeting that will be held at the June meeting. Do read them ahead of time, if you can.

June will also (hopefully) see the shape challenge results. There was a mix-up for the February meeting, when it was originally due. So, even if you have brought yours in before, please bring it to the June meeting. It's the "Diablo box" shape.

I am not planning any trips to symposia in the near future – I can't attend the AAW since I will be away, in Ireland. But while in Ireland I plan to spend a day with Liam O'Neil, who has a shop near Galway. Who knows what mischief we will concoct...

After that I am looking forward to spending much of summer at home, in the Gaspereau Valley. Maybe even do some woodturning while I am at it.

And of course, my partner, Ray and I will be getting ready for you all to come to the summer barbecue we will be hosting on August 22. Please plan to come – and write it in your calendar. See you in August – and September.

Dianne

Meeting Notes May 11, 2015

Dave Duggan

Introduction

The May meeting of the Nova Woodturners Guild came to order right on time with President **Dianne Looker** making the evenings announcements. Dianne asked about the new faces in the crowd. **Brenna Swinamer** introduced herself as a turner of four years and has decided to join us on a regular basis. **Jonathan Hall** also stopped by for a meeting. Jonathan has no experience as a turner but wanted to see what was going on. Hope you enjoyed yourself and maybe we'll see you again for another meeting.

Binh Pho tickets are now on sale. During Binh's visit at the hands on sessions Binh made a bowl in the style that has made him famous. The bowl is thin wall turned, pierced and air brushed. Binh asked that this bowl be raffled off in support of the guild. A limited number of tickets will be sold (150) \$10 each or 3 for \$25, the draw will be made at the Christmas social in December with the bowl going to the lucky winner.

Thanks to **Calum Ewing** and the committee for all the work they have done for the Lee Valley turning days it was a great success. Calum handed out the trophy plates to the winners, if you won a trophy and did not receive the plate for attaching to the trophy please contact Calum at calumewing@eastlink.ca

also if you received a gift certificate from Woodturningz.com in your participant package please contact Calum for your code to activate it. Calum thanked all that staffed the booth and took in the hands on with Binh Pho. We also purchased 2 videos from Binh for our library for members to enjoy.

Mary E. Black entries were excepted at the meeting and can be dropped off at Lee Valley anytime before May 22, 2015 by 6:00 pm. If you have a very delicate entry or are very nervous about it you can bring it to Lee Valley between 9:30 and 10:00 in person on May 25, 2015 but please let the committee know because all paper work has to be in by May 22, 2015. Contact Dianne at dianne.looker@msvu.ca for information.

Secretary and Treasurer positions are still needed for the upcoming year, if you are able please put your name forward as these positions are critical. Please contact **Gary Landry** at lglm1974@gmail.com and let him know.

The shape challenge is due at the June meeting. This has been postponed for sometime as the schedule had changed quite a bit. (Diabolo Box)

Boomerang Box

The Boomerang Box was up next and the winner was **Norm Jolivet**, Norm received a beautiful laser engraved pen turned by **Edmund Benoit** and Norm will bring in next month's turning.

There are plans for a bar-b-que this summer. President **Dianne Looker** and partner **Ray** have volunteered to have it at their home in the Gaspereau Valley outside of Wolfville. Details to follow.



Meeting Notes continued

Dave Duggan

Featured Topic

Stephen Zwerling was the guest speaker for the evening and the topic was **When Metal Meets Wood**. Stephen explained there are a number of things or goals a turner should be concerned with while turning. First is the quality of surface. This should be a turner's number one goal. This is partially achieved by proper sharpening, Stephen suggests that he can teach anyone proper sharpening techniques in 20 minutes. Next would be tool presentation, if the tool is presented improperly it will not cut the fibers correctly or as it was designed. Second goal is control of process which leads to control of design, with proper sharpening and tool presentation your

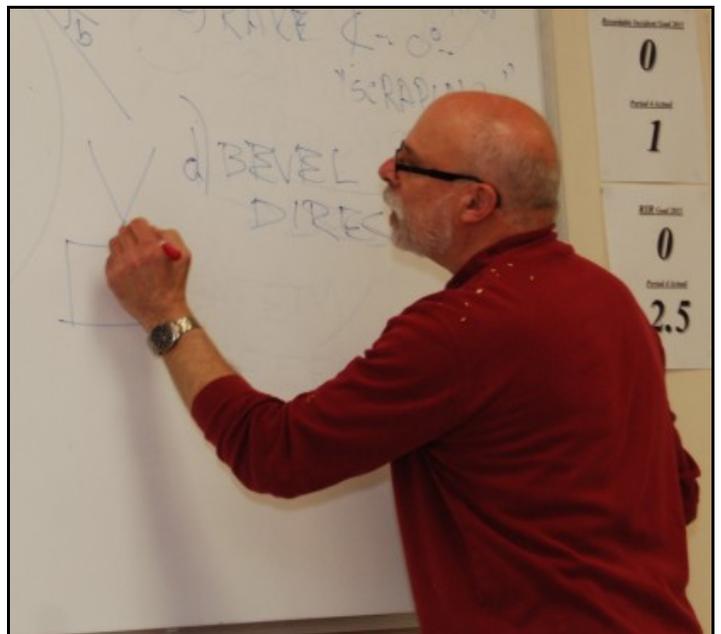


design will have a better chance of looking the way you want it to. Both of these goals will lead to safer and more efficient turning. Stephen mentioned a number of things like "tool angle, reference angle and rake angle" are all important.



Suggested reading: an article by **Mike Darlow** called "**The Taming of the Skew**" and his book, "**The Fundamentals of Wood Turning**". Thank you for your time and coming in to talk with us Stephen, you are a wealth of knowledge and information.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS PALMER



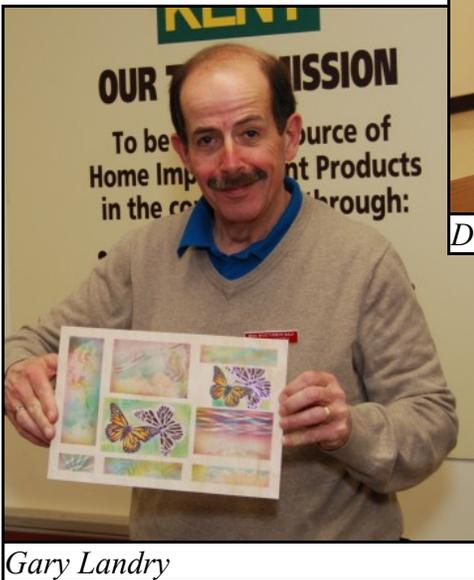
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Show and Tell



Dianne Looker showed a piece of wall art. Dianne learned the process from attending a course taught by Gordon Marshall. Dianne explained that it is interesting how everyone could turn the same piece but how it is pieced together changes the design completely. Dianne also showed a jar of "Gilt Cream", a process she used in finishing a small bowl in the Lee Valley competition. Available from Craft Supply.



Gary Landry



Doug McGuire



Robert Atkinson



Dianne Looker

Meeting Notes continued

Dave Duggan

Next for show and tell the participants from the **Binh Pho** hands-on showed their sample boards. **Gary Landry, Robert Atkinson, Doug McGuire, Calum Ewing** and **Dianne Looker** each displayed their piercing and air brushing techniques. Thank you to all for bringing them in.

A couple of reminders for everyone. First **Don Moore's** tool sale is a go for May 23rd and 24th. Don says he has many tools and items to get rid of. He explains he has over 120 lathe tools on hand. Vintage flooring wood pickup is on schedule for May 23rd, I hope your name was on the list.

The Raffle

Gary Landry chose 2 bowl blanks.

Dianne Looker chose a very large bowl blank.

Doug Allan and **Brenna Swinamer** each received some turning stock.

Richard Ford chose a Lee Valley hat.

A big thank you goes out to all that showed up and brought in items for all to view, as well as those that purchased tickets for the Binh Pho bowl and to support the guild.

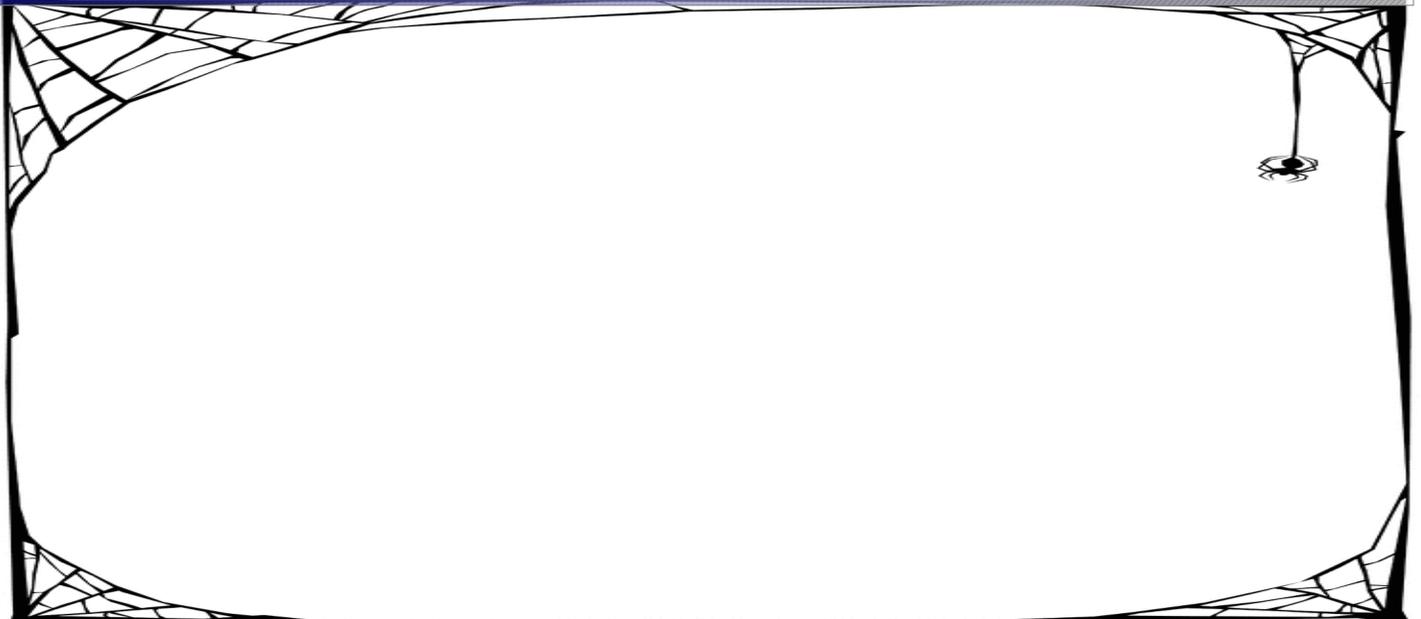
There were 27 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Dave Duggan
Secretary NWG



Calum Ewing

Letters to the Editor



Library Report

Richard Ford

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17 Feb. 2014	David Barry		50BU Decorative Techniques for Woodturners - Hilary Bowen	
17 Mar. 2014	Dave McLachlin		49BT The Craftsman Woodturner - Peter Child New Revised Edition	
17 Nov. 2014	Harold McLellan		82BD Woodturning Projects: A Workshop Guide to Shapes - Mark Baker	
17 Nov. 2014	Don Campbell		15VF Elliptical Turning An Introduction – David Springett 57min.	
19 Jan. 2015	Harold McLellan		74BV Useful Beauty Turning Practical Items On A Wood Lathe - Dick Sing	
19 Jan. 2015	Lowell Jenkins		89BL The Art of Turned Bowls - Richard Raffan	
16 Mar. 2015	Chris White		85BG Woodturning: Two Books in One - Phil Irons	
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry		46BP Carving on Turning - Chris Pye	
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry		80BB Woodturning Masterclass - Tony Boase	
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry		83BE Woodturning A Source Book Of Shapes – John Hunnex	
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry		99BW Understanding Wood Finishing – Bob Flexner	
2 May. 2015	Dianne Looker		90VT Binh Pho Surface Design - Binh Pho	
11 May. 2015	Jonathan Hall		78BZ Woodturning A Foundation Course - Keith Rowley	
11 May. 2015	Lowell Jenkins		76BX The Woodturners' Workbook - Ray Key	

Upcoming Events

Events Committees

Submission Deadline

Event Dates

Event Details

May 22, 2015

July 16 – Aug. 30, 2015
August 31, 2015Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax
Works retrieved from gallery

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	Duck calls – how to make them	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 17, 2014	Coloring /Dyeing (Shape challenge presented)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 15, 2014	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 19,2015	Photography	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
February 23, 2015	Cutting Theory- <i>When wood and metal meet</i> (Shape challenge result)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
March 16, 2015	Head to Paper to Lathe Fun Turn results	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 20, 2015	Turning materials other than wood	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
May 2, 2015	Awards Day LV	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 11, 2015	Cutting Theory- <i>When wood and metal meet</i>	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
June 15,2015	AGM	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall

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