

# The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at  
Lee Valley Tools  
100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, N.S.  
February 22, 2016. 6:15 p.m.*



MEMBER SINCE 2012

**The next meeting will feature  
Using the skew and examples  
With Harold McLellan.  
(also Shape Challenge result)**

## The President's Workshop February, 2016

Dianne Looker

Here we are in a new year – and a new locale! It was great to be at **Lee Valley** for our first meeting of the year. There are some logistics in terms of space that still need to be fine tuned, but it is clear it will work well. We have officially informed our insurers so they know where we are meeting.

Our January meeting brought three new members showing interest. It is always good to see new faces in with the more familiar ones. Welcome!

**Ted Monk** gave a very well organized and well presented talk on surface treatments and embellishments. He brought a wealth of examples which inspired just by their diversity. He used the examples he brought interspersed with computer images and demonstration of techniques. One thing I found impressive was how many of his techniques required no special tools at all – a hammer and a nail, a nail set, a chisel. It is amazing what you can do with a few repetitive strikes with some tools most if not all of us would have around the shop. I have already been playing with some embellishing techniques, inspired by his talk. And there are more to come – he will be covering branding and burning, and colouring/painting/dying techniques in upcoming meetings. Thanks so much, Ted!

The executive met on January 20 and discussed a number of issues. One was the suggestion of perhaps opening the doors at 6:15 and starting the meeting at 6:45. It is very important that you let me know ([president@novawoodturnersguild.com](mailto:president@novawoodturnersguild.com)) if this slightly earlier start time is a problem for you.

We need someone to let their name stand as Vice President for next year. Also, we need someone who can help with the library, signing in and signing out as **Jim Diamond** will not be able to get to meetings early as of September. We welcome nominations for other positions as well – we can have a vote if more than one person is keen ;-)

More immediately we need someone to take on the task of getting the newsletter out in April and May. **Norm Jolivet** will be flitting about and unable to do it those months.

Ted had suggested that there be some follow-up, hands-on workshops so members could see how to do some of the techniques he and others use to embellish turnings. The executive agreed this was a grand idea, and **Dave McLachlan** will be coordinating the organization of these workshops.

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**Brian Sharp** reported on the Bravery Beads program at the **IWK hospital**. Beads are given to children who undergo various medical procedures – and in other places turners make bowls for the children to store their beads. (See <http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/childrens-health/about-bravery-beads>). It was thought that we could take this on – and we agreed it would be our next “shape challenge”. Since they would need about 100 containers a year, Brian is contacting the **Atlantic Woodworkers Association** to see if they would be interested in making some, and Dianne agreed to contact some quilters to see if they could make some bags.

We agreed that the summer barbecue is a fine tradition and should be repeated, preferably in HRM which more members can easily access. Since the meeting, **Ted Monk** and his wife **Debbie** have kindly agreed to host it again this year. Thanks so much, Ted and Debbie!

I have lots of ideas about what I plan to make for the competition, and I am plotting turning events I will take in hither and yon. I do enjoy that sort of thing. I plan to attend the AAW meetings this year in Atlanta. I normally prefer some of the smaller symposia but this is the first year they are having “Women in Turning” sessions, and I thought I should go in solidarity. (Nothing like latching on to reasons to do something fun, eh?)

I hope you are having lots of fun, and that at least some of that fun involves turning.

See you on February 22, when we will be having a presentation by **Harold McLellan** on using the skew

Note the date – February 22. . It is not the third Monday because of the holiday on Feb 15.

Your dutiful president,  
Dianne

*Bravery Beads - Beads are given to children who undergo various medical procedures*

## Meeting Notes January 18, 2016

Dianne Looker

Dianne opened up the meeting and thanked **Gary Landry** for the Lee Valley set up. **Gary Landry** spoke in relation to the new Management at LV and the importance of a good relationship with them. With the new Management came a change of heart and the benefits of our being able to meet at LV. Dianne informed the members in relation to the importance of keeping with the parking rules and good time keeping at LV.

**Don Moore** reminded the other Guild members about his raffle; cost of tickets which is \$10 per ticket. He showed the members the air helmet that is the first part of his raffle.

Dianne welcomed three new members to the guild which are **Stephen Parsons, Glen Greencorn** and **Scott Pickup**.

Dianne also spoke about the benefits of the AAW membership and handed out copies of the American Woodturner. **Richard Ford** asked if we could record future Guild presentations.



*On offer from Don Moore*

Note: The meeting in April will be on the 11th due to the competition which again this year will include the following styles: Spindle, Bowls, Pens and Mandrel.

As a reminder, if anyone has a trophy from last year, the February meeting should be the time to bring back for this year's competition and the Shape Challenge is due in February too.

Most of the NS wood turners Executive will remain in place but our President **Dianne Looker** will step down this year and what a great job Dianne has done. We need nominations for Vice President and some help with the library committee.

### The Boomerang Box:

**Peter Nicholl** is the winner of the Boomerang Box and is the proud owner of a lidded box of cherry made by **Dianne Looker**. The Boomerang Box is returning in March.

### Fun Turn:

**Stuart Taylor** provided 40 wood blanks for the fun turn which are due back in March to show to members. Thanks to Stuart for providing the wood and his time. **Peter Nicholl** suggested that members sign for the fun wood to ensure no members are missed. Members are reminded of the strict rules regarding this element of the Guild program. Turn it, have fun.



Meeting Notes continued

Dianne Looker



Our main event this evening was **Ted Monk** talking and showing a demo on texturing wood which was a great success and the members really enjoyed this session. Great job on Ted's part and looking forward to more on this topic.

**Show And Tell:**



**Lowell Jenkins** showed his turned cowboy hat and a small bowl made from Norfolk Pine with coloured knots; he purchased the wood in Florida.

Meeting Notes continued

Dianne Looker



**Harold McLellan** showed a live edge bowl made from pear which had a small split in it and a maple bowl that has a new bottom due to popping through with the gouge.

**Yogi Gutz** spoke in relation to a new book he purchased called Wood by the Author **Eric Meier**. Yogi spoke highly about the quality of the



book, at a cost of \$39.99 in paperback.

**Edmund Benoit** turned a rolling pin from a product called Corian which, by Edmund's remarks, turns very easily but causes quiet the mess, so be aware.



**Brian Sharp** showed a wine glass with a turned wooded base as a holder and looked very nice indeed.



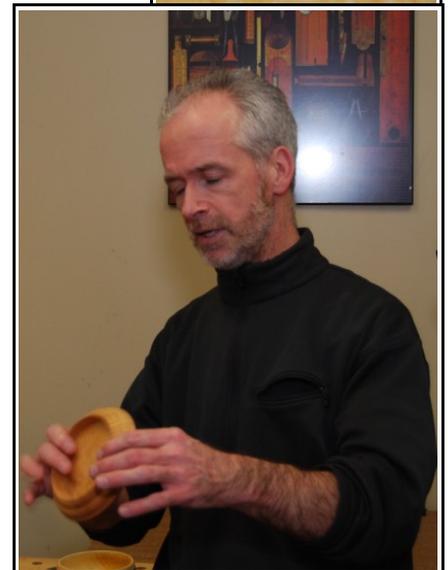
**Richard Ford** showed and talked about the Angels he designed in different sizes.

**Leo Westhaver** showed a small wing bowl live edge which has a lovely curve to the wood.



**David MacMillan** showed a bottle coaster that he did with the skew out of soft curly Maple.

**Jim Diamond** offered some wood to the members that he has had for some time.



Thanks to Chris Palmer for the photos

## Library Report

Richard Ford

January 2016 Library Issues:

ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
17 Feb. 2014	David Barry	050BU	Decorative Techniques for Woodturners	- Hilary Bowen
17 Mar. 2014	Dave McLachlin	049BT	The Craftsman Woodturner	- Peter Child New Revised Edition
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	080BB	Woodturning Masterclass	- Tony Boase
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	083BE	Woodturning A Source Book Of Shapes	- John hunnex
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	099BW	Understanding Wood Finishing	- Bob Flexner
20 Jul. 2015	Trevor Edis	078BZ	Woodturning A Foundation Course	- Keith Rowley
26 Oct. 2015	Harold McLellan	100BX	Woodturning	- Klaus Pracht
16 Nov. 2015	Chris Palmer	096BT	Woodturning Design: Using Shape, Proportion, and Decoration	- Derek Hayes
17 Jan. 2016	David Barry	098BV	The Creative Woodturner	- Terry Martin
17 Jan. 2016	Bill Fisher	045VR	Hollow Wood Turning	- John Jordan.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

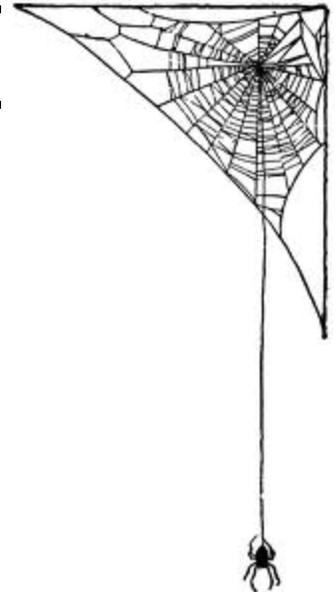
As we are getting nearer to the February meeting date I am get bit more focused on my presentation. Here are a few notes on my demo at the Feb. meeting.

Skew Chisel 101

The presentation will cover the basics of the skew chisel which is, arguably, one of the most the versatile and most misunderstood tool in a turners' shop.

It is primarily directed to the more novice turner but, hopefully, there will be something to benefit everyone.

Regards,  
**Harold McLellan**



## Upcoming Events

Events Committees

**Submission  
Deadline**

**Event  
Dates**

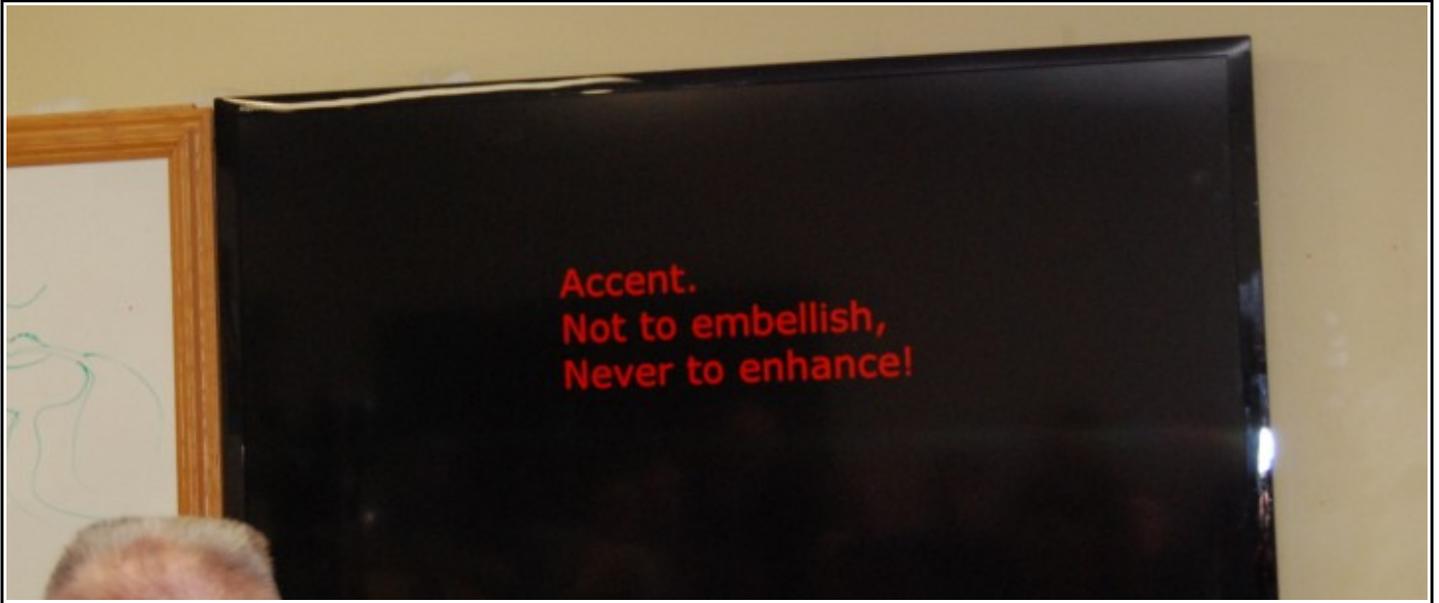
**Event  
Details**

Apr 11, 2016  
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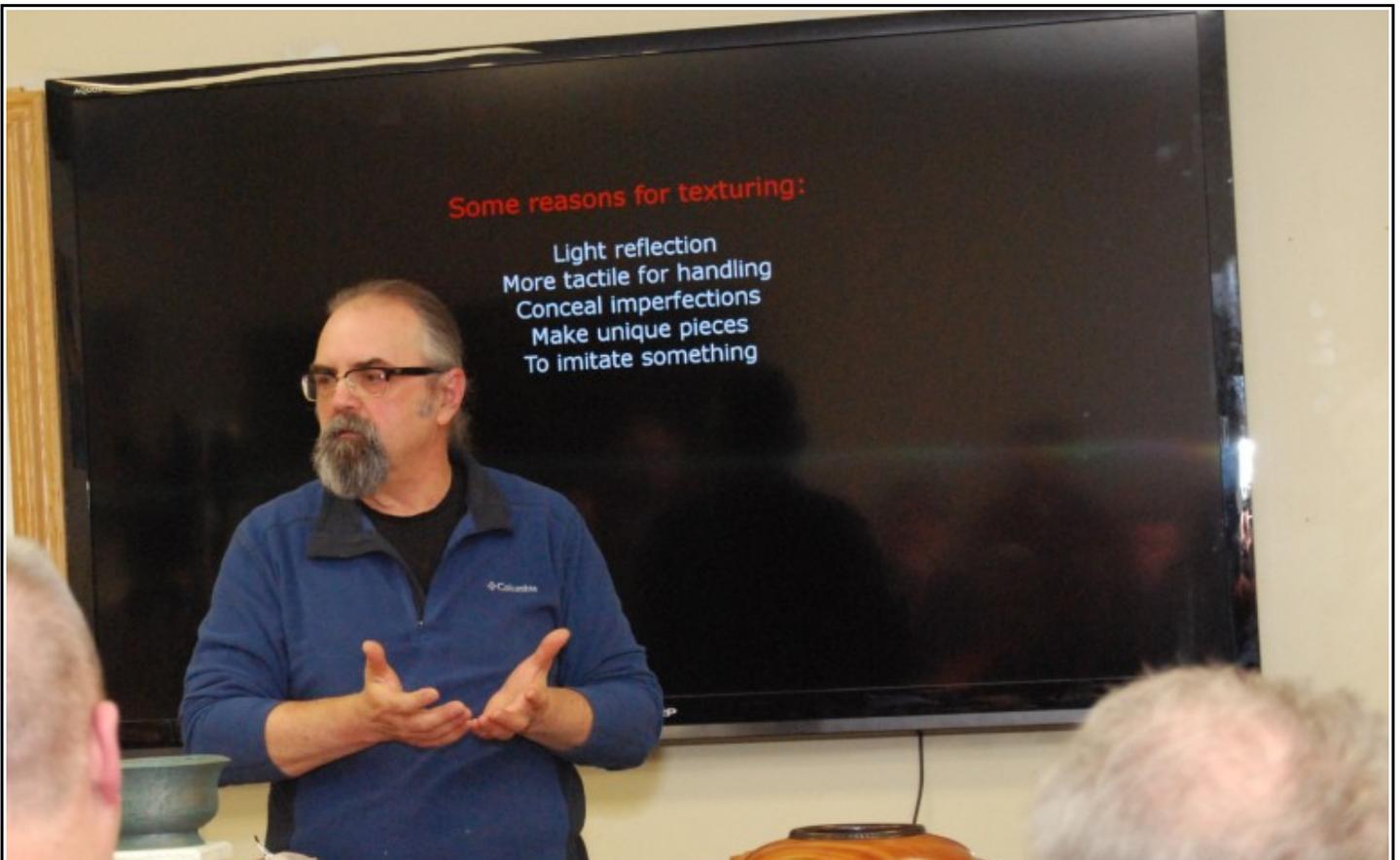
April 11-23, 2016

Annual Competition at Lee Valley .  
5:00 pm drop off deadline at Lee Valley.  
8:00 pm drop off at regular meeting.

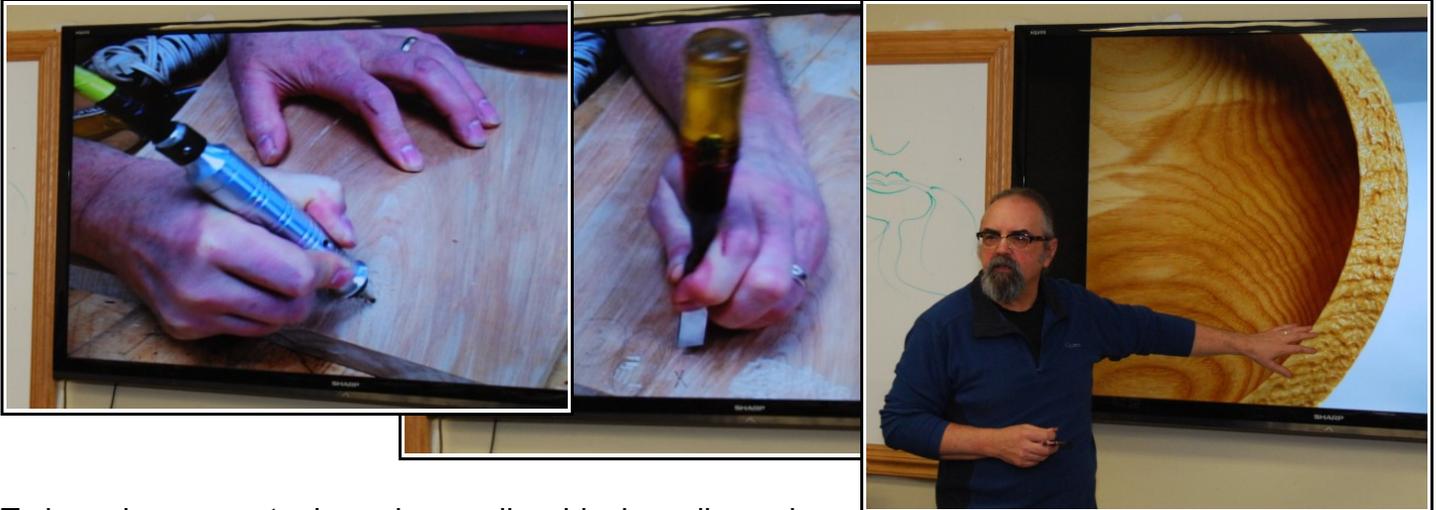
## Guest Speaker – Ted Monk



There was a lot covered in his presentation this evening on Accenting and Texturing. Ted had several items that displayed the techniques he was describing, and he complemented this talk with slides and close-ups on his computer.



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Ted used common tools such as nails, chisels, nail punches, as well as rotary tools (Dremel) to make patterns. He passed around sample pieces that showed the variety of techniques and patterns he was discussing. It was suggested that there be follow up workshops for those that are interested in this. **David McLachlan** will be in charge of coordinating these workshops.

You can purchase some of the equipment for this type of texturing at KV Woodcarving Supplies, <http://www.kvwoodcarvingsupplies.com> Tel # (506) 847-3052 Ted's website, for those who wish to have a look at his work, is [ravenview.com](http://ravenview.com)

**THANK YOU CHRIS PALMER FOR THE PHOTOS.**

## PEN PALS

## DARRELL EISNER

As a pen turner this is an exciting time of year. Its the annual Birthday Bash at the **International Penturers Association** website [www.penturners.org](http://www.penturners.org) . You get ready now and the Bash is on for the whole month of February. As a woodturner we are all looking for FREE stuff and this is the site to sign up and win great prizes. Yes, it is US based but they will still mail your prize FREE. Prizes are worth \$25.00 US and up.

What are some of the contests?

Casting	Puzzles	Photography	Match the Pen with Pen Maker
Library Article	Edible Pen	Trivia	Ugly Pen
Youth Contest	Pen Stand	Pen Box	Slimline Unlimited
Difficult to Write With Pen		Turning Challenged	Hunters Paradise
Shop Life Photo Contest			

And many more contests/events

Free Draws

Losers Train

Random draw for anyone entering the contests

These contests are a great showcase to view some wonderful pens and see what is happening in the pen turning world. I have a number of pens that I can enter in the Ugly Pen contest. If I don't win or place in that event then my name can be entered in the Losers Train draw.

Each year you can purchase a handmade coffee Mug with the IAP logo on it. It is basically a fundraising vehicle for the IAP to help off set the costs of running the website. The mugs are expensive as most of the \$50.00 purchase price goes as adonation and to help pay for the mug plus shipping. Have a look on the website for this years mug.



Here is a picture of mugs that I have collected over the years:

For those of us that purchase our pen making supplies in the US the value of the Canadian Dollar has taken a bit of a nose dive and makes it uneconomical to purchase there. Over the past several years I have been using **Lee Valley** for my basic kits. Recently I have been using **William Wood-Write** in Ottawa, cherry picking their weekly specials ([www.pemblanks.ca](http://www.pemblanks.ca)). My third source of supply has been [www.timberbits.com](http://www.timberbits.com) in Australia. Our Canadian Dollar tends to run at almost par to the Australian dollar and shipping is quire economical and David has good specials.

## PEN PALS

## DARRELL EISNER

Did you ever have occasion to need to know the type of brass tube for a certain pen kit or bushing sizes. Well it all in one place now. **Edgar Dohmann**, a member of the IAP, has developed an APP for that. You can find it in the iTunes Store, under IAP Bushings & Tubes Reference. The cost is a tiny \$.99 for all that information. The Edgar has donated his portion of the proceeds to the IAP.

Just a reminder that the **Utah Woodturners Symposium** is being held this Spring in Provo, Utah. from May12-14. The 2016 American Association of Woodturners will be held June 10-12 in Atlanta. A number of our members have attended either of these symposiums in the past if you need any information. The Utah Symposium has limited space so apply early.

If you have any questions on pen turning then please send them my way.

Darrell Eisner  
bdeisner@eastlink.ca

*If you always do,  
what you always did,  
you always get,  
what you always got!*

DO NOT GO  
WHERE THE  
PATH MAY LEAD.  
GO INSTEAD  
WHERE THERE  
IS NO PATH AND  
LEAVE A TRAIL...

(EMERSON)

## Cryptoquote

Dave Duggan

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OBQHO ARRWMPGFJ

Last months answer:

**REMEMBER SANDING IS THE FIRST STAGE OF FINISHING NOT THE LAST STAGE OF SHAPING.**

**ANONYMOUS**

## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 21, 2015	Diablo Box shape challenge (really, really!) Bring in a 'useful' item you have turned.	Kent Building Supplies Mic Mac Mall
October 19, 2015	Christmas Ornaments - Don Moore demo	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 16, 2015	Segmented Turning - Gord Marshall (Shape challenge presented)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 14, 2015	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 18, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 1 Texturing – Ted Monk	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 22, 2016	Using the skew - Harold McLellan (Shape challenge result)	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
March 21, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 2 Pyrography & Branding – Ted Monk Fun Turn results	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 11, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 3 Paint, Dyes and Stains – Ted Monk	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
April 23, 2016	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 16, 2016	The "10 minute pen", and various techniques – Richard Ford	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
June 20, 2016	AGM	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent

### The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

With 2 bowl blanks 2 turning tools and 1 set rolltop desk plans on offer. Some of the winners of the raffle were **Dave Duggan**, **David MacMillan**, and **Dianne Looker**.

We had 32 members present!



## Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2015/16 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	David Barry	
<b>Treasurer</b>	treasurer	Brenna Swinamer	
<b>Members at Large</b>	members-at-large	Gary Landry	
<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>	membership-chair	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 Harold McLellan	<b>C</b>
<b>Guild Photographer</b>		Chris Palmer	
<b>Fund Raising</b>		Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz	<b>C</b>
<b>Nominating</b>			<b>C</b>