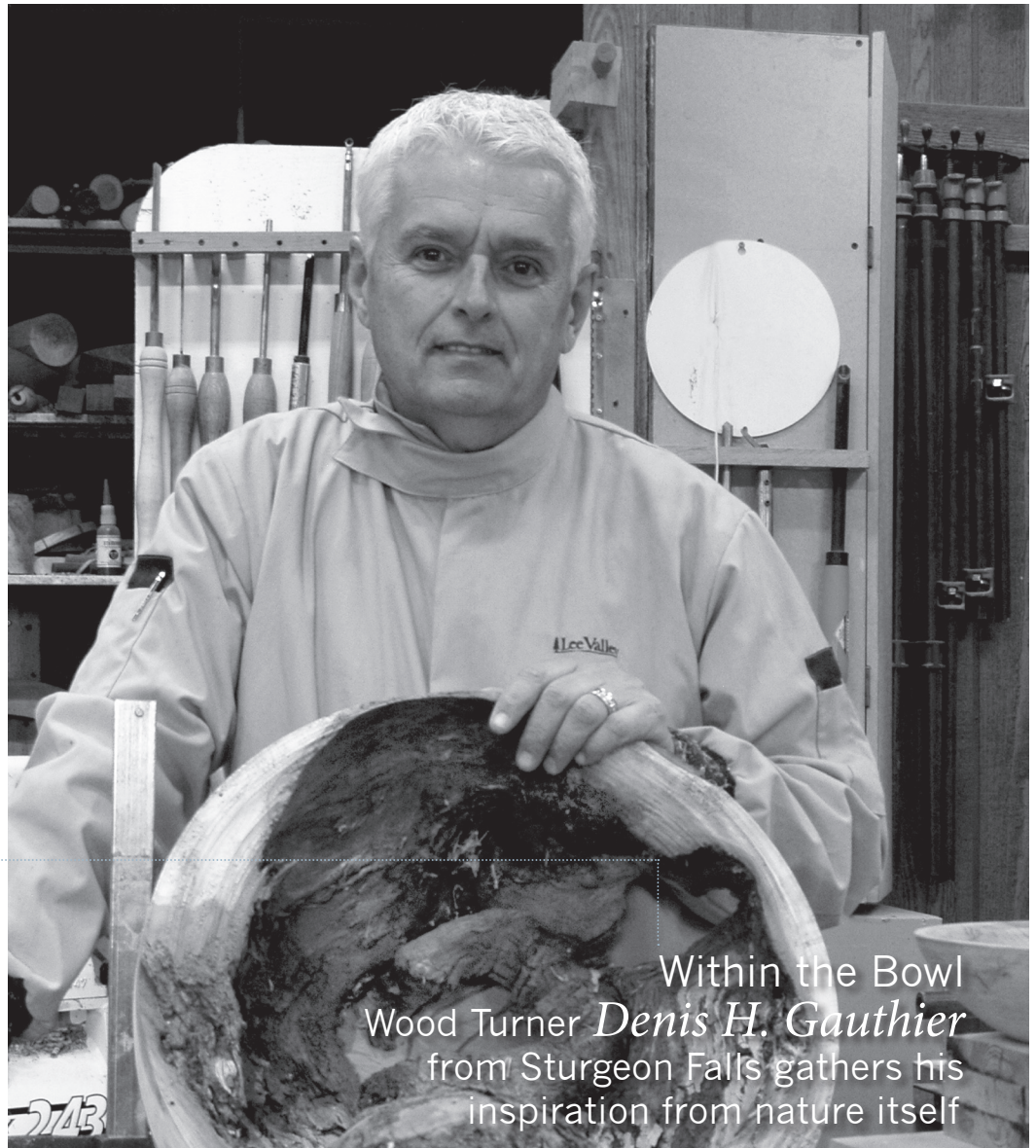


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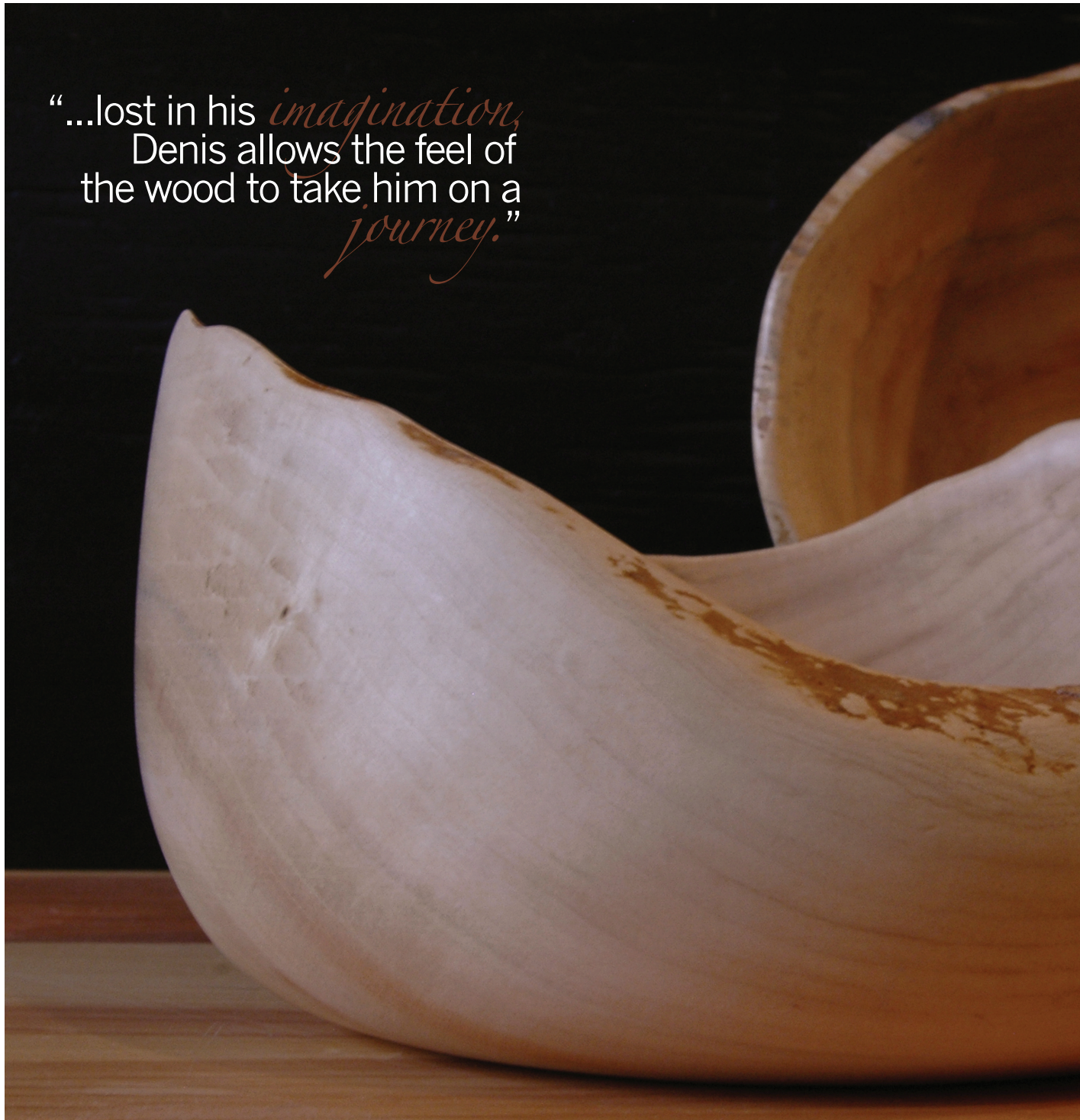


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# *Within* THE BOWL

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Living in northern Ontario, many of us enjoy the luxury of a quiet walk through the woods on a sunny afternoon, immersing ourselves in seasonal landscapes and the sweet smells of nature. A simple walk can be very calming and serene, and that is often the mere underlining of the whole experience. There is so much more to discover, and few of us actually open our eyes to the many artistic details that nature unravels. Do we ever truly take the time to imagine the history or the story behind the trees surrounding us during our walks? For an artist like Denis H Gauthier, that very thought is what often sparks his creative spirit. He walks attentively along

nature's paths, searching for the perfect burl or root that will form his next project, and living here in the north, there is certainly an abundance of hardwood waiting to be transformed into Denis' next masterpiece.

In a workshop in Sturgeon Falls, lost in his imagination, Denis allows the feel of the wood to take him on a journey. He knows through experience that these journeys can sometimes take time, but he is always confident of the end result. Denis chooses to work exclusively with handpicked wood, often selecting pieces that have already been shaped and



sculpted from age, weather or disease. His natural art is crafted in maple, birch, oak, ash or cherry and his patience allows each piece to rest until they are ready to reveal their inner beauty.

His grandfather was a true master craftsman and exposed Denis to the beauty of woodworking at an early age. As his love of wood began to root, he spent countless hours designing and building projects that would span through his adulthood. His passion didn't stop there, for in 1980 he furthered his knowledge and started training with a Vancouver-based turner. He began to apply his new-found skill with great passion, crafting spectacular bowls and distinctive sculptures that are incredibly well-received and are purchased by those who seek out artistic pieces that can be cherished for generations.

Denis' sculptures are on display in several of Sudbury's art galleries and in his small, quaint showroom attached to his workshop in Sturgeon Falls. He is eagerly anticipating a feature show in February that will be held at Artists on Elgin in Sudbury, where you can view and purchase his exceptional pieces. You can visit his website at [www.denisgauthier.ca](http://www.denisgauthier.ca) to learn more about Denis H Gauthier's art and his cherished passion. 11



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