

HORNSBY DISTRICT WOODTURNES INC

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(Bert Gude)

For our final meeting of the year, 27 members gathered at Annangrove where they were warmly welcomed by Lindsay Skinner the Groups convener.

The meeting commenced with the Show and Tell segment with Ted Utick displaying an example of reverse turning. Ted had cut two timber discs of contrasting colour one of Cedar the other from White Ash. These discs were then held together with a spot of hot glue and using a scroll saw a Figure was cut out of both discs simultaneously. In this case it was a kangaroo. The cut out shapes were then glued back into the disc of the opposite colour that is the Cedar cutout was glued into the White Ash disc. Ted had then turned two platters from the same timbers namely Cedar and White Ash and he then has inserted and glued the Cedar disc into the White Ash platter and vice versa. The use of the natural colour of the timber as a contrast worked extremely well. The Platters were then finished the inside being carefully completed using a skew on a scraping motion. *(Well done, will make someone a nice Xmas present. Ed)*

John Edwards showed a small a small thin edged bowl turned from Coolabah.

Martin Nielsen displayed his second, three legged small wine circular table. The top had been turned using the paper chuck method using the Aquadare glue.

Colin Hunter had turned a pepper mill from "binatree" using the shark jaws to hold the blank whilst drilling out the centre. Col mentioned that there were 5 distinct stages to turn and drill the base and the top. Col also displayed several large spinning tops turned from treated Pine.

Russell pinch had also turned a pepper mill this one had been turned from Golden Elm.

Several small but true to shape and form pepper pinch pots had been turned by Eddie watts using Black wood and Jacaranda.

John Knight had taken up the challenge and turned a bed side lamp. The lamp shade had been turned from Cyprus Pine to a thickness of 1.5 to 2.0mm. Despite the thinness of the shade John mentioned that it did not let sufficient light through, it was suggested that the turned shade may have to be soaked in an oil solution. The base was turned from Boyacá a timber grown in Central Queensland.

Greg Croker displayed a ring stand that had been a collaborative effort between him and Norm MacPhee. The spigot was turned from Jarrah and the bowl from Ambrosia maple.

Martin Nielsen had also turned a Viking figure in response to an earlier challenge from the Hawkesbury group some time back. *(Perhaps over the Xmas period other figures could be attempted. Ed)*

Greg Croker updated the members present on the latest activities of the Guild. The AGM was held on 26 October with Bill Black elected as President. The remaining committee members were reinstated unopposed.

Woodturn 2008 was successful as an event but still resulted in a loss of between \$3 – 4,000. The Hand and Eye publication is seeking a new editor as Bill Shean has resigned, anyone interested please contact Greg.

Keith Day mentioned that the members need to consider our future relationship with the Guild and a notion of motion to be considered at our next meeting in February 2009.

Lloyd Thomas reported that the Annual Report has been submitted to the Department of Fair Trading.

Greg mentioned that on a recent overseas trip he caught up with Norm MacPhee who sends his best wishes and regards to the members of the Hornsby group. Greg also attended a woodturning meeting in Spokane (USA) where the members would donate timber blank to be either sold or raffled to raise money for the club.

The groups Christmas Dinner would be held on Friday, 12th December 2008 at "Hawks Nest" Second Avenue Eastwood.

Greg also mentioned that as the group doesn't meet in January we might wish to visit the Southern Group at Oyster Bay, where Bill Black (newly appointed president) will be demonstrating. The meeting starts at 11 am and the theme of the meeting is "What every woman wants"!

After a BBQ lunch Lindsay Skinner introduced today's demonstrators. Alastair Bennett who discussed the basic tools of turning,

- The detail or spindle gouge needs to be sharpened at a 30 degree angle with a profile of a ladies finger. This tool needs to be elliptically ground or one could use the Glazier jig.
- Roughing gouges need to be conically ground with a slight curve.
- Skew chisel, grind at a 25 degree the bevel should be twice the width of the tool.
- Parting tool, if too broad in width this can impact on the high position it has to be placed on the tool post to efficiently cut.

Alastair also assisted a number of members in grinding the tools they had brought in.

Ted Utick demonstrated turning a Christmas bell from a timber blank. The blank was mounted between centers and turned into a cylinder with a spigot turned at the head stock end. The external shape of the bell was then turned, when satisfied with the shape and the flared lower edge. The blank was placed into a chuck and the clapper end was then turned using a detail gouge. The only then remained to be turned was the rounded knob on the top of the bell at the head stock end. Several members turned a Christmas bell under Ted's watchful gaze.

Tom Marinov demonstrated converting thin 12 x 12 mm timber stock into Christmas tree decorations. Tom used a small (Jet) lathe and a skew chisel to convert the timber blank mainly using a scrapping action. There was no strict design to follow and one was only limited by the size of the timber stock and ones imagination. A round screw hook inserted into the top of the turned item assisted it in being hung on the Christmas tree.

A hands on meeting was enjoyed by all the members present and our thanks to our three demonstrators.

Turning. Our next meeting will be on Saturday 14th February 2009. Keep turning.