

WestTurn News

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Western & Blue Mountains Region

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Events Co-ordination: Alan Phelps is the events Co-ordination contact for this Region. So if Alan approaches you to help please assist.

Library: See Don Hughes if you would like to know what is currently available from our library. **Please remember that some of the items within the library are on loan from other members and all care should be taken to bring them back as soon as you are finished. Just as in other libraries one month is usually sufficient time to have an item out.**

Stores & Equipment: is being looked after by Bill Swindail and Ted Edwards. Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Editor: Larry Bailey is putting the newsletter together. Articles can be e-mailed to susanjoanb@msn.com or give to a committee member who will pass them on to me.

Catering Officer: Rohan McCardell, see Rohan if you have any special needs.

Sick List:

If anyone knows of any of our members or their partners who are on the sick list, let **Graham Murray** (4658 0563) know, and he will send them a get well message from the Region.

Committee Meeting:

The committee meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums Retreat. All are welcome to attend.

Next meeting **4th April 2005.**

Committees Report:

A sub-committee has been formed to look into future demonstration to be held at our hall. These may range from finishes/ing to professional turners.

The committee also agreed with a suggestion of holding a function 'Christmas in July', this will be an evening meal where you should bring along your partner further details will be posted in the newsletter.

There was a request to bring back power sanding but this was not accepted as most believe that since power sanding has been stopped we are getting better results from the tool.

Bill Swindail gave an overview of where the subcommittee on incorporation was at.

There was some discussion regarding the article in By Hand & Eye. This being our reports not being published.

Western/Blue Mtns Region Calendar for 2005:

Third **Sunday** every month from 10.00am

Every **Wednesday** from 10.00am.

Every **Friday Night** starting from 7.00pm.

FEBRUARY 20

This meeting coincided with the Stitches & Craft Show at Rosehill so we had several members away for the day.

Gorgi Armen gave a demonstration on tool sharpening using his Uni jig System. Using the club tools for the demo he emphasised the importance to shape the top on the tool before sharpening starts as to stop sharp corners when the tool is sharp, the next step was to measure the length the tool protruding from the jig folding the tool this ensures that the next time resharping is required the same grind can be obtained. The bevel angle can be set to a chart or to the existing angle previously set to the wheel. Now slowly grind tool to a sharp edges using whole area across the wheel, honing not necessary, but a individual thing if required he uses a slip stone on the flute side only.

Next he showed us how to turn a ball without the use of a ball jig by marking the blank Cylinder at half the diameter & diameter length, Then diameter – 71% from each end & across the

end this forms a octagon, allowing only a small amount to be turned off each corner forming a ball. Well done Gorgi it was a great demo for those present.

Graham Murray

Our show and tell conducted by Gorgi Armen.

George Wells: had last months theme of a vase made from Japanese Cedar and finished with estapol.

John Malysiak: had a large segmented vase made from Silky Oak finished with estapol & friction polish, John also had a lidded bowl of Camphor Laurel and a laminated bowl of Pinus Radiate both finished with friction polish. John also had his plan of the vase on display.

Anna Dawes: had two laminated bowls one made from Tassie Oak and Pacific Maple finished with Danish oil & EEE wax the other from Silky Oak & Red Cedar finished with Danish oil.

Gerry Bijl: had a duck made from? (Pine) finished with estapol and a potpourri bowl of unknown timber and finished with estapol.

Toby McIlwain: had two mortar & pestles' made from Tallow wood and Oak finished with canola oil.

Mike Harvey: had a lidded bowl made from Silky Oak finished with friction polish and another bowl made from Silky Oak also finished with friction polish.

Larry Bailey: had a bowl made from Honey Locust finished with friction polish.

Graham Murray: had two burl bowls made from Messmate and finished with oil.

Graeme Osborne: had a burl bowl made from Messmate finished with oil.

MARCH 20

Bring your tools, as this will be a hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be, **a turned toy (please note that this has changed from the January newsletter – editors choice)** Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

APRIL 17

Our guest demonstrator will be Gary Light. Gary has demonstrated at the Blue Mountains challenges in the past. Theme for show & tell will be, **a bowl or platter.** Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

MAY 15

Bring your tools, as this will be a hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be **any item made by spindle turning.** Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

****MAY 22****

This is a special meeting where we will have a demonstration by a representative from Woodcut Tools (NZ Company). Ken will be demonstrating hollowing, bowl saving, sharpening & tool care.

Please let us know if you are going to attend. We will give you more information as it becomes available.

JUNE 19

Our guest demonstrator will be Ernie Newman. Theme for show & tell will be a vase/s.

. Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

JULY 17

Bring your tools, as this will be hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be **something incorporating a turned sphere (lets see who can remember what information Gorgi Armen gave us in his demonstration).**

Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

Past Demonstrations:

Our members have participated in the following demonstrations. The details are as follows:

Stitches & Craft Show – Rosehill Gardens – 16th – 20th February

Well I know that on Friday we were kept busy with people interested in what we were there for and not only the men. There was a school group (all girls) that came by in smaller groups and some were showing great interest in our turning/turnings. This may end up more work for Anna. As per usual there were many questions as to where do we meet, do we have classes and how soon can my husband join, as he needs to get a hobby. As far as I am concerned I had fun just being there with our display and turning. I had a quick glance at some of the stalls and have now some other ideas of things that I can turn for home. I know also that other members have come back with similar ideas.

Well once again all had a good week and we rose quite a bit through our donation tin.

Once again it proves that our efforts are noticed as on Friday night 25th Feb. we had three ladies turn up and join.

Larry

Leisure4Pleasure – at Parramatta Park

I understand that all who attended had a good day. The onlookers were regular in attendance and hopefully we may see some new members. Our display was very good with several members bringing items as well as some of the display from the cabinet.

Larry via Alan

Future Demonstrations:

Our members have been asked to participate in the following demonstrations:

Working With Wood Show – 3rd – 5th June -Horden Pavilion, Moore Park

Once again the Guild will have a display stand and demonstration areas. I encourage everybody to attend and help promote the Guild. You can display your turnings and if you wish you can sell them as well.

Blacktown Festival: Saturday 4th June.

More details to follow.

PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.

Kanuka Box: A medium sized hardwood of high rainfall coastal districts between Gippsland in Victoria & northern Queensland. Heartwood pinkish, darkening to red towards the centre of the tree. Sapwood distinctly paler. Texture fine and even. Grain often interlocked. Similar to brush box in workability. Some uses are mallets, handles and flooring. Seldom milled.

Steel Box: A large hardwood of occasional occurrence on the northern coast of New South Wales, especially in the Richmond Range area west of Casino. Heartwood pale brown. The wood bears a close resemblance to grey ironbark and has similar properties. Uses are girders and poles. Scarce.

Swamp Box: A medium sized hardwood of low lying ground from the north coast of New South Wales to north Queensland. Heartwood dark reddish brown. Sapwood distinctly paler. Texture fine and even. Grain interlocked. Used for piling, marine structures, mallets. Seldom milled.

White-Topped Box: A medium to large hardwood of the better soils of the coast and adjacent ranges in New South Wales and southern Queensland. Heartwood pale yellow. Sapwood not distinct. Texture moderately fine. Grain sometimes interlocked. Considering its density it is relatively easy to work. Used for heavy engineering construction, poles, piles, sleepers, flooring and cladding. A common commercial species in areas of occurrence.

Have a Laugh

An elderly gentleman had a serious hearing problem for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100%. He went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again". To which the man said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will five times".

Supplied by George Wells

Here Today Gone Tomorrow

Here today, gone tomorrow, where, to eternity. Sunday evening February 2005 Edna and I were watching TV channel 2 documentary on the exploration of the Nile River in the 18th century, a telephone call from Doug Midgley advised me that Graeme Campbell passed away that afternoon at home. After successful treatment for cancer a few weeks before, Graeme died from a massive heart attack.

Graeme was a foundation member of the Hawkesbury Region, which commenced about twelve years ago. As past convenor of the group, secretary of the Guild for a period and Region Rep for a couple of years. Later he was a

member of the Hawkesbury Woodwork Club, editor and publisher of Hand & Eye. Last position held was as a member of the special committee looking into the guild member's views on the changes required to bring the guild to a new era. There is possibly much more that I didn't know about as well. His wife Toni also assisted Graeme with all these interests becoming the Hawkesbury convenor. I knew Graeme when the Hawkesbury Region was formed and supported him and the formation of that region. The object of the decision to form a woodworking group was to increase interest in both crafts; one supporting the other and it has been successful.

Graeme was controversial in his views on the administrative area, and practical side of woodturning, especially after three years tuition at Lidcombe TAFE, industrial woodturning classes and he will be a loss to the region and the guild.

It was a shock to Edna and I at his sudden passing after the successful treatment as mentioned before. We are eight years older therefore you never know when our time on earth will cease! Vale Graeme Campbell, rest after your labours on earth; his family; father, grandfather of his children and three siblings will miss him. Our condolences to Toni. I noted many woodturners, including the ornamental turners group were at the funeral.

Malcolm Clark

Alan is searching for assistance, a member to coordinate the demonstrations. I rang Alan that night to advise him of Graeme Campbell's death. His wife stated that he was in bed after turning all day at the Stitches & Craft Show, there were only three there. Alan, Wayne and Jack Butler from Peninsula, who didn't turn. Alan

has enough to do. How about someone volunteering for that position, if you don't want to turn, at least help in that area, if a member has not already put their name down for this position, perhaps two members would help. Yes, I have stated we are indispensable, someone will replace us when die. Please don't ask our committee members to do two positions; it may increase their early demise before their time. After all it is your guild not Alan's or mine or anyone else's. They are not paid employees. Life must go on.

Have faith in yourself and our members of the guild and region. We will enjoy our craft more.

Malcolm Clark

Events Co Coordinator

I would like to get somebody to do this. This would release me to do more useful things or have a bit of a bludge.

Alan

Please think about helping, as Alan is the Convenor and it is a lot of work he is doing for your hobby.

Larry

Christmas in July

Details are; White Hart Restaurant Cnr Windor & Old Windsor Roads, Kellyville. \$28.00 per head to be held on Thursday 14th July. See Rohan for further details.

Newsletters

If you are interested in what is happening in other Regions & Woodturning/Woodworking clubs you will start to see copies of their newsletter on the notice board. Please read by all means but don't forget to put it back for others.

Projects - Themes

If you wish to help me and you would like a special project or theme please let me know.

Larry

MEMBERS AND VISITORS:

Welcome to our new members and any visitors today.

We hope that you enjoy yourselves at this meeting and, indeed, many other meetings that you may attend at this region and at our other regions.

Safety Instruction:

In line with Work Cover, OH & S practices, and pure, simple common sense, NO ONE is to attend workshop type meetings or any Guild function wearing thongs, sandals, or open foot wear.

****Please note: Current first aid officers are:**

Ted Edwards & Larry Bailey

ITEMS FOR SALE

Sandpaper – Various grades at \$6.00 metre.

Wood – as priced on the rack on the stage.

End Sealer - \$4.00 per litre.

Friction Polish – priced to bottle size.

Scrapers & Parting Tools – Range of round & square end \$30.00 ea.

Bowl Gouge - \$35.00

Please see Bill Swindail if you wish to make a purchase.

Lathe for Sale

It is a Porsche machine, 5 speed 1/2 HP single-phase motor with 180mm spindle height and 680mm between centres. It comes with a chuck and numerous tools and accessories. I understand that it comes at a "modest" price.

Would anyone interested contact Bruce direct on 9949 5341

Ladies Days

Dates are 21May, 30 July.

Bowls for Easter Plus!

Don't forget if you are not turning anything in particular think about turning one of our blanks.

Blue Mountains Woodturning Challenge

Saturday April 16 at Blaxland High School (Coughlan Road, Blaxland) 9am to 4pm.

Exhibition Challenge: each club to bring work turned by at least three club members (We won this on the first challenge). All work to be turned since the 2003 challenge.

Hands-on Challenge: Each club may enter a team of three or more people. Each team will have one hour on the day. (Our team will be Graham Dawes, Alan Phelps & Larry Bailey as well as whoever else can help.

Individuals: are welcome to display up to 3 turnings in addition to those on their club's table. (Larry won a prize in this area on the first challenge).

So if you are interested see a committee member and we will organise something.

Blue Mountains Woodturning Symposium 2005

The Blue Mountains Woodturning Symposium 2005 is being held on 30th-31st October 2005. The venue is planned for Emu Heights Primary School, Wedmore Road Emu Heights (just west of Penrith NSW - at the foot of the Blue Mountains).

The agenda and demonstrators are still being finalised but acceptances have already been received from a very impressive groups of woodturners from overseas, interstate and within New South Wales.

As more details become available they will be published on this site.

So, as they say ----- "Watch this Space"

From the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc Web Page.

TURNING CLASSES

We encourage all beginners to seek help, ask questions and enjoy what we hope will be a great hobby.

If you are interested in joining classes please see **Bill Swindail** or **Alan Phelps**.

Please note that due to requirements under the child protection act we cannot teach children under the age of 21.

Please remember that **NO** member can commit the Region to participate in any demonstration or event without first presenting to the committee. Guild approval is also required for insurance purposes.

Convenor

Some images from the last Sunday meeting.

