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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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Remember

If you miss your normal meeting you are welcome to do a "make up" by attending another group that month. Just give the group leader a call to let them know you will be coming along.

Prez's Comment

End of financial year already. Have I been Prez for nearly Twelve months? Some say it seems a lot longer!

AGM later this month. See later note for details.

I attended the annual Australian Wood turning Exhibition at Nunawading on the weekend of 18th, 19th, and 20th of June. The number of entrants was down, but the quality, as always, was outstanding. Although many of us find it a real challenge to reach these lofty heights, it is good to see the skills of even novice turners ever increasing.

Seeing the design, artistic flair, finishing techniques and presentation of these exhibitions serve to make us strive to improve our own efforts. (Beginners shouldn't feel too discouraged, we all started at the bottom, I know some of us stay there longer than others, but we just keep on keeping on) If you didn't go, you missed an event worthy of support.

After my little chiding about attendance at club meetings, the ladies group arrived in force, more ladies than lathes, even after getting out the small demo lathe. The ladies all enjoyed making their small one-piece pens and proudly displayed their finished product. Betty made two!

Be early for the next meeting ladies, to make sure you get a lathe; we might have to draw straws or have a "lucky dip"!

Through negotiations with the Manningham Council and the Community Arts Center, we have opened up the clubrooms to a Home school group on Tuesday afternoons to use our facilities for simple woodworking projects. Only hand tools are used at present, and the exercise is at no cost to us. Machinery and equipment will be "locked – down" to avoid inadvertent use by students. Club key holders will be required to lock and unlock the power switchboard to accomplish this.

Upon recommendations from members, we have taken out subscriptions for two publications, "The Wood Review" and "The Australian Woodworker". We are also looking at an English carving magazine; these will be available in our library soon.

If you haven't got your uniform items yet, it means you haven't been to you club lately. Contact me if you are anxious.

I have some spares of all items for any newcomers or late deciders, again contact me for orders.

Guess what! Your fees should have been paid by now. Make our job easier by finalising this soon.

Regards to all, Robert McNamara.

More from el presedente.

Privacy Statement

Most have read and signed the privacy consent section attached to the re-enrolment form. Some, however, have been so anxious to secure their membership that they have overlooked completing this part. One would hope it was an oversight. Please read ALL of the form and let us know if you are "for or against" you can't sit on the fence. Those who haven't signed will be asked to tidy up this piece of "administrivia". Thanks for your patience.

AGM

No more communication before the AGM, Wednesday 28th July, 7.00pm at the clubrooms. All positions declared vacant. Nominations for vacancies accepted by chairman at the meeting, with the consent of the nominee. Most office bearers have indicated a willingness to stand again. (That lets a lot of you off the hook)
Stay after the meeting to socialize (wear your badge) with coffee, cake and conversation.

Box Making

Due to the success of our initial box making courses, thanks to both Ken and Reg, we have decided to commence two monthly box making clubs. Both Ken and Reg have agreed to lead these clubs. The first led by Ken will be on the first Friday of the month, commencing on Friday 2nd of July, from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Contact Ken Morrison, 9723 5030 for details.

The second club led by Reg will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening, 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Starting date for this club depends on enrolments.
Contact Robert McNamara, 9876 1032 for details of this group.

It is intended that the term "box making" will be flexible enough to encompass similar small projects with the option of developing skills to make small furniture items.

Please note that neither of these groups is a teaching session. Both Reg and Ken will be in an advisory capacity and resource person only. If you wish more formal tuition, enquire about the courses offered. Keep an eye out for our updated brochure due out soon.

Obviously these clubs are open to existing and new members. Fees are the same as for other monthly groups, \$55, or \$30 as a second group. Participants will provide their own timber and hardware.

Something most of us need

http://www.myrtlewoodgallery.com/get_a_round_tuit.htm

Links to Woodturners' sites

<http://www.sunrisewoodcrafts.ns.ca/links/turners.htm>

Australian Woodcraft Galleries

<http://www.australianwoodcraft.com.au/AWG%20On-line%20Gallery.htm>

Courtesy of Ronit Freedman

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Articles of interest from members (and in particular our newer members) to fill this newsletter.

Trips, trees, problems, tips & tricks, jokes, how your interest in woodturning /carving came about. Etc.

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MANNINGHAM WOODTURNERS

Since taking up the call for help in the running of this clubs activities we have embarked on a footstool project that I brought along to the first night.

This project will enhance our abilities to turn spindles, face plate work with indexing, paper joint gluing and traditional upholstery. The members have made a good start to the project with two bases glued up and being turned on our last night. Four other members were busy practicing spindle turning before starting with their good timber next month. This project will keep us busy for several months to come, so if you haven't started yet and would still like to it's not too late.

There were eight members in attendance at this months meeting, some talking and having good fellowship, others doing their own project; with most doing the set project.

In all a very good night.

Ian Hansford

Would have liked to have had a photo of the foot stool but wasn't possible due to the electronic camera being unavailable. You would love the piece. Hopefully I'll have access to the camera for the next newsletter. **Editor.**



To the left are a set of Skipper Rope handles which were turned last month under Ian's guidance. Notice that there is no rope showing on the ends of the handles. The single handle on the left reveals how the rope is hidden.

Skipper rope handles turned by Carl Jacobs

DAYCARVERS' REPORT

On the first Friday in June there was a distribution of the handsome new "Manningham Woodcraft" shirts and caps to those who had ordered them but, with the exemption of Ken Morrison, nobody was game to wear them in the workshop to collect wood dust straightaway. He certainly wasn't wearing anything half as smart a fortnight earlier when he lead Day carvers Three and some other volunteers in a vigorous workroom clean-up that vacuumed and swept bags of sawdust from off the ceiling vents and off shelves to provide a much cleaner and safer work place.

Thanks Ken and helpers.

During Show and Tell everybody admired the brown bear with a salmon in its mouth that Yen brought along but he quickly confessed that his brother had in fact bought it in Japan. However four small elephants in various timbers plus a homemade tool case with sloping holding lid showed that Yen is rapidly adding mastery of whittling to his other talents. Greg Williams, our mentor, displayed a very professionally made box but was again matched by student Ken M with a wave lid box and a nut dish he had machined at the recent Carve In. Derek too, showed a duck shaped platter in red gum that he had made under Rod Jone's guidance at the Carve In plus a golf trophy in kauri [in the form of a par three hole] that he had made for a Probus club competition.

Barry Ransom had nothing to show this time but helpfully told the gathering how to put together what he called "a poor man's vise" from hardware that should cost no more than \$28.

Finally Bryan Thompson took the opportunity to remind everybody, that in the absence this year of the Victorian Woodworkers carving competition, all carvers were being encouraged to take part in the woodwork competition being run by the Royal Melbourne Show, entries for which close on the 16th July. [CLASS 243 – Woodcarving all disciplines. 1 article] He said that it was proposed to offer an additional prize in this class being a free entry to the 2005 Carve In which would again be held at the Rowsley Camp in mid May.

Members were sad to hear that Amy Elliot was still on the sick list but passed on best wishes for a speedy recovery via Ian who, with Bryan, was diligently chiseling away at the triangular portico piece which will before long grace the outside of the old school building.

Dereck Borrell

A Local priest and pastor stood by the side of the road holding up a sign that said, "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!"

They planned to hold up the sign to each passing car.

"Leave us alone you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver as he sped by.

From around the curve they heard a big splash. "Do you think," said one clergy to the other, "we should just put up a sign that says 'bridge out' instead?"

On an airplane, I overheard a stewardess talking to an elderly couple in front of me. Learning that it was the couples 50th wedding anniversary, the flight attendant congratulated them and asked how they had done it.

"It all felt like five minutes..." the gentleman said slowly. The stewardess had just began to remark on what a sweet statement that was when he finished his sentence with a word that earned him a sharp smack on the head: "... underwater."

Thanks Carl Jacobs for the jokes.

Crazy guy on a bike.

Rumour has it that the Australian Olympic Committee is looking for replacement cyclists for the Aussie cycling team..... Perhaps they should check out the web address below.

For a nice surprise, take a captain cook you'll see one of our own doing a tour of France; well worth the time to investigate.

http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/journal/?opts=300&doc_id=561&mtime=2004060417

Royal Melbourne Show,

September 16th. to 26th, 2004

Members intending to exhibit items in the Art and Craft section of the show need to acquaint themselves with entry conditions, etc. and have entries in by the closing date of Friday 16th. July, 2004.

Details on the notice board and in the schedule booklet in the attendance book. Entry form in the back of the schedule booklet can be photo copied, or from the RAS web site www.rasv.com.au

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

A NEW COURSE WILL BE RUN ON **FRENCH POLISHING**

This course will run on a Monday night 7.00pm – 9.30pm for five weeks at a cost of \$65.00.

This will include a kit to complete the five-week course. You will have to supply your own small new piece to work on, a small stool or similar. The starting date will be decided if we get a minimum of eight people. Fill out an expression of interest form or give me a ring if you are interested or have any queries – after hours please.

Charlie Chamberlain
9728 2179

I attended Ken's box making group recently, and thoroughly enjoyed the extended course over several Monday nights.

It was an opportunity to learn the various techniques associated with mitre, butt, and dovetail joints. With a bit of guidance from Ken, most of us were able to complete several boxes of varying designs, using a range of tools & wood supplied by Ken.

I would highly recommend the chance to participate in a similar course if time permits.

John Conley.

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The June meeting had a good number attend to see a demonstration by Stuart Watson on bowl turning. This seemed to go over very well, thanks to Stuart. After the demonstration most went to work turning their own bowls, most people only finished the outside. I then did a quick demonstration on finishing. These bowls will have to be finished off in a couple of months as we have the next two meetings tied up. I have to say that a lot of the problems people were having with their bowls is their choice of timber, some more suited to firewood than making bowls, but I know not everybody has a shed full of wood. If you let me know I might be able to supply some pieces for very few dollars - \$5 for a bowl blank and \$2 for a box blank.

Lidded boxes are the activity for the next meeting 15th July. You will need close grained timber blank approximately 70 x 150mm, grain running the 150mm way.

Show and tell will be anything you like. Thanks to those who brought their show and tell to the last meeting (see photo of one of the pieces at show and tell on the next page). We also had a discussion about the future running of our group and decided things will remain the same, but as I said on the night I would like to see somebody else join the activity group, some new ideas would come in handy, so think about it. I would like to thank Stuart, Ian and Bill for their help over the past four years and also thank a very special person for typing this waffle for the last four years and also supplying some good supper, without her help the information would be very scarce. That's all for now, see you next meeting.

Charlie Chamberlain



This photo shows Stuart Watson demonstrating the Turning of a bowl.

This was done in Central Turners earlier this month. (as per the above)

Stuart has won quite a few "First" prizes for his bowls, and watching someone of this caliber is always inspiring.

Someone asked Stuart's advice on how to turn a bead on the edge of the bowl, to which he kindly obliged. Causing the writer to learn something also.



This was one of the items mentioned on the previous page which was shown at show and tell. This photo does not do the piece justice as the Flash was not working on the camera.

This work of art was created by Alan Way.

DEMONSTRATION DAY

Sunday 25th July 10.00am – 3.00pm.

\$2.00 Entry.

We will be having a visit by Carroll's Woodcraft from Drysdale. Carroll's is run by Jim Carroll and Irene Brook and sell lots of thing to do with woodworking hobbies. Jim will demonstrate Robert Sorby tools and take questions to about 11.30am. Then you will be able to buy your odds and ends as Jim and Irene will bring some stock with them, what they don't have you can order to be mailed to you later. Now because of lack of space we will have to limit the number for the demonstration to the first 30 who put their name down. Please ring Charlie after hours to reserve your place - 9728 2179.

After the demonstration, from 11.30am onwards the sales will be open to members of other woodworking groups. Sorry to the carvers that there is no demonstration for them but there will be things for you to buy.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied, so come along and have a chat to other woodies.

If there is anything special that you may want, give Jim a call in advance so he can bring it along on the day with your name on it. (Jims Carroll's number is 5251 3874)

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