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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Wood turning is about taking people into consideration, finding wood, thinking up designs and using techniques to complete the designs. Andrew Potocnik covered all of these and kept peoples' attention in his all day demonstration. Special thanks to Jim Pagonis for organizing this event and to all the members who helped in its success.



Several important events which require members' assistance are coming up. Next meeting, the AGM will review the Guild's last year of operation, give a statement of the financial position, set the subscriptions for the following year and elect the Committee for the coming year. Volunteers will be needed to fill the expected committee vacancies. Persons nominated must give their agreement either verbally at the meeting or in written form.

The Schwerkolt Cottage demonstration has been a feature for connecting with the public for many years. This year it will be held on Sunday 16th September from 12noon till 4.00pm. It is important to have volunteers to operate two lathes during that period to demonstrate how turned items can be made.

Several members have made small items, pens, bottle stoppers, knife handles etc., which can be used to sell to members of Saint Alfred's Youth group as Fathers' Day presents. If St Alfred's people wish to do this again we will need volunteers to demonstrate to the boys. This has been very successful in the last three years.

Coming up on 21st October is the Whitehorse City's Spring Festival when we will need demonstrators for two lathes making useful turned items. It is also a time for members to sell some of their own high quality items as well as some Guild items – pens, handled knives cutters etc. Guild commission is 20%.

Longer serving members will be aware that the late John Atkinson commenced the project of making wooden toys for Country Hope, a camp where children with cancer will paint them. Please bring your contributions at our next meeting.

After our AGM Stuart Watson will demonstrate turning a burl.

Your Show and Tell items will again be important at the meeting.

See you on the 25th Ray

JULY GUEST DEMONSTRATOR; ANDREW POTOCNIK

Graham Besley Tuesday, 5:51 PM



At the July 28th meeting, Andrew Potocnik provided a wonderful full days presentation turning a couple of items and providing some very useful tips for all turners present. The event took place at the Field Naturalist Hall in Gardenia Street, Blackburn. This was an excellent venue and allowed a number of Turners from other clubs to also be present and hopefully they enjoyed the full days demonstration.

The mornings demonstrated covered the turning and bending processes for producing wooden pods with bent stems.



The work is then mounted into the chuck and the pod head hollowed out. Andrew explained the use of the "upside down" cut as an efficient method of removing wood with the bowl gouge. Andrew uses scrapers to finish the inside shape, runs at high speed and aims for approx 2 - 3 mm wall thickness. The inside is also sanded at this stage. Some drying with a hair dryer will assist the sanding steps.



A jam chuck is prepared to take the reversed pod so the bottom shape of the pod can be turned (removing the chuck holding section) and the shaft can then be finished turned and sanded. Andrew uses hot melt glue to ensure a solid hold in the jam chuck. A very sharp skew is best to finish the shaft as it imparts less pressure onto the shaft. A section is completed at a time, working towards the tail stock end. Sanding will remove any irregularities in the taper of the shaft.



The pod is can now be cut to shape with a jewelers fret saw and then finished with filing and sanding.

The final step is to bend the shaft. A purpose built electrical heater with temperature control aids this process. The shaft must be kept wet and is heated by rubbing on the heater element whilst bending the wood. It took some time before the wood became pliable and then it bent quite quickly. Thicker sections (up to 7mm) take more time. Blackwood, redgum and cyrpess bend well.



After a hearty BBQ lunch cooked by the Jim “the Chef” Pagonis, Andrew took us through his workshop setup and discussed some design elements that he considers when making items. Some of his work is shown in the photo above. Use of highly figured woods, contrasting woods, use of colour, texturing and natural edges all contribute to the design success. Stands and foot design is important to show of the item to its best effect.



Andrew then took us through the steps to insert collar rings into the neck of a bowl or lidded container. Use of a contrasting wood and of a vee cut ‘relief’ where the two woods join are recommended design tips. The underside of the collar or ring should be rounded so that it merges well inside the vessel.

Andrew provided us with a great running commentary that was both informative and entertaining. We can see that he is a great teacher. Thanks to Andrew for providing a memorable day of demonstration.

UP COMMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

KOONUNG WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

Asscn No. aaaA 0033752T

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Koonung Woodturners Guild Inc. will be held at the Koonung Community Cottage 109 is Koonung Road Blackburn North on

Saturday 25th August commencing at 9.00am. 2012

The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (b) to receive from the Committee reports upon the operations of the Association during the last year.
- (c) To elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee: namely , President, Vice-President, Secretary, treasurer and up to 4 ordinary committee members.
- (d) To receive the statement from the treasurer a report on the annual financial position
- (e) To set the subscription for the ensuing year.
- (f) To consider any other business which the chairman of the Annual General Meeting, in his discretion, considers to be business properly brought forward.

ALSO AT THE AUGUST MEETING : After the AGM, Stewart Watson will be our guest demonstrator with some insights into turning burls.

JOHN ATKINS APPEAL FOR COUNTRY HOPE SUPPORTING KIDS WITH CANCER; Don't forget to bring your items along to the August meeting. These should be simple toys that the children can paint.

SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE OPEN DAY SEPTEMBER 16TH. This is an annual event that we support by doing woodturning demonstrartions. Its a great day with lots of other activities to observe. We are looking for volunteers to do some turning and have some fun. The event runs from 12 till 4pm.

WHITEHORSE SPRING FESTIVAL: Yes its on again on

Sunday 21 October 2012 :: 10am – 4pm

Whitehorse Civic Centre Lawns, 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

We will be looking for members to do some demonstration turning and its a great opportunity to promote the Club. Also have some items ready to sell.

ON BORROWING TOOLS:

A woodworker had a neighbor that always borrowed his tools and never returned them, one day frustrated with this he phoned him. "Could I put my table saw and drill press in your garage?" he enquired. "Sure." his neighbour replied, "But why?" "Just to have all my tools together in one place" he retorted.,

Some turned items spotted in 'design shops' on a recent trip to Scandinavia;



The onion domes of the Russian Orthodox Churches are a inspirational shape for turning lids on containers.