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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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When looking at an American Guild web site this week I was struck by its introduction – in very large letters -
BE CHALLENGED!

We could heed the same. Did you bring something new to Show and Tell ? Did you see something new at Show and tell to challenge you? This is one of the Guild's purposes.



What a confident , competent young turner Michael Bell proved to be. There was much to learn from the cutting efficiency he demonstrated.

We have an opportunity to publicise our Guild at the Whitehorse Springfest so please volunteer to be one of the demonstrators. Hopefully this will add to the two people who have recently shown an interest in joining the Guild.

Jim Pagonis and I have placed a display of turned items in a show case at the Vermont South Library – thank you to those who supplied items for this.

In the past Upmarket 109 has proved to be a very good place for members to sell their high standard items. This year it is being held on 19th of November at the Cottage. We will need people man the stall during the day –see details further on in the news letter.

Each year the Harold Irving toy appeal has been a memorable event. Let us make it the same this year with many turned toys preferably in pairs as two organizations will benefit. If you have already made something please bring it to the meeting so that it will inspire others.

Please fill in the attendance sheet that will circulate at the next meeting so the committee will know how many to cater for at the Break-Up.

At the end of next of next meeting there will be for sale a collection of the late Harold Irving's turning wood - including several grass trees. This is to be sold on behalf of Harold's son and will be sold as the tools were at last meeting.

Many of our members supported Rick Gilks at the funeral Service for his wife Joan. Joan was supportive to the Guild, especially when it was running the Australian Wood turning Exhibition. The Guild made a donation to the Jane McGrath Foundation at the service.

Will Mathieson the clock maker will be our demonstrator at the next meeting 22nd October.
Please bring something for Show and Tell and 'Be Challenged'.
Ray

SHOW and TELL taken by Arthur Sankey



Can you find?
New turner, Gary Voyer's excellent clock.
Max Lehman's Vase and candle holder.
Ray Smith's "lace" rim bowl.
Joe Walker's pomander with a beautiful tail finial.
John McBrinn's "curly" shapes
Somebody's completed resin bowl.
Val Dalsanto's flowers, mushrooms, bowls and spider.
Krin's Pony tail pins and key holders.



DEMONSTRATOR Michael Green

Michael bell is a young man now working full time on turning projects. He has worked with several master turners including Brendan Stemp.

We have all turned bowls but not with the cutting efficiency used by Michael. After he has made a spigot carefully matching the angle of the chuck jaws he prefers to use a heavy handle with interchangeable bowl type ends as this minimizes vibrations. When doing the roughing down to shape he uses a pull cut. That is having the tool flute horizontal and drawing it towards himself. Although this is a more scraping cut wood is removed quite quickly. When the shape is attained he looks closely to



see tear –out. Then using a very sharp tool he uses a push cut with the gouge to deal with the tear out – thus having less need for sanding.

A tool which Michael uses a lot is a negative rake scraper (as in the photo). It is really a heavy thick scraper sharpened like a skew chisel with a curved end. Not only is this very efficient with end grain but also with side grain. Tear-out is a minimum.

When sanding Michael likes to use a power sander either in a drill or one that spins when applied to turning wood. This is very useful with wood where the grain is widely spaced as the hard grain is removed as fast as the soft wood between.

Michael impressed how he made a very small finial starting with the point end first.

Our members were impressed with the competent, confident young man.

WHITEHORSE SPRINGFEST

The Guild will be demonstrating on Sunday 23rd October at the Whitehorse Springfest being held at the back of the Council Chambers in Whithorse Road Nunawading. We would like to have demonstrators from about 9.00am till about 3.00pm in the afternoon. Please fill in the roster when it is passed around at our next meeting.

We have permission to sell items at that time. These will need to be of a high standard and have a name and price attached. The Guild will charge a commission of 20%.

BREAK – UP FUNCTION

The committee has decided to make the Toy Appeal and break-up function similar to last year. On November 26th the meeting will start later than usual with the presentation to The Salvation Army and Easter Relief of the toys. Preparations will then be made for the luncheon.

Members of the committee have volunteered to supply some of the food and members who wish will be given the opportunity to help from a list circulated at our next meeting. Out of pocket expenses can be claimed for these.

The cost for attendees will be \$15 per head.

OPEN DAY 2012

The committee has decided to go ahead with the Guild's facilities being opened to the public on 24th March 2012. Suggestions for what may be held on that occasion will be welcomed.

CAMERAS

The recent TV screen and existing cameras are proving their worth at demonstrations with members being able to see, in detail, the tool handling of demonstrators. Thanks to Ian Absolom this will be further enhanced with a switching box he has constructed to enable the switching of either camera to either TV screen. Thanks Ian.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The treasurer has been pleased with the number of people who have paid the Annual Subscription of \$45 decided at the AGM. If you are one of the few who have not please see Geoff as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBER

John Osborne 2 (to designate him from the past secretary) is now officially a member. Please have a yarn with him when you meet him. John, who is now a regular at Thursday afternoon sessions is very keen to learn and is making rapid progress.

The response to the government's latest health policy.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The ENT specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacologists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, but the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

UP 'MARKET 109 *Quality crafts at affordable prices*

The Koonung Community Cottage is organising Upmarket 109, a market where the various groups who meet at the Cottage will have an opportunity to sell items which they have made.

The Market is to be held on Saturday 19th November from 9.00am to 3pm.

We have been allocated a trestle table in one of the Cottage's three rooms.

Details which we have to follow:

- a. Set up is from 9.00am.
- b. Pack up is after 3.00pm.
- c. Stall holders are to provide a suitable table cloth, preferably floor length.
- d. Only two persons to be manning a stall at one time.
- e. Stall holders must ensure that displays do not project outside the designated space.
- f. Stall holders must provide the buyer some means of contact in case of product fault. This could mean labeling goods individually, labeling bags or providing a business card. This need only include a name and phone number.

Our committee has decided:

Items offered for sale must be of a high standard.

Items must include a tag or sticker indicating the price and phone number of the maker.

It would be preferable to have the items brought in some type of box/container that could be given to a purchaser.

The display and the choice of items for display will be solely at the discretion of the two persons manning the stall at any time.

A list of sales will be kept and a 20% commission paid to the Guild.

Members must bring their own items for sale and collect them at the conclusion of the market.

At the October meeting a roster will be sent around asking for volunteers to assist Rav Smith in the operation of the stall.

TOY APPEAL

The annual Harold Irving Christmas Toy Appeal will be held again this year with recipients being Eastern Relief and the Salvation Army. **This has been a Guild highlight for many years.** Members are again asked to assist by making high quality toys for all ages or make a donation of toys.

These will be presented to the recipients at the meeting on November 26th.

Are you able to help and attend?

Our thoughts sympathy and prayers are with Rick Gilks and family

on the death of

Joan