

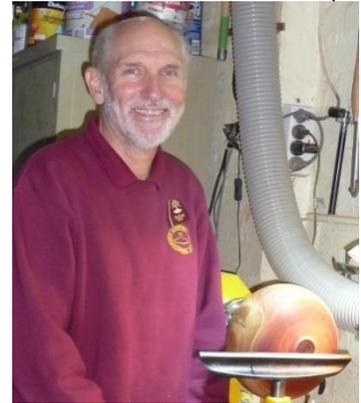
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2014

Well I believe we kicked off the year with an enjoyable meeting in January. Spindle turning with lots of discussion and fellowship was the order of the day. We ended up with two bottle stand items that have been finished and can be inspected at the February meeting.

We have a new face demonstrating for us at the February meeting, Vic Walter is from the Peninsula Turners and I understand will show us some aspects of offset turning. We will have our new TV and cameras in operation for the demonstration. Should be good viewing.



Our new Website is receiving lots of interest from outside the Melbourne area. I hope you have taken the time to look at the Members section on the website. There are some very interesting links to turning skills and also a number of drawings of past Guild projects, especially targeted for our newer members to have a go. The Committee has approved that we sign up for a paid service with the website Host provider. This will ensure we have a very reliable site and also have our own domain name that is easier to find. John has included details of the new address further in this edition of Talking Turning.

We have been invited to do a demonstration at the Kew Festival on Saturday 29th March. Its a similar event to the Nunawading Springfest. This will give us an opportunity for exposure to a new community area not currently serviced by a turning club. We anticipate this will generate sufficient interest to attract some new members. I hope a number of volunteers will be able to support this event.

As the year is now well underway, I encourage you all to be designing and producing some items for the Australian Woodturning Exhibition in June. Last year the Guild entered 50 items and I hope you share this target with me for this year. Lets call it "having fun and meeting the challenge."

See you next Saturday with your show & tell items, Graham

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional. -Tom Wargo,

JANUARY SHOW AND TELL – Led by Di Bermingham

Another great showing with members showing that they have managed to spin up a few items over the Christmas break.



Peter Jerjens received a book on Lidded containers for Christmas and seems determined to work his way through it. This selection in various timbers represents the first few pages!



Geoff Easton's two Scottish spurtles in Paper Bark and Pin Oak.



Alan Thompson provided a challenge to the Wednesday group to turn one of his jewelry boxes (left). This is John Osborne(2)'s effort in Red Gum. His carriage clock on the right also has a thermometer and hygrometer



Another challenge for the Wednesday turners from Alan was his coaster set. Graham Besley completed the set above in Red Gum.



A pair of natural edge bowls in Ash by Geoff Easton



Ray Smith showed that he isn't only a master of the lathe with the 'impossible dovetail' at left and the disassembled unit on the right.



This Coastal Banksia bowl by Graham Besley was decorated with a ceramic tile obtained during his recent Italian adventure.



Val Dalsanto produced the bowl at right with a beaded top in Claret Ash and Oak. His lidded container in Red Gum is shown at right. Somebody commented that it had a Scottish lid (a bit tight!). His nutcracker below the box is possibly out of an unknown New Zealand timber (but more likely a hunk of Tas Oak).



Ray Smith once again showed his ingenuity with this set of birds in Tasmanian Myrtle and Mulga.



A stunning lidded winged bowl in laminated Cypress Pine by David Coull

HANDS ON DAY 2014

Another excellent turnout for the hands on day with 20 or so members staying after the monthly meeting to demonstrate their skills. The 'secret' project turned out to be a wine bottle holder consisting of four separate parts. Members formed into several groups and each group managed to complete at least one component with others managing two. Suffice to say, the morning was enjoyed by all with many positive comments. Many thanks to those that came in early to set up and those that stayed back and helped with the clean-up.



All lathes fully occupied and brows knitted in concentration. Some members turn while others offer support and advice.



Our Guild historian, David Pincus shows that he's a dab hand with a chisel.



Di Bermingham and John McBrinn made an exquisite job of their part but sadly, a little catch turned it into firewood!!



David Coull applying his usual high level of precision.



David Pincus and Ian Absalom Watch on as another master of precision in Alan Thompson turns to fine tolerances.



John Osborne(1) turns under the watchful eye of Ray Smith and thursday regular Corrado Bindi.



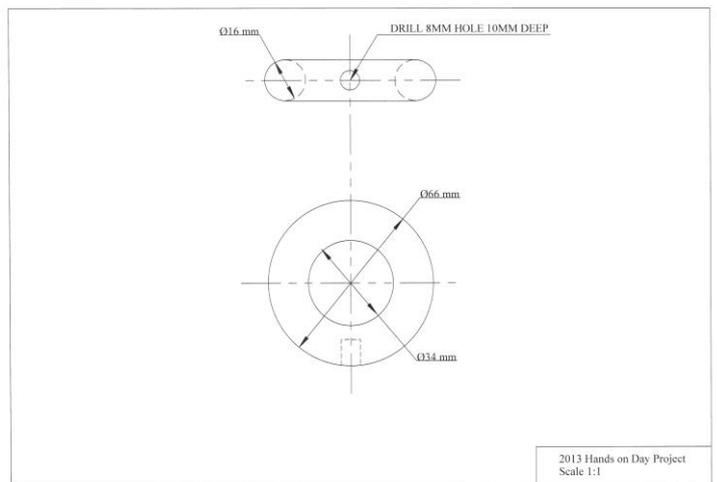
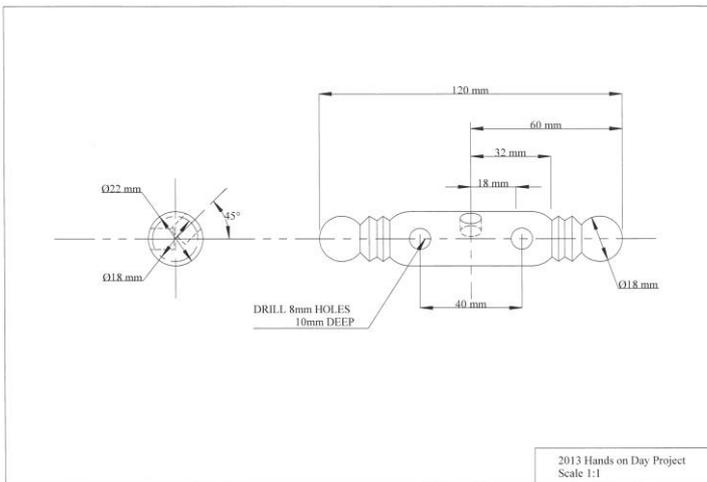
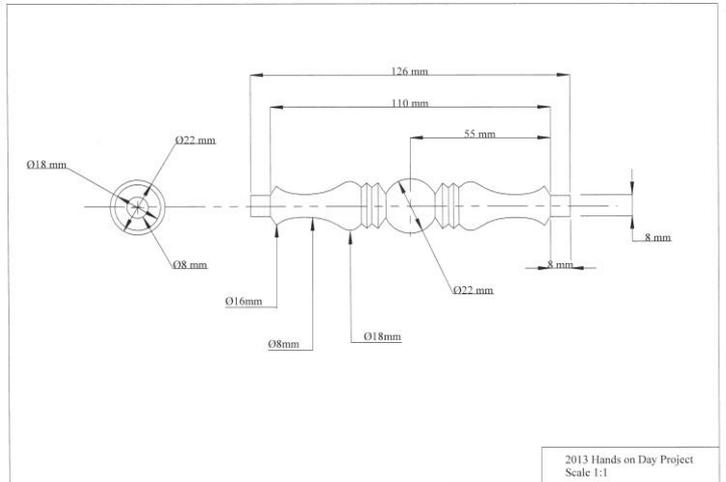
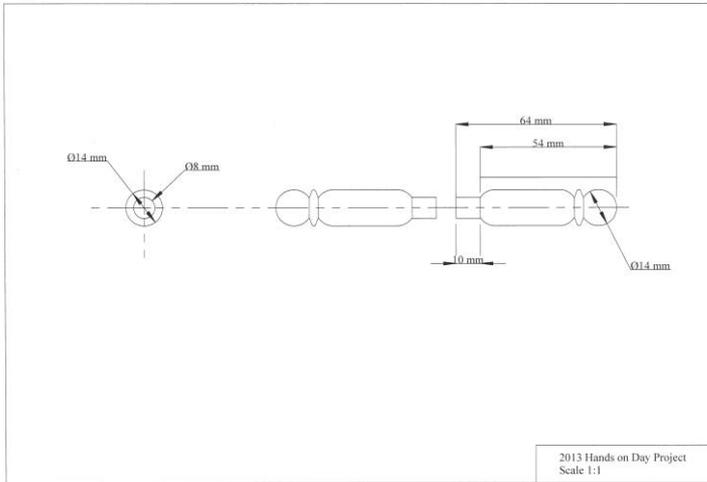
Val Dalsanto turns at his favorite lathe while fellow team members, Gary Voyer and Peter Jerjjens offer their expert advice.

Not much turning going on here! President Graham Besley discussing important club issues with Immediate Past President Ray Smith as wednesday regular Gary Voyer listens in.





What it was all about. A finished bottle holder loaded and ready to go.



For those that couldn't make it, here are the plans. Have a go yourself and bring it along to a future meeting for Show and Tell. The full size plans are available in the member's area of the Guild website.

FORWARD PROGRAM and REMINDERS

FEBRUARY MEETING.

The February meeting on the 22nd will feature Vic Walter from Peninsula Woodturners who will give us a demonstration of offset turning. The demo promises to be a ripper so make sure you don't miss it. Don't forget to bring along something for show and tell and remember, all S&T items will spend the next month featured on the website.

KEW FESTIVAL.

We have submitted an application to demonstrate turning at the Kew Festival on Saturday the 29th March. If accepted, we will be looking for volunteers to man the stand, do a bit of turning, etc. Keep it in mind and be prepared to put your name down to help at the next monthly meeting.

WEB SITE

Don't forget, the Guild's website has moved again . The new URL is:

<http://koonungwoodturners.com>

This move is a result of the Committee deciding to take up the option of the paid web server space which comes with our own domain. The only change you will notice (apart from the new address) is we no longer carry the WIX ads. We also have a lot more server storage space so can easily accommodate all the plans, articles, videos, etc. that We're sure that you want added to the site. You will notice in the page sidebars, photos of the items presented at show and tell from last month's meeting, if you float your cursor over the photo you will see details of the item. Bring along your items to show and tell to feature on the web site next month!

CREATE FROM A CRATE.

In case you didn't get the email, this excellent exhibition is on at the Hatch Contemporary Art Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe until the 22nd of Feb. The VWA website has details:

<http://www.vwa.org.au/exhibitions/create-crate/> and is definitely worth the time to visit. Amazing what can be built from recycled shipping crates!

A NOVEL IDEA.

An idea has been forwarded to the committee for a new item to be added to our calendar. It has been suggested that half a dozen or so members could provide an insight into their more unusual/advanced turned items with a description/discussion of techniques used maybe with some 'work in progress' photos, etc. Perhaps this could be done every second year, maybe alternating with the gadget day. Graham will be looking for your opinion at the next meeting but more importantly, looking for presenters!