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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August 2013

I have heard many members talking about what they learnt and some experimenting done with the new skills shown in Stephen Hughes' demonstration. Our visitors must also have been impressed as most of them remained for the whole day. Special thanks to Jim Pagonis for not only his organising with Stephen Hughes but also for his tireless barbecue efforts. Most pleasing was the assistance from Guild members who, without request carried out essential tasks



In a review of the day, the committee is investigating the provision of further facilities to be used in future demonstrations. These will be mentioned at the AGM.

Nominations for committee members will be sought at the AGM. The constitution states up to six as well as the office bearers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. An ideal total committee would be eight – nine members.

Our annual demonstration at Schwerkolt Cottage, Mitcham will be held on Sunday 15th September. Please volunteer on the roster which will be sent around at our next meeting. If you wish to volunteer and have not been accredited for the Safety Procedures accreditation for lathe use see a committee member at the next meeting. Items - no more than five per member - could be brought there for sale. The demonstration will start at 12.00noon and usually concludes about 4.00pm. We should be able to have two lathes operating for that time.

Toys for Country Hope should be brought to the AGM. They will be the only Show and Tell items as there will be a demonstration by Dr. David Shing. Some of the toys already made are very novel and appropriate. A decision will be made on the best toy for the maker to be awarded the John Atkinson Award.

Thursday afternoon sessions are being well attended with, on some occasions all lathes being used. Our new members are joining in enthusiastically. It is pleasing to see that some of the members who started off being only at the Thursday sessions are now attending the Monday critique nights. Having other members commenting on our efforts leads to improvement.

See you at the AGM.

Ray

JULY MEETING ALL DAY DEMONSTRATION WITH STEPHEN HUGHES

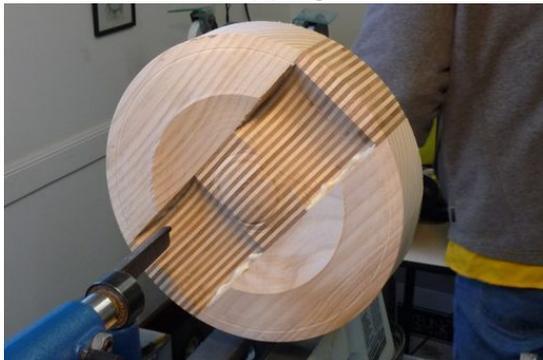
We were provided with a thoroughly interesting series of demonstrations that gave new insights into ways to create complex turnings. Many of the ideas developed by Stephen will be a source of inspiration and I expect will provide a challenge for many of us to test the concepts over the coming year. Your editor has tried to capture the essence of the demonstrations below.



Demo 1: Turning a winged box form:

The box was made from a block of laminated sections of bamboo flooring. (Supplier refer to Leto Bamboo.com.au.) The bamboo is good to turn and dust is not prone to having allergy problems. The laminations can move a bit, so best to leave a few days before final sanding. Preparation;

Two sections were cut out by bandsaw, one of these will be used for turning the lid. Sacrificial wood was then glued to each side to provide a balanced turning and to protect the sides from chipping.



The blank was turned as for a bowl but with an internal central section that becomes the bottom of the box. A spigot is located on the bottom of the box section so that it can subsequently be reversed to be hollowed out. Stephen uses a large disk for power sanding.



Wall thickness uniformity is important as it will be obvious when removed from the sacrificial wood. Regularly check with calipers.

The "bowl is then reversed and mounted in the chuck jaws. The inside of the box is hollowed out. Stephen used a combination of bowl gauges, hollowing tools and scrapers for this step. Under cut the lip of the bowl so the lid will grip.





Winged box form continued; Once the box is hollowed out, the lid can be turned. The blank is hot melt glued to a carrier plate and the inside section turned. The fit needs to be tight (Russian "pop-off")so that the lid can be jam chucked into the box for subsequent turning the outside shape. Tissue paper can be used if the fit is a bit loose. Use the tail stock to hold in place when removing most of the wood. Keep the tool rest close to the work as added protection when turning the last section of waste wood.



The spigot on the bottom of the box section can finally be removed. Hot melt glue to a jam chuck, using only the two sacrificial wood sections for glueing.

The sacrificial sections are then removed on the bandsaw and sanded on the linisher.

Stephen uses a water based lacquer finish from Becker Acroma (Dandenong)

The two off-cuts can be joined together to make an odd shaped bowl, or perhaps used to keep ones bum in shape.



An excellent lunch was provided by our super cook, Jim Pagonis. Thanks Jim. Members had a good chance to meet our many guests from other clubs and soak up some winter sunshine.



Demo 2: Rotational Box with cube wings

Starting point is a square block cut into two, the bottom section of the box is slightly deeper to allow for the inset step. Two jam chucks are used having a square section to exactly match the block dimensions. The depth of the jam chuck is set to match the size of the cube wing pieces. Use a plywood base as it is strong and makes a sound spigot.



Templates are essential to achieve both matching inside and outside spherical shapes. Stephen cuts the templates out of thin ply, holding the ply against the block before commencing turning the cube. The inside of each section is removed, finished and sections then pushed together. A neat fit is required so that the block stays together when turning the outside. The two sections are held together with the second jam chuck and the outside spherical shape is formed by turning three orientations. (Refer to the pine sections illustrated below). Stephen recommends cutting the outside shape with a spindle gouge. Correct angle of the tool is important to avoid a catch at the bottom of the cut. Use the templates to check the shape in each direction. Refine the shape by continually rotating the box through each of the three orientations.



Demo 3; Lidded hollowform with fretwork insert.

Stephen produced a lidded container with a lid consisting of a fretwork ring and a central part using the original wood. A hole in the lid gives the illusion of a hollowform vessel. The underside of the lid can be turned by jam chucking into the main vessel body. The larger opening allows for easier hollowing of the container. Fretwork rings can be purchased from Stephen. If the wall is to be very thin, tape the outside once completed to provide added strength and reduce vibration when hollowing out.



Stephen Hughes Gallery: Stephen had a number of excellent items on display featuring more complex forms of the winged bowl and rotational boxes. I am sure these ideas will keep our grey matter ticking.



FORWARD PROGRAM AND REMINDERS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING; Notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Koonung Woodturners Guild Inc. will be held at the Koonung Community Cottage 109 in Koonung Road Blackburn North on Saturday 24th August 2013, commencing at 9.00am.** Please think about nominating for a position on the committee, we need at least 3 new committee members to share the load. Please don't leave it to someone else. Minutes of last years meeting and agenda for this year are included below .

AUGUST GUEST DEMONSTRATOR will be well known turner David Shing. This promises to be an excellent meeting.

TOYS FOR COUNTRY GOOD HOPE. Don't forget to bring your toy items along to the August meeting! These toys will be the only "show & tell" items at the August meeting. Don't forget that there is a competition for the best item. The winner will have their name added to the John Atkinson trophy.

SCHWERKOLT'S COTTAGE OPEN DAY. We hope you can give some time and attend this excellent afternoon by assisting with doing some turning demonstrating and also enjoy the many other activities at the cottage. Put Sunday 15th September 12 -5pm into your diary. We also need demonstrators to have completed the equipment safety questions before that date. Lets plan to do this simple testing after the AGM meeting!

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Alan Thompson will provide excellent tips and insights in how to get that winning finish on your works of art.

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MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
KOONUNG WOOD TURNERS GUILD
Held at Koonung Community Cottage Blackburn
On 25 August 2012.

The Chairman, President R Smith, opened the meeting at 9.15 am and welcomed members and visitors.

Present:

I Absolom, G Besley, D Bermingham, V Dalsanto, R Dennis, R Dunston, G Easton, R Gabriel, R Gilks, R Johnson, M Lehman, J McBrinn, G Mills, J Osborne(2), J Pagonis, A Sankey, D Scott, R Smith, AThompson, D Tonkin, G Voyer, J Walker, J Wheeler,

Apologies:

C Bentley, D Caddy, M Coulthard, M Jackson, J Osborne, D Pincus, M Round

Acceptance of 2011 AGM Minutes: Moved M Lehman 2nd R Dennis
Carried

Business arising from the 2011 AGM Minutes: There was no business arising from the 2011 AGM Minutes.

Reports:

President: Ray thanked each member of the Guild for the way they supported each other and the organization as a whole.

Copy of report passed to Secretary

Special points

Sustainability trophy was well received

Vermont library display was a credit to members

Letter of thanks received for all day turning demonstration

Vice President: Vice Presidents Report refer to Presidents report

Treasurer Report : The Guild began the year with a bank balance of \$ 2507 and ended with a balance of \$4829

Treasurers report Moved G Easton 2nd J Wheeler Carried

R Dennis Audited and found acceptable

Motion

The Annual Subscription will be set at \$ 45

The Joining Fee will remain at \$ 45

Moved G Easton 2nd G Mills Carried

Secretary's Report Refer to presidents report

General Business: Ray presented the 2011 Brian Christian Award to J Pagonis and thanked him for his contribution to the Guild and praised his ability in woodturning and his willingness to share his knowledge.

Election of Office Bearers for 2012/2013

The President declared all positions vacant, nominated R Dennis as acting Chairman and vacated the chair.

President: G Besley nominated R Smith ; seconded D Bermingham

There were no other nominations so R Smith was declared President

Vice President: I Absolom nominated G Besley ; seconded J Walker

There were no other nominations so G Besley was declared Vice President.

Secretary: J Pagonis nominated Ian Absolom seconded AThompson

There were no other nominations so Ian Absolom was declared Secretary.

Treasurer: R Smith nominated Geoff Easton; seconded G Besley

There were no other nominations so Geoff Easton was declared Treasurer

Newsletter Editor: J Walker nominated G Besley; seconded D Bermingham

There were no other nominations so G Besley accepted the position.

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MINUTES OF 2012 AGM CONTINUED:

Committee:

The following members were elected to the committee in addition to the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary:

J Wheeler	Moved R Johnson	Seconded J McBrinn
Arthur Sankey,	Moved I Absolom	Seconded J Pagonis
Ross Gabriel	Moved J Pagonis	Seconded Arthur Sankey
John Osborne(2)	Moved R Smith	Seconded J Pagonis

D Bermingham as past president is ex officio- always welcome

The committee has power to co opt further members should the need arise.

Public Officer: The committee appointed I Absolom as the Public Officer for the coming year.

Ian Absolom Secretary]
25 August 2012.

Agenda for 2013 Annual General Meeting - 24th August 2013

Open meeting at 9.00 am

Apologies:

Minutes of Previous AGM:

Copies are available at the table for members to read.

Business Arising from Previous AGM :

Correspondence In:

Incoming correspondence is available at the desk for members to read.

Committee minutes are available for examination

Correspondence Out:

Outgoing correspondence is available at the desk for members to read.

Reports:

President: To be presented

Vice President: covered in presidents report

Treasurer: To be presented Motion; Set the annual fee for 2013-2014 to \$ 50.00

Secretary: covered in presidents report

General Business:

Presentation of Brian Christian Award

Election of Officer Bearers

Declare all positions vacant and nominate Returning officer for the election.

Call for nomination and seconder for position of President - election if required

Call for nomination and seconder for positions of Vice President - election if required

Call for nomination and seconder for position of Secretary - election if required

Call for nomination and seconder for position of Treasurer - election if required

Call for nomination and seconder for position of Newsletter Editor - election if required

Call for nominations and seconders for up to 6 more Committee members - election if required

Congratulate those appointed to the positions and then hand Chairmanship to new President

Close meeting at-----am