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PRESIDENTS REPORT

April 2011



For our March meeting we were blessed to have a demonstrator the calibre of David Shing. David is very innovative and as you know comes up with very different turned pieces. Every year at the Australian Woodturning Exhibition one cannot help making a beeline to see what he has come up with. It was a great pleasure to see David's very fine work and the tools he used. Our new variable speed lathe came into its own allowing him to do his fine work at a great speed and then put a large piece on the lathe, change the belts to use another set of ratios. Speaking of the Exhibition, I hope you have all started on your entries!

Your support is what keeps this great event going. For newer woodies 'Give it a go'.

What a splendid face lift Graham Besley did with the Dolls House. Graham has been Lugging it to and from our Monday and Saturday Meetings. He has measured and planned and come up with lists to ensure all the Items our members made would fit its correct spot. Thank you everyone who made furniture. I know most of the items were not turned but it goes to show how clever you all are when you put your hand to something. Estelle's' Piano was quite splendid as well, the children at the Women's Refuge will have a lot of fun I'm Sure.

Monday Nights are very well attended and we are starting to see some hints of what our members are planning for the Exhibition. It's a very good time to come and share your ideas or be inspired as others work on their pieces.

Thursdays are well attended and under the watchful eye of Ray are doing very well.

A young fellow, a puppeteer, who was working with Arthur on Tuesday, stopped coming which Arthur found a little disconcerting. He was delighted to get a letter from the young man thanking him for his time. Work has come between him and his new hobby. Who knows, he just may come back one day. These workshops are great stepping stones for new members.

John Mc Brinn is our demonstrator for April, Come along and enjoy the morning. If you have visitors for Easter bring them along they are most welcome.

Entries for the Australian Woodturning Exhibition close 27th May 2011

Please remember to bring your show and tell Items

**Next Meeting 23rd April 2011
9am**

A hobby is hard work you wouldn't do for a living! Anon

SHOW and TELL



How good it was to again see Ted Anderson's Yin and Yang (best of the AWTEX show some years ago).

David Coull showed his 'Cindy Drozda' lidded container with the good way to imitate ebony.

Alan Thompson has mastered the self winding top.

Joe Walker glued together many different timbers to make an eye-catching rectangular tray.

Reg Johnson showed a large bowl made from several timbers.

Val Dalsanto showed the trial for a clock as well as several small containers.

The square container was made by Ray Smith.



FOR SALE

Michael O'Callaghan wishes to sell his Hare & Forbes MC 900 Lathe. It comes with a Face Plate, Spur Drive and a couple of chisels. Price \$300 ONO.

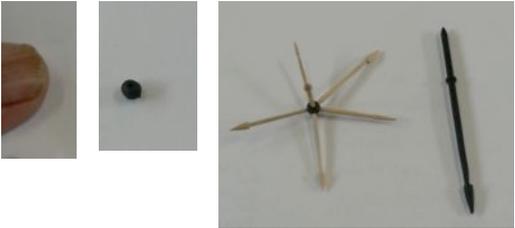
DEMONSTRATOR David SHING

When starting wood turning David was at first intimidated by the excellent work of others. He then realised that good results consisted of joining together, in a systematic way, many simple operations.



He now makes eye-catching scenarios using wood turning techniques.

The black dot, compared to a finger, was a piece of ebony. He was able to drill five holes with a Dremel into this and then inserted some spikes turned from box wood. This wood has straight grain and is stable in very thin pieces. To see these small pieces and catch them while in the lathe he places a white cloth on the lathe bed. David uses the lines on a Jacob chuck as an indexer.



To make this 'screw ribbon' David uses a micro plane and rasp held at about 45 degrees to remove wood at the same time turning the lathe very slowly by hand.

David likes doing lattice work. A circle of wood is held in a jamb chuck by gluing with a heat gun. The tool used is shown – to maintain the same depth each time a stop is taped to the side of the tool. David says he judges by eye, the distance between the rings. He cleans up the cuts by using either a skew chisel or a dentist tool.



The glue is removed with methylated spirits.



One of a matching pair made by David.

David likes to do much of his turning using a dedan tool. This is rectangular at the end and sharpened like steep scraper.

DOLLS' HOUSE FURNITURE



Arthur Sankey was given a dolls' house by a women's shelter to be refurbished and refurnished.

Graham Besley not only repainted it he organized the plans, correct to scale, for the furniture.

The photos show the excellent efforts of members in the making of the furniture.

The children concerned will really appreciate our efforts.



Reporters interviewing a 104 man. "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" He simply replied, "No peer pressure."

An elderly man preparing his will had two final requests. He wanted to be cremated and his ashes scattered over a Bunnings Store. When asked why he exclaimed, "Then I am sure they will visit me at least twice a week."

The senility prayer:

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway.
The good fortune to run into the ones I do
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

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June 2011 -- 17th, 18th, 19th June 2011

Waratah Room Whitehorse Centre

ENTRIES CLOSE 27TH MAY with

Secretary

c/o 37 Reid St

Rhyll 3923

This year there will be a Pen Section for students and novices.

BUNNINGS DEMONSTRATION

As a preliminary to the AWTEX the guild will be holding a demonstration at Bunnings, Middleborough Road Box Hill South commencing at 10.00am.

Guild volunteers will be welcomed.

GUILD WEB SITE

Graham Besley and Krin are undertaking refreshment of the Guild web site.

This is important for enticing new members.

In the past it has brought several new members.

ST. ALFRED'S BOYS' CLUB and FATHERS' DAY

Last year the Boys' Club of St. Alfred's Church (Koonung Road) were given an evening demonstration of woodturning by Arthur Sankey and David Scott.

Their leaders would like to do the same in August this year and if possible have the opportunity for the boys to purchase turned items (about \$5).

The suggestion is that the Guild will purchase things like wine bottle stoppers, key ring holders, and pens for Guild members to complete and sell to the boys. All sales money would go to the Guild.

SOME UNIVERSAL TRUTHS OF WOODTURNING

Continue being challenged to learn new things. One year's experience repeated ten times is not the same as having 10 years of experience.

It doesn't matter what the grinding wheel is made of, how fast it spins or whether the tool is held in a jig or freehand so long as the same edge profile is repeated every time we use it.

Real wood turners do use scrapers. A scraper is a cutting tool and it does remove wood. You can do everything with a scraper that can be done with a bowl gouge but it will take you longer and the surface will not be as good.

Measuring the height of the tool rest is not important. Riding the bevel of the gouge on the wood is important.