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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 2013

“Promoting excellence in the art of woodturning.”

A tenet of our Guild. Our more than fifty entries to the Australian Woodturning Exhibition indicate that this is being upheld. The quality of the entries? There were 10 first places, 9 second places and 6 third places. A record for the Guild not only in the number of entries but also in the number of place getters.

Well done Guild!! And congratulations to all place getters. I make special mention of Ian Absolom who not only won a first place in the Novice Lidded Container section but also Best Novice entry. Congratulations Ian.



Let us not forget the committee, led by our member Ray Dennis, which organizes the Australian Woodturning Exhibition. It is done so well, all voluntarily, very time consuming and stressing at exhibition time. Congratulations to this committee. May it continue for many years.

At our next meeting on 22nd of June we can hold our own exhibition if those who submitted entries can bring them and be prepared to talk about their planning, execution problems and finishing.

We now have sufficient participants to fill our room for the all day demonstration by Stephen Hughes on the 27th of July. There are Guild members from Manningham, Forest Hill and Eastern coming. If any of our members have not indicated they would like to attend please let me know.

We are now at the time of the year when we should be thinking of making toys for “Country Hope.” This was first started by the late John Atkinson to supply wooden toys to be painted by children with cancer who attend the “Country Hope” camp. As well as the plans that have been used in the past John Osborne2 has found a web site that could be useful. <http://webshop.anamalz.com.au/>

The testing for the operation of the Guild's equipment can now be carried out by any two committee members once the Safety Procedures acknowledgement form has been returned signed.

See you on the 22nd for our own Exhibition!! It will be of a very high standard if all entries are brought. Ray

MAY MEETING SHOW & TELL Lead by John McBrinn



<< Stunning birds eye maple items by Ray Smith. Lidded container design was inspired by a recent David Coul turning. Shoe horn handle is in oak.

Three items by Val Dalsanto. Platters in red gum and oak. Lidded bowl is blackheart sasafra. >>>



<< Interesting design of this Jewel Box by Max Lehman. The concentric inside section rotates to close (shown partially closed). How did Max make it? Constructed in redgum.



Wooden faceplates.>>>
Holes are tapped to suit lathe drive shaft. John Wheeler did some bargain hunting to source the drill bit and thread taping equipment.



<< Claret ash bowl with natural edge by Graham Besley. The bark was loose and unable to be retained.





SHOW & TELL CONTINUED

<<< Inspiring items by Joe Walker; The redgum Vase has been hand carved from a turned cylinder. The offset shapely figurine has five centers.

>>> Huon pine cup and egg is vintage Reg Johnson. Reg invented and made his own gadget to turn the spiral stem.



<< Attractive silky oak bowls. LHS is by Frank Larsen. RHS is by Graham Mills.

An Interesting point of discussion often raised at our Monday Evening meetings is how much gloss to have on an item.

RESULTS AT THE AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION

Congratulations to the following members who gained a place for their entry:

OPEN

Alan Thompson	Clock	1 st
John McBrinn	Clock	2 nd
John McBrinn	Laminated Build	3 rd
John McBrinn	Novelty Item	1 st
John McBrinn	Wood Art	1 st

INTERMEDIATE

Dianna Bermingham	Miniature	1 st
Rick Gilks	Spindle Turned	1 st
Val Dalsanto	Clock	1 st
Mal Jackson	Novelty Item	3 rd
Mal Jackson	Bowl under 200mm	2 nd
David Scott	Spindle Turned	3 rd
Ray Smith	Bowl over 200mm	2 nd
Ray Smith	Clock	2 nd
Ray Smith	Clock	3 rd
Ray Smith	Natural Edge Item	3 rd
Ray Smith	Lidded Container	3 rd

NOVICE

Ian Absolom	Lidded container	1 st	Best Novice & VWA Encouragement Award
Geoff Easton	Clock	1 st	
John Osborne	Clock	2 nd	
John Osborne	Miniature	2 nd	Sue Leach Award
Ross Gabriel	Spindle Turned	2 nd	
Graham Besley	Bowl over 200mm	1 st	VWA Encouragement Award
Graham Besley	Bowl under 200mm	1 st	
Graham Besley	Lidded Container	2 nd	
Graham Besley	Platter	2 nd	

SNAPS OF FIRST PLACED ITEMS



Ian Absolom



Rick Gilks



John McBrinn



Alan Thompson



Val Dalsanto



Geoff Easton

Koonung is good at clocks, 7 places in this category



Di Bermingham



John McBrinn



AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION Novice 1st Place



Graham Besley

MAY GUEST SPEAKER GEORGE SEVDALLAS



George is a professional wood carver who came to the “lucky country” Australia from Egypt in 1956. George took us on a trip down memory lane recounting many experiences with his career and the impact of modern machinery and materials on his traditional craft.

George felt he was very fortunate to meet many interesting people as clients and the challenges he had to make special replacement items in some beautiful buildings.

An example is the light fitting shown below.

Woods that are good to carve are Queensland beech, Myrtle, Tas Oak and Huon pine.



FORWARD PROGRAM REMINDERS & NOTES

JUNE 22ND MEETING: We request that everyone bring along their items that were entered in the Woodturning Exhibition. There will be a show and tell with an opportunity to discuss what inspired you in your design and the technical challenges you faced.

Geoff will collect payment from those attending the full day session of the July meeting at the June meeting. (\$15 members and \$25 visitors).

We have about one third of the Safety Procedures Acknowledgement forms signed so far. For those yet to do so, please bring your signed form to the June meeting.

LIBRARY DISPLAY: Please provide some of your exhibition items so they can be displayed at the Nunawading library from 26th June to 30th July. These can be left with Ray Smith at the June meeting.

JULY 27th MEETING: This will be an all day demonstration by well known and respected turner, Stephen Hughes. A not to be missed event. Lunch is included and members from 3 other turning clubs will be present, giving us an opportunity to talk turning with some new faces.

The Brian Christian Award will be presented at the AGM on 27th July. The Committee is seeking nominations from members. Please discuss your thoughts with any Committee member.

TOYS for COUNTRY HOPE: As these are due for our September meeting, you may wish to add them to your list of turning jobs for the remaining winter months.

THANKS, to Joe Walker for his donation of two books to our Library,

- Masterful Turning Projects and Inspiration by Gary Roberts
- Carving on Turning by Chris Pye