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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

September 2012

The committee members elected at the AGM last month have accepted positions to continue the smooth running of the Guild in the coming year.

In the demonstration by Stuart Watson at the AGM we saw the value of the new air filtration system when it cleared the air of dust raised in the turning of a burl. Stuart showed us how chalk can be used in picking a starting position and marking a raised point in the leveling of a large area. He also showed that it can be useful in being able to approach a burl in both directions- with a spigot and a face plate. Thanks Stuart for that and the raffle prize.



The toys to be painted by children at Country Hope camp have been forwarded on. Alan Thompson again won the best toy award. Thanks to those who participated.

Again the Nunawading library has given us an area to display items from September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have quality items you would like to display please bring them to our meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

We have been allocated a space to demonstrate at this year's Whitehorse Springfest. On 21<sup>st</sup> October. Volunteers are needed to have a continuous operation of members making real items- bowls, goblets boxes etc. . It will also be a time to sell some of the Guild's and members' items. Commission will be 20%..

It is now time to start thinking about making toys for the Annual Harold Irving Christmas Toy Appeal.

Longer serving members will remember former member, Geoff Oakley, who was a keen turner and attendee until his ill-health prevented him from doing so .Goeff passed away a few days ago. The funeral will be held at the Ringwood Salvation Army Citadel next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

At our meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be fortunate to have a repeat performance by young turner, Michael Bell. Hope to see you there with as many Show and Tell items as last meeting.

Ray

**BRIAN CHRISTIAN AWARD**



Congratulations to Jim Pagonis who was presented this award at the August AGM meeting. Thanks Jim for your significant contributions over the past years.

**AUGUST SHOW AND TELL LEAD BY JOHN McBRINN:** There was a good number of items this month, continue being active and bring your work along to the meetings. I know all members enjoy seeing what others are producing.



Bowls ( cypress pine and oak) and pods by Val Dalsanto



Above: Two walking sticks by David Scott. Laminated construction with central core of bamboo. Osage orange and colored resin spots.



Left: Sheoak lidded container with finial and legs is a 'prototype' by Ray Smith. The redgum coasters decorated with fine rings and matching holder is by Alan Thompson. Jarrah lidded container by Val.

SHOW & TELL Continued



Blackwood Candle stick holders and Vase by Ron Dunstan. Vase is constructed of 331 pieces of wood. Joints filled with timbermate. Polyurethane finish. Great way to use up those leftovers.

Two bowls by Max Lehman. Both from Fiji woods, Daku (on left) & Tamarind (on right). Inspired by bowls made by Fijian turners. Max assures us the woods were Ok'd by customs.



Platter made by Rick Gilks as part of a training session conducted in England under instruction of David Reeks. Wood variety is unknown. Surface textured with spiraling tool and air brush painted.

Ray Smith used info from recent Andrew Potocnik demo to make the Pod with bent stem.

Cute pig by Di Bermingham made from Laburnum.

YoYo with finely constructed sections by John McBrinn. John is going to take lessons on how to use it with his Grandkids.



## SHOW & TELL Continued



Candle holders by Graham Besley, influenced by Scandinavian designs. White finish consists of liming white then polyurethane.

Large burl platter by our guest demonstrator Stewart Watson.

Chestnut vase made by Rick Gilks during his recent trip to England. Deep hollowing included use of a laser beam setup to gauge wall thickness.



## TOYS FOR COUNTRY HOPE CAMP



A few members produced a quantity of toys for the kids with cancer to paint and decorate. Special thanks to Rick and Joe for their contribution. The Monday night team reviewed the items and selected the “best toy” based on design ideas, turning complexity and finish. Congratulations to Alan Thomson for his Three Little Pigs. The trophy for the award is included in the above photos.

## DEMONSTRATION OF TURNING A BURL BY STEWART WATSON



Our guest demonstrator for August meeting was Stewart Watson, who is well known to many of our members.

Stewart covered the turning steps and provided many useful tips when producing a bowl from a burl with wide natural edge "wings".

### Key steps;

Add faceplate and turn a spigot

Hold in spigot and form 'wing' section on top

Hold with faceplate and turn base of bowl and underside of 'wings'

Hold in spigot, remove face plate and turn topside of bowl

Form jam chuck and mount bowl (support with tail stock) and finish base.

### Tips;

Use 'sash' screws to hold faceplate to work. These are high tensile.

Ensure spigot is formed into solid wood.

Burls scrape very cleanly and give a good finish. Stewart scrapes with a skew

Burls can blunten tools rapidly, so be prepared to sharpen frequently.

Use chalk mark on tool rest to indicate outer edge of burl, as it is difficult to see the irregular edge when spinning.

The bark can either be retained or removed. Super glue helps retain the bark.

Note that the foot size is important to ensure the bowl is balanced. Refer photo below.

Use chalk to mark high spots when finishing surface with scraper.

Use calipers to check wall thickness, wings prevent use of fingers for this task.

Beware of edges when sanding, power sanding keeps fingers clear, or sand outer edges when stationary. Sand to a minimum of 400 grit.



**NEW AIR FILTER:** In photo (right), note the new air filter below the lathe which is a recent purchase. This was very effective at keeping the dust levels down for the comfort of members watching the Demonstration.



## REMINDER FOR UP COMING EVENTS

**September Meeting**, next Saturday 22nd. Michael Bell will be our guest demonstrator.

**Annual Fees Due:** Please remember to catch up with Jeoff Easton at Saturday's meeting and settle this year's subs (\$45)

**Nunawading Library Display;** Sept 26th to October 30th. Bring any high quality items you wish to display to the September meeting. Or just go along and check it out.

**Whitehorse Spring Festival:** Sunday 21 October 2012 :: 10am – 4pm  
Whitehorse Civic Centre Lawns, 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading  
We will be looking for members to do some demonstration turning and its a great opportunity to promote the Club. Also have some items ready to sell.

**Christmas Toys:** Time to start thinking about making some toys for our annual donation to underprivileged children at our November meeting.

**Request for assistance;** Di Bermingham is seeking a small amount of 'Emery Power' It is often used for making pincushions (keeping Pins sharp and free from burrs and rust) If anyone has some they could share (a teaspoon full ) or the name of a supplier would be appreciated.

**Points of View**, it is often better to see them as different rather than right or wrong, for example....2 blondes were siding a house together. The first blonde looked over at the other and saw that she was throwing away about half of her nails after pulling them from her pouch.  
Curiosity got the best of her, and when she asked the second blonde why she was doing that, she replied that it was because they were pointed in the wrong direction.  
Realizing the real problem, the first blonde said to the other "You silly girl, those nails are for the other side of the house"