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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE 2021

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Welcome to Talking Turning for June 2021.

We were privileged to be able to meet once again this year when we had our general meeting in May. During the meeting we reminisced on the contributions Ray Smith had made to the Guild and we held a minutes silence in memory. The meeting was well attended with the room full to the permitted capacity of 20 people.



The large turnout included a couple of visitors who came to watch Alan Thompson demonstrate turning a Christmas decoration consisting of a hollow sphere with a top and bottom flange. Thank you Alan for the informative demonstration. It was good to see so many items presented for the April/May challenge to make a thin bowl out of a piece of timber 140mm x 140mm x 19mm. A variety of takes were on the table as you will see in the photos later.

I took the opportunity to conduct show and tell as it may be the last time I have the opportunity to do so before departing for Tasmania. Just when we thought things were on the move again we find ourselves in another lockdown.

Prior to the lockdown in June we had recommenced the Monday evening discussion group, Wednesday afternoon workshop sessions and Thursday afternoon group for beginners as well as being allowed to meet indoors. Memories of the extended lockdown we had last year help us to realise how precious the few meetings that we have been able to have so far this year are. Although the 2 week "circuit breaker" lockdown has finished there are still restrictions in place that are being eased slowly. It may be some time before we are able to meet again as a group gathering. It looks as though it may be back to zoom meetings for a while.

During the second week of lockdown the phones of those who are on WhatsApp started pinging with congratulations for Jim and Maureen's who celebrated their 60th anniversary. Congratulations Jim and Maureen, quite a milestone for you both.

To update you on the defecting president, Evelyn and I planned to go back to Tasmania to organise things in our new house but we got caught in the lockdown. We recently had our Good 2 Go passes approved as Tasmanian residents which means we will have to quarantine at our house for two weeks. I'm sure I will manage to find something to do in the shed. The timing of this visit doesn't quite fit in with our plans but it is a case of making hay while the sun shines (which it does quite a lot in Swansea).

Unfortunately we won't be in Melbourne for the next meeting. If the meeting is to be on Zoom because of restrictions it may have to be run from overseas! Until we meet again keep well and keep turning.

Richard Jardine President.

NOTICES

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The annual general meeting is due to be held in August with all positions to be declared vacant. If you are interested in serving on the committee in some capacity, please contact any of the existing committee.

With Richard moving to Tasmania the President's position is available. We would also like to fill the position of "Web Master", looking after our web site. Some of our younger members who have computer experience may like to take over this position.

JUNE MEETING – 26th June

Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, we are unable to meet at the Community House but we will conduct a meeting via zoom for those that are keen to meet. An email invitation will be sent to members with a link to the zoom meeting. Our guest speaker, Graham Watt, has agreed to talk at our meeting next month (Covid willing)

JULY MEETING – 24th July

Men's Health week was in June, so we have arranged for Graham Watt to be our guest speaker. This was originally planned for last year. By way of thanking Graham Watt for his time we will donate \$50 to the "Kids Hope" foundation. Member are also encouraged to make a small donation on the day

FOREST EDGE EXPERIENCE.

2pm on Friday 16th July to 2pm Sunday 18th July

Hi everyone,

We are going ahead with woodturning at Forest Edge in 2021. The camp is keen to have us and have run several camps this year with no infections or safety issues.

SO... providing we all do not get locked up again.... we **WILL** be running.

The important bits – **DATE: 2pm on Friday 16th July to 2pm Sunday 18th July**

Cost **\$220**

Bank Details: Bendigo Bank, Account Name: Forest Edge Experience, BSB: 633 000 Account: 159 966 662

Please bring your lathe and something to turn,
Scrollers and Pyrographers are welcome as well.
Warm clothes.

The rooms are heated but an additional blanket (if you are concerned about being cold) and your smile.

Mary Reynolds RN
Ph 0439312318
email: lakeviewmary@gmail.com

If you are interested in attending, a lathe can be borrowed from the Guild shed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The committee is currently reviewing all the existing safety policies and procedures and we hope to be able to report back to you in the next few months. This may result in all members doing a refresher course.

CARBA TEC 15% OFF

Paid up members of Koonung Woodturning Guild are eligible for 15% discount at Carba Tec. You will be issued with a card when subs are paid.

FROM GARY JENVY



Hi all.

Visited Echuca last week but had to leave early on Thursday due to lockdown. While there visited Nullabor Sustainable Timbers in Moama. Bought some French oak off top of wine barrel and some ironwood. Amazing place. Stacks of Timber. Worth a visit. Check out website. Gary

MAY SHOW AND TELL



A collection from Val Dalsanto

A lidded box – star shaped.
A study of “Saturn”
A lidded Japanese influenced container



Mal Jackson

A sailing ship (left) finished with Black Japan

A legged bowl. – the corner off cuts were used to form the legs



Di Bermingham
(Left) Japanese influenced lidded container finished with Jesso

Tim Denyer
(Right)
Deep bowl – timber unknown





Roger Annells (Left)
Eucalypt Burl bowl with natural
edge. Danish oil finish



Tom Beswick (Right)
Evergreen tree



Bruce Black (Left)
Silky Oak bowl with Shellawax

The finished result of one teams
hands on day work



Please note
I have held back some of the pictures of the "Presidents Challenge" for our next
edition of Talking Turning

MAY DEMONSTRATION

A CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

Alan Thompson's demonstration was quickly down to business. On the lathe he had a cylinder around 50mm diameter and 100mm long which he turned to the required diameter with a skew chisel.

A template had been prepared to help refine the shape to be turned. Alan proceeded to turn the end of the cylinder into half a sphere, checking his progress with

the template from time to time.

Then he used a parting tool to make a groove about 8mm deep which defined the length of the sphere, before continuing the spherical shape.

Alan placed a centre drill into a chuck in the tailstock. He described the virtues of this method of ensuring a larger drill would be correctly centred. After using the centre drill, a 9.5mm drill was then placed into the drill chuck and used to bore a hole through the entire length of the sphere.

An Allen key had been modified to be used to help hollow out the sphere. It had been placed into a small handle. A thin scraper 8mm wide and curved on the end was used to begin the hollowing. Alan stressed the

importance of knowing just how far to insert the tool, and had masking tape on both of the tools 43mm from their ends. He also had a long, thin piece of plastic tubing which was used to blow out the chips inside the sphere. A calliper made of coat-hanger wire was essential to measure the wall thickness as hollowing progressed. This was shaped to enable wall thickness to be measured accurately and the ends were set at 10mm apart.

The spigot holding the partly turned sphere was now reduced in diameter so the sphere could be completed. Alan reminded us that, as there was a 9.5 hole through the spigot, he couldn't reduce the spigot's diameter to less than around 11mm. Using the template some more and making the final cut with a skew, the sphere was completed.

The next task was to make the top finial. This was turned with the smallest diameter on the right hand end. When complete, Alan then used his centre drill again to



help position a small drill which made a hole the entire length of the finial. Before parting off, callipers were used to ensure the spigot which had been added, was indeed

9.5mm diameter. It had to fit the hole which had been drilled through the sphere.

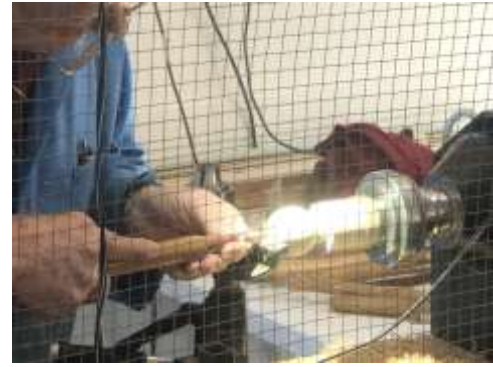
Eyelets were used in previous versions of these decorative spheres, but nowadays Alan

made loops with thin copper wire bent around a 3mm nail and twisted to form a tail that was to be inserted through the hole in the finial. When it was placed in the hole, the ends of the wire were bent over and glued.

The major finial was turned from another piece of wood mounted in a long jaws chuck. Alan stressed that this wood needed to have a straight grain to avoid failure of the very thin section he turned. He used a spindle gouge

for most of the shaping, refining parts with a skew before sanding and using his parting tool. Another spigot was turned and accurately measured so as to fit the sphere.

Alan's presentation was skilfully managed and well received.



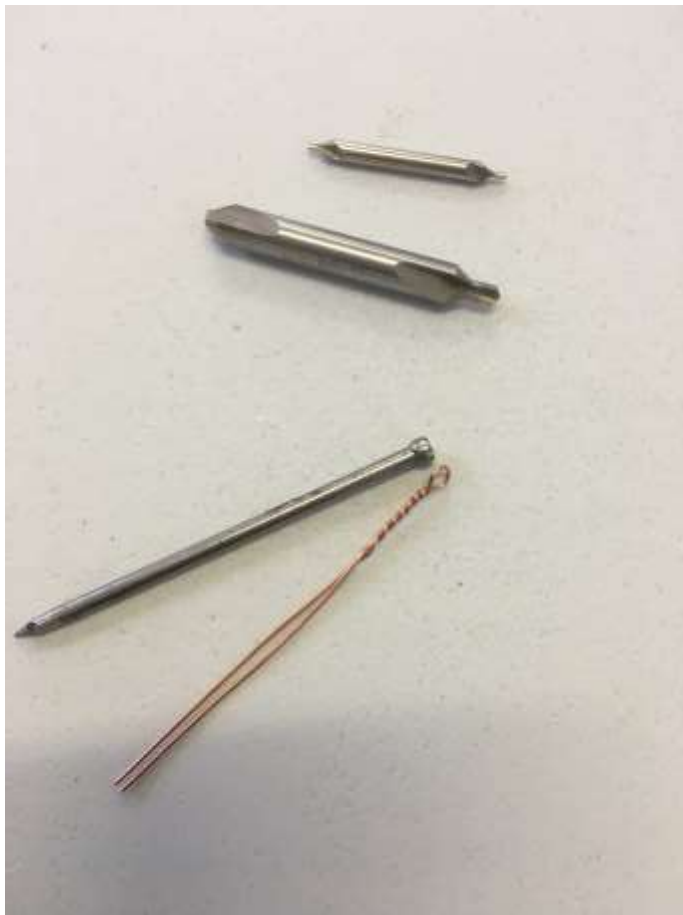
Cliff Walsh •



(Left) Template for the sphere made from a plastic credit card



(Right) Thickness gauge made from an old coat hanger



(Left) Centre drills used prior to drilling and copper wire eyelet. 3mm nail for forming the eyelet opening



(Right) Scraper and hollowing tool made from and Allen Key

(Below) The completed items, Hollow Sphere and 2 finials



Thanks to Alan for a great demonstration.

Thanks to Cliff Walsh fro the write up and thanks to Bru]ce Black for the photography