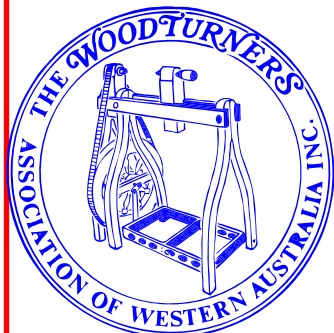


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8:00am - 12:00pm Wednesday (Hands On)

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Presidential Prououncement

By the time you read this my term of office will have finished and a new President installed. I wish him well for his period of office.

While every care is taken in writing these pieces, the writer has no idea of whether anyone bothers to read them. I have tried to make them relevant to the running of W.A.W.A. ; only you know if I have been successful.

The full report of this years activities is contained in the President's Report to the A.G.M. Copies are available if required.

As my term closes I wish to thank all those that have helped me, the Committee has been particularly understanding and supportive. My special thanks go to Alan Roberts, George Sharpe and Jim Stitfall with whom I have worked very closely. To those retiring this year, I thank you for the support you have always given.

Last but by no means least I thank Doris as secretary for her support and for helping me keep up to date. Only I know the amount of time she has put into that role.

I have not mentioned the Woodshow as I am sure there is a full report elsewhere. I will just say that the presentation of W.A.W.A. was the best I have seen; well done Derek Beer, Jim Stitfall, Chris Smith, Shopping Centre Group and all those that assisted them.

Signing off,

Derek Martin

Committee of Management

Declaration of Poll

Following the close of Nominations at 5 PM on Wednesday 30 June 2010, I have finalised the procedure for the Election of Office Bearers for 2010 - 2011 and attach the Declaration of The Poll

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

2010-2011

DECLARATION OF POLL

In accordance with the Constitution of the Association I hereby declare that the following persons will hold office as the Committee of Management for 2010-2011.

PRESIDENT: Alan Roberts – elected unopposed for a one-year term, however, he is eligible for re-election at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

As more than five Nominations were received, I conducted a ballot to determine the length of the Term of Office of all Nominees and as a result...

The following to hold office until the 2011 Annual General Meeting:

Chris Smith

And the following to hold office until the 2012 Annual General Meeting:

John Gardiner

Peter Povey

George Sharpe

Greg Williams

Ray York

CONTINUING MEMBERS

Each of the following continues to hold office until the 2011 Annual General Meeting:

Derek Beer

C H Marsh

Noel Moyes

Bill Younger

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Derek Martin - remains Immediate Past President until the expiration of Alan Roberts's term of office.

Clause 11 [1] [a] of the Constitution of the Association provides that the Committee of Management shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than 5 nor more than 8 other persons, therefore, at the close of Nominations a sufficient compliment has been elected.

The positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be determined at the first meeting of the Committee of Management held after the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

GEORGE HERRING Returning Officer

1 July 2010

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Changes to Handbook

Notice is hereby given of changes to the Woodturners Association of
WA Handbook
Membership

Reference page2 of 3 New and Annual Subscriptions

Subscriptions and nomination fees shall be set at the Annual General Meeting each year. Fees are due at the Annual General Meeting and must be paid by 31st October, after which a late fee to be set by the Management Committee will be levied. If fees remain unpaid by 31st December defaulting members names will be removed from the register.

Notice of intention

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the A.G.M. of the Association will be held on 18 September 2010 at 9.00am at the Wandi Community Hall, De Haer Rd. Wandi. Business will be to receive the Office Bearers reports and other matters, of which notice is hereby given.

1. To raise the annual subscription to \$50.00

2. A motion from the Swan Group as printed.

Capital Expenditure for Groups (See Handbook held by Group)

1. Under the third paragraph

As a guide, items for consideration will be restricted to those closely related to woodturning and include":-

Amendment proposed is to add

"6. Items of audio-visual equipment essential to the demonstrations of woodturning and related topics, run on a regular basis, by the Groups."

2. Under the first paragraph

After the words "before the end of July"

Amendment proposed is to add

"but under special circumstances as explained by the applicant Group the WAWA Committee of

Management will consider additional applications on their merits after July"

As the magazine is received by all members it is deemed to be the official notice of the above.

Members attending the AGM will be asked to approve this proposal by vote.

Editor's Epistle

It has come to my attention that the previous printed edition was an absolute disaster, with some sections incomplete, bits from old editions repeated, and many other errors. Please accept my apologies as I try to do my best. The edition that was sent out by email appears to be correct, so if you need to read the correct information, see if you can get a copy of that. There was also a mix up with the postal addresses that necessitated some being re-labelled and sent out again. I hope I get it right this time.

WOODTURNCHATWA

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. <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/woodturnchatwa/>

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Noel Moyes Editor

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Letters to the Editor

WEEKEND WORKSHOP DEMONSTRATORS

I note with interest that Vaughn Richmond has been engaged to demonstrate at the September 2010 Weekend Workshop.

Vaughn demonstrates regularly throughout Australia and is highly regarded wherever he goes. A number of years ago he was the sole demonstrator at a weekend organised by the Committee of Management at Kalamunda, by the Busselton Group and the old Liddelow Homestead Woodturners Group; Vaughn is not a member of the Association and was paid either in cash or in kind for his services on each of these occasions.

Prior to about 1996 the Constitution of the Association and its Policies [our name for By-Laws] prevented the Association from paying members for Services rendered: at the instigation of the then Immediate past President, Gerald Young, this situation was corrected.

Vaughn is a nice person and an extremely good Woodturner and teacher; however, we do have a lot of members who gain their sole, or supplement their, income from teaching or demonstrating woodturning. They, like Vaughn, also demonstrate throughout Australia and some have done so overseas. These include but are not limited to Charlie Broadbent, Jack de Vos, Frank Evans, Robert Jones, Viv Paust, Neil Turner, Gordon Ward, and Toni Wilson.

There are also a number of other members who are very fine demonstrators, have spent a considerable amount of time attending courses, purchasing equipment and generally improved their skills; they I am sure would like the opportunity to be rewarded for their efforts.. I apologise for not listing them, but the Editor asks that contributions be kept brief.

I know that a lot of demonstrators do not want monetary award for sharing what they have learned; I respect this, however, if the Association is going to pay for non-members within the state and people from other sates and overseas to demonstrate, I believe it only fair to offer our own members the same opportunity.

It is a furphy to say that the Constitution prevents us from doing this...it does not! Insurance is no longer a problem as all of those people mentioned above can attest. For those who don't have insurance cover, a little bit of initiative and planning by the Committee of Management would overcome any problem.

Please let us use own talent...if you would like to see this change, please discuss the principle with any member of the Committee of Management".....

George Herring Member # 865

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Letter from Wales.

It's a while since I last wrote, been busy helping to set up our clubs new premises. another hip replacement has kept me off the lathe for a while but I'm now back in action. I get the newsletter by E-mail and as a result of Chris Smith's glowing report of Nick Agar's visit last year, I booked Nick to demonstrate at our club.

He was staying overnight and when I picked him up and took him home, we spent a good few hours reminiscing on his visit to WA, where he was taken and the friends of mine he met, Chris, Jack Devoss and Gordon Ward. He was full for the hospitality from all he'd met at WAWA.



His demo was all I'd expected and was thoroughly enjoyed by all at our club. as well as his technical ability he was as funny as Gordon and that's something. I've enclosed a photo of Nick at our club. Chris has fixed up what should be another great demo in Robbie Graham but unfortunately we will not be able to book him.

Best wishes to all at WAWA

Gaily Fisher

“Places you must see before you die”

This is often a headline you see in travel magazines. Well I believe this applies to woody's, the difference being “ The things you do before you depart Woodturning”. You owe it to yourself to attend a “Woodturning Symposium” or like event sometime in your woody's career, health and finances permitting. My wife and I and another WA couple attended the recent Brisbane woody's Symposium held in the grounds of the University of Queensland, a four day event.

The accommodation was first class, the meals the best, and the organisation superb. This was a totally catered for event, the accommodation, meals, morning and afternoon teas, lectures, demonstrations all programmed. It was pure indulgence for me as all we had to do was stroll down to the dining room for breakfast, then attend at least four demonstrations from world class turners and embellishers in between meals and morning and afternoon teas.

The listed overseas demonstrators were Benoit Averly from France, Peter Hromek, Germany, John Wessels, South Africa, Dixie Biggs, USA. From Australia we had Richard Raffan, Bruce Bell and Terry Baker. We were able to mix freely with the demonstrators as we were having our meals with them. They were generous in Answering our questions and freely gave advise to us. In the evening there were critiques given by Richard Raffan on the show and tell turnings that I and other attendees had brought along.

The final night was the windup banquet and fellowship, a beautiful event with much goodwill.

This event is planned for every two years in different states. Go on woody's you owe it to yourselves to be indulgent a bit.

Even better, get the kids to pay for it for Mum and Dad's day.

Yours in Woodturning

George Park

David

By Annette and Janice Nelson

There are two types of wood in the world
According to my brother,
Wood you turn or wood you burn,
There is not any other

He started with a little lathe
But needed one much stronger
He wanted to do bigger work
So needed one much longer.

And then he needed fancy tools
To get in crannies and nooks
So he can make the wondrous things
He's seen in woodwork books

The wood he turns must be the best
It must have fine clear grain
With quilting, burl or knots he likes
The best he can obtain

He likes to use the Jarrah
He will not touch mere pine
Tho' camphor laurel or silky oak
He thinks they are divine

He roughly cuts the blocks of wood
Then seals the ends with wax
He leaves them sit upon the shelves
To help prevent the cracks

He works them with his whirling lathe
He really makes them spin
He works them with his chisels
He makes them paper thin.

He turns out bowls and platters
He turns out knobs and handles
He turns out little bottle stops

And holders for your candles

And when the lathing work is done
Its varnish, wax or oil
To show the beauty of the wood
The product of his toil.

Willy is a woodworker
It fills his life with joy
And to pass on all his knowledge
He taught his girl and boy.

David 'Willy' Nelson, OMIEAust

Web Master Writings

<http://woodturnerswa.com>

Web version of Newsletter

I now publish a more comprehensive edition of the newsletter on our web site, which will enable the inclusion of more photographs and related information, that can't be included in the printed version. If you have any newsworthy photos, or interesting articles about your club that can be published on the web, please send them to me.

Noel Moyes, Web Page Editor

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

We would like to welcome to the Association the following new members:

Zac Brennand 2462 Melville Group

Nigel Collicot 2463 Wandi Group

Ron Van Velzen 2464 Wanneroo/Joondalup

Angelina Van Velzen Associate

Alan Bland 2465 Swan

Alan Roberts WAWA Membership Registrar

*L*ibrary Report

George and Myrtle Sharpe are standing down as librarians at the AGM. This leaves us desperately needing someone to take over the management of the library. Without a librarian we have no library. If you have enjoyed this facility in the past, please consider donating your time to helping run this valuable resource

Our Sincere thanks to George and myrtle for managing the library for us.

Weekend Workshops

Observations by Peter Pickering

WANDI CENTRE WAWA SHOPPING CENTRE DISPLAYS WEEKEND
WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 17 JULY 2010

Brian Fowlie welcomed the members on behalf of the Shopping Centre Display group, and promised us a very busy day watching master craftsmen in action. A used tool sale was to operate throughout the day. Brian explained the sequence of events with Viv Paust being first up showing how to make wind chimes. Viv rang the chimes to announce his arrival, not as some thought for free drinks, and then into the demo. Viv explained he purchased the chime kits that came in two different sizes, leaving him to turn the three wood parts and to assemble the unit.



First he made the top from which the chimes are to hang, Viv used a template to mark the position to drill holes for the cords in the blank, after mounting between chuck and live centre he cut a spigot which he fastened in the chuck to cut another spigot for the bottom he then shaped, sanded and finished. Viv then reversed the piece and shaped the top and sides, sanded and finished.

Using a stand that he had made for the sale of walking sticks Viv threaded the cord through the chimes and fastened them to the top, a dab of super glue stops the knot from becoming undone.

Viv then made the donger by holding a pre drilled blank against a soft pad fastened to a wood base and held in the chuck, he then shaped, sanded and finished the donger.

Next came the wind gatherer, a flat piece of wood held between the chuck and a live centre. Viv

explained that it can be shaped by a spindle gouge or skew chisel and can be offset for effect. After the gatherer is sanded and finished the assembly is completed and the wind chimes are ready for use. As usual Viv provided the members with many helpful hints that can be applied to many tasks as well as making wind chimes.

After morning tea Milton Rundle took the stage to demonstrate how to turn fruit, he first showed a stand with various types of fruit, including apples, pears and bananas.



Milton used the clear plastic centre finder then mounted a block of cedar on the lathe, and cut a spigot this was fastened in the chuck. He then shaped the top of the apple and after sanding finished with shellac sealer, tripoli and sellawax cream. Milton then fitted the top of the apple into a special holding jig to shape and finish the bottom. There are various options to make the stem using either wire or turning a wood stem. The black spot on the bottom can be made from a small piece of bootlace. A pear was then made in a similar manner to the apple. Milton described that he used real fruit for his patterns and natural wood such as she-oak or jarrah, some lighter woods can be stained to obtain a natural look, lemons and oranges are also made in a similar manner. Milton explained that making bananas was different as they came in all shapes and sizes although 180mm long with several flats on the sides, he describes several different techniques involving discs, faceplates or Cole jaws but basically cutting the wood half way through to make a circle then reversing and cutting through. This circular solid tube shape can be cut to make four bananas ready for finishing and painting.

Derek Martin conducted Presidents Forum with a reminder to groups that the annual returns are due also a reminder of the Woodshow and the AGM 18th September. Alan Williams is in dire need of an assistant and volunteers are urgently needed.

After lunch there was three concurrent demonstrations to be followed by three more concurrent

displays. I tried to see a little of each demonstration.

1. Bernie Dixon turning a Tazer. What is a Tazer Bernie explained that it was not for stunning crooks but was a decorative cake stand of which he showed several examples, would also suit Milton Rundle's turned fruit. After going around the other demos I was able to return to see the end of Bernie's work.



2. On to see Jim Van Brink demonstrating Marquetry but the room was packed, I later returned after it was finished and was able to view some fine examples of his work decorating box lids Jim's handout is on the WAWA website.

3. Chris Sioulas was demonstrating turning resin plastic in the main so there was room to sit down. When I came in Chris was making the tops for wine bottle stoppers. Of particular interest



was the simple mandrel to fit in a chuck that Chris had made from aluminium to hold the acrylic top. After turning the top Chris sanded from 320,400,600,800, 1000, 1200.grits then finished with polish. Also of interest was the chrome tool rest that Chris had made, members were impressed how the tool glides smoothly on it. Chris made it look so easy that I bought some stoppers from Rod Cocks and made a mandrel in hardwood and was able to obtain a reasonable result first off. Not as good or as easy as Chris made it though.

After a change over of demonstrators the circuit commenced again.

1.First off I watched Len Nicholls turn a honey pot using a cup chuck and a wood face plate. Len explained that he does not like to waste wood and if you start with a 100x100 you can cut off the four corners and from this make four pens. The resultant blank is shaped to a honey pot. After the lid is parted off the bottom is drilled out and hollowed. After hollowing the lid fit it together and using a beading tool Len cut the beads for the honey pot. I then had to leave before he sanded and finished the pot.

2.I then went to see Laurie Green demonstrate his Pen Wizard Machine. Laurie explained that the machine is adjusted to pre-form various tasks by changing cogs and levers which come with the machine. He showed examples of the work that he had done and stated that he had only started to determine the potential that the machine was capable of.

3.Neil Piper was demonstrating how to make a serviette holder using a jig with the wood bolted to it to cut two offset circular patterns and then turned over to cut a large circle. This was cut in halves and with a base was glued up in a jig. Unfortunately I did not see much of this demonstration and you would have to see the complete job to appreciate the complexity of the task.

From what I did see all of these demonstrations were of great interest and the demonstrator's were skilled craftsmen. Perhaps in the future they could show their skills as stand alone acts so that everyone could appreciate their work.

Show Tell followed afternoon tea then the Competition results with a happy John Mason announcing 25 pieces and all different. Good to see John happy so lets keep him that way.

A very full day jam packed with interesting demonstrations with many ideas to stimulate the mind and hands. Many thanks to Brian Fowlie and the members who are responsible for Shopping Centre Displays.

Peter Pickering - Roving Reporter

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Competition Clarify

More Clarifications for the Competition

September “ Made to Measure Stoppered Flask as per diagram “ This item has been featured in the newsletter but I have received some “comments” about the small number of measurements. This was done with the judging in mind as it takes time to assess all the flasks if they have 16 points as against 8. However, a revised copy will be in the next Newsletter with about 15 to 16 measurements. On the day, only 8 points will be measured and in the case of a tie, other measurements will be taken into consideration. Do not forget that the usual standards still apply in the quality of turning!!

October “ Lidded Container with four (4) different timbers, max height 100mm “Not a lot to be added here, bowl and lid, there are two timbers. Inlay, segment, laminate etc etc. You can let your head go on this one !

November “ Pair of Salt and Pepper Mills.... Matching in design “ This is quite clear in that the two must match in design, not necessarily in timber ! There are some who make a pair in different timbers to identify the salt vs the pepper. So the size and design is unlimited..... have fun with this one. The mechanism can be the conventional style or the new Crushgrind

John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator

Competition items 2010

Sep . . Made to Measure Stoppered Flask

Oct . . Lidded container with 4 different timbers. Max height 100mm.

Nov . . Pair of Salt and pepper mills- Matching in Design

Dec . . Best Item Turned in 2010 not previously judged at a WAWA workshop

February 2011....a Child's Chair. Chair to be between 400 and 450 high overall, incorporating 4 matching spindle turned legs, 3 matching spindle turned leg braces in "H" conformation, round turned seat, 5 vertical matching turned spindles to chair back, housed into seat and into turned 1/3 circle top rail.

John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator

Competition Results

July At Wandi

Bowl with Flat Embellished Rim

At this mid stage of the year, I would like to congratulate our members who have contributed to the competitions so far, it has been a most pleasing result with the lowest number of entries at 16 for both May and June. Keep it up !!

This month had 25 entries, 6 novice, 8 intermediate and 11 advanced. Once again, the variety of

designs, choice of timber and the quality of the work is still top drawer stuff.

Most pleasing to see two more "first timers", Jerry Doyle and Allen Smith. I hope to see more of you in the future.

The judges, Jim Stitfall, Chris Grey and Bob Malacari did a terrific job with the large number of entries. Many thanks to them.

Novice:

- 1st . . John Kemp
- 2nd . . Jerry Doyle
- 3rd.... Peter Price
- 4th....Allen Smith

Intermediate:

- 1st . . Barry Cobb
- 2nd . . Barry Grainger
- 3rd . . Bruce Jackson
- 4th . . Vince Triglia

Advanced:

- 1st . . Maurie Munro
- 2nd . . Bill Wallbank
- 3rd . . Viv Paust
- 4th . . Barry Robins

Open:

- 1st . . Barry Robins
- 2nd . . Maurie Munro
- 3rd . . Barry Cobb
- 4th . . Bruce Jackson

Popular Vote:

- 1stMaurie Munro
- 2ndJohn Kemp
- 3rdBarry Robins
- 4thRay Batt

John Mason competition Co-ordinator

SUGGESTIONS and IDEAS for the 2011 COMP

- 1... Book Ends..... 80% turned
- 2... Walking Stick
- 3... Hollow Form Vase
- 4... Sugar Bowl and Spoon
- 5... Platter with Inlay
- 6... Pomander
- 7... Lidded Box
- 8... Goblets
- 9... Candlestick (pair)

- 10... Mortar and Pestle
- 11... Natural Edged Bowl
- 12... Any Item made from a piece of timber 75mm x 75mm x 200mm
- 13... Pull-along Toy, 4 wheels minimum
- 14... Dip Platter
- 15... Inside-Out turned Christmas Decorations
- 16... Balance scales... made to measure

Your comments, ideas and suggestions are wanted !!!!

News from the Groups

Bunbury Bites

This writer has not attended any Bunbury Woody's meetings recently for varying reasons, and I am really sad to report that apparently the club has been functioning quite well without me.

The club has had a successful AGM, and re-elected;

Kevin Bell as Convenor

Kevin Hunt as Secretary

Lynn Poli as Treasurer

I am even more disturbed to learn that some members didn't even notice that I haven't been to meetings recently. This just goes to show that its not much good being a "legend in your own lunchtime"

Yours in Turning

Gee Pee

Collie Calling

Our club is currently on a membership drive, we have approached our local MLA Mick Murrey and he has kindly offered his shop window space for us to display our best pieces, with a write up about our clubs activities, and the fact that we need new members. We have also advertised in our local paper The Collie Mail offering to teach anybody who is interested the finer art of woodturning.

At our last meeting on Sunday 25th July it was a pleasure to see all the lathes working with people waiting for a lathe to be vacated.

We reported to our Shire Council that our old chimney stack outside of the kitchen was leaning out about 90mm. Who knows it could have been like that years and could possibly have gone on for a further few years. Anyway the Shire Council decided to pull it down immediately and fill in the hole with tongue and groove timber (looks great) they didn't waste any time in getting the job done.

The July competition was the same as Wandie Groups, Sat 17th July ie:- bowl with flat rim, rim only to be embellished (no carving), max diameter 320mm, max height 80mm. Max Rutherford was the winner with his beautifully turned Camphor Laurel cowl with pyrography patterned rim.

Our recruitment drive has been partially successful with three inquires which I'm fairly certain we will convert into memberships. 2 retires and 1 sixteen year old. The wood turning display is still in the shop window of our MLA, so hopefully we will attract a few more potential members.

We are going to have a busy bee in a few weeks time. We will help slab a tree on John Emerys

farm, and up into 50 x 25 batons which will be primed and erected onto the side of our club rooms. The vermin batons currently need replacing and this is something we can do to help ourselves and the Collie Shire appreciate it. The Shire will eventually paint the whole building for us.

Ken Hands - Convenor - Collie Wood turning Group

Gosnell's Gossip

7 July At the request of several members Ian Eagles was asked to demonstrate his technique to turn a pepper grinder, Ian was happy to oblige and what was to be a demo to a small interest group soon drew a crowd of most of our members. Ian explained that he exclusively used the Crush-Grind ceramic mechanism and consequently all his measurements are to fit this mechanism. Ian gave a demonstration of fine woodturning skill combined with tips to maintain a smooth work flow throughout the sequence of production. Ian was pleased to answer the many questions that his interested audience had for him.

14 July Work commenced on a finial box using the buddy system that had proved a success.

21 July Annual General Meeting for the Gosnell's Group, the Convenors report delivered by John Gardiner highlighted the successful move to the Gosnell's Family Hospital. The Meeting went smoothly with all business accomplished which included the election of Office Bearers and Committee. The meeting coincided with a visit from Alan Roberts, Jim Stitfall and Gordon Ward. Alan and Jim addressed the members saying how impressed they were with our facilities and the importance of the Wood Show, our 25th birthday and the visit from Robbie Graham to demonstrate his techniques. John Gardiner thanked them for their visit and their interest in our Group.

28th July Work commenced on a set of three candlesticks to be made to exact measurements and the central portion to be coloured.

The Gosnell's Group were totally involved in the Woodshow and our 25th birthday celebrations. Firstly Chris Smith invited (through the COM) Robbie Graham to come from New Zealand to do special demonstrations at the Woodshow and conduct two Master Classes afterwards. The visit and classes proved a great success and a tribute to Chris's entrepreneurial skills. The Gosnell's Family Hospital was used as a collection point for show display items and the Gosnell's Group painted the display stands, received the items and delivered them to Claremont, then set up and removed the display. Coordinated by Derek Beer and assisted by Jim Stitfall, Peter Povey, Derek Pollard, Rudy Goh and Mike Millar the results were so impressive that the organizers of the Woodshow stated that the Woodturners conducted the best ever display of any Woodshow.

25th August Chris Sioulas demonstrated the competition item of a made to measure stoppered flask. Chris mounted the wood in the lathe with the bottom towards the drive end, and cut the external shape using a template to define it, he left a stem at the bottom to make the plug at this time he drilled the 8mm hole through the neck. Chris parted off the plug and reversed the flask in the chuck so as to hollow from the bottom. Using a sequence of forster bits he drilled the interior then hollowed with a spindle gouge and a C.S hollowing tool. Chris then shaped, fitted and glued the plug into the bottom. He then finished shaping the top of the flask and finished the bottom. Chris then made the stopper starting at the point and working back, he then shaped the stopper to fit the neck of the flask. Throughout the demonstration gave pointers on tool handling and the methods to use to make an object to strict measure specifications.

Peter Pickering

Joondalup/Wanneroo Journal

AGM: Congratulations to Geoff Quesnel, who was elected as our new Convenor. Geoff is one of

the newer turners in the group. He is joined on the committee by Charlie Totten (deputy convenor), Graeme Draper (secretary/treasurer), Frank Visser (safety), Andy McFadyen & Doug McDiarmid (committee).

Art 'n' About: Our stand at the Wanneroo "Art 'n' About" craft fair in July was ideally sited just inside the main entrance. Thanks to the demonstrators who kept the interest up for the whole day. It was an excellent day, both for sales and the interest shown by the public. We expect to gain several new members as a result.

Another Art 'n' About fair will be held towards the end of the year in an outdoor venue and we plan to be there again. Additional publicity will be gained from a small display we have been given in the main entrance to the Heathridge Leisure Centre. We will change this display regularly so there is always something fresh on show.

August meeting: It was decided that the competition (stoppered flask) should be judged by a panel who would measure the entries as the aim of the task was to make the item to match a set of measurements (rather than the usual popular vote). It was interesting to see how different the flasks looked made in a variety of timbers, even though the design was the same. The beginners comp was won by Graeme Skews followed by Trevor Cockcroft. The Experienced division was won by Andy Hill from Barry Cobb and Geoff Quesnel.

Show and tell included some laminated work from Andy McFadyen, Viv Paust's pickup sticks and Graham Turner's experiments with brass powder in epoxy and some Australian ebony.

Andy Hill

Mandurah Memo

Jim Robertson, Associate member 433 has donated \$1000 to Mandurah club funds. Some of our older members fondly remember Jim and Ray Quadrio doing spiral turning demonstrations when the club was at the Mandurah High School. When the club gets its own workshop, we aim to name one of our lathes after Jim Robertson.

Mandurah has volunteered to demonstrate for 2 days at the Royal Show and members are looking forward to this as a good time was had last year.

AGM. John Mason was elected convener, Tom Hardy remains as secretary, John Selfe is now the treasurer and the other committee members are Norm Byrne, Bruce and Sam Jackson, Geff Black, Mick Bishop and Peter Rogerson. A few new faces this year: Many thanks to Frank Evans, our past convener for last two years. He did a great job.

We had a timber naming competition at the AGM and only one person identified lignum vitae (a school teacher of course)

John Mason is to run a "Teach the demonstrators" course in the first week of October and 6 members have signed up.

Collaboration between Bill Blanken (bowl) and Allan Williams (finish) won 2nd place at the Wood Show in August.

Specific items to make at the hands on evenings have been introduced to spark some interest in members turning at these evenings.

Unfortunately the club suffered a loss of 3 lathe chucks thru theft or other reasons and we applied to WAWA for replacements. WAWA consented to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of replacement value so 3 new Vicmarc chucks were purchased. It was particularly disturbing as one chuck belonged to a member and was lost after he had done a demonstration at the club.

Tom

Manjimup Matters

The relocation and renovation of the small shed behind the group's workshop is progressing very well. Originally, this shed was built as an animal hospital way back when the Park was an animal sanctuary. When it was no longer needed for that purpose, the building was "snigged" along the ground, then dumped behind our workshop. Last year the Shire decided to demolish the building, until we put our hands up for it. We had to submit plans to get the building into shape, which was accepted by the Shire.

With the help of a community minded contractor and a rather large crane, the building was recently lifted and set aside, while members worked hard to locate 15 stumps complete with ant caps, so that the building could be replaced in a more advantageous position. All this was done over 2 days under the supervision of our member Steve Chapman. Since then, members have prepared the space between the two buildings ready for a concrete slab to be poured. When this is done, the two buildings will be joined, virtually giving us another room.

A number of our members took advantage of a tour bus service to the August Woodshow in Claremont. A couple of Collie members also made the trip. It is certainly a cheaper option than travelling up and back by private vehicles...and much more relaxing.

The group opened the workshop up for Daffodil Day in the Park held recently. There were a lot of attractions in the Park and plenty of activities for people of all ages. All went well until the rain came and spoilt the fun. Fortunately, that happened towards the end of the day and despite the rain quite a lot of money was raised for the Cancer Foundation.

There has been a noticeable increase in visitors to the Park, and our workshop in recent weeks. Most of the visitors are from the Eastern States, many of them caravanners. This may increase further now that spring is here and the wild flowers start to appear.

Graeme

Malville Mutterings

30 June - Ron Oliver rostered to demonstrate but due to illness Norm Gratte stood in & demonstrated his approach to making an ear ring holder.. The usual well presented Norm demo. The meeting was preceded by a short address from a member of the Autism Assoc. outlining the problems experienced by parents & lack of adequate funding for treatment etc. It was arranged that the Group would make a number of small wooden boxes for the Assoc since they are an important tool in the treatment process.

14 July - Piney lakes (school holidays) & Penny Musgrove, its PRO gave a presentation on the flora & fauna in the area together with an outline of its environmental policies/issues. Most interesting -it also conducts periodic tours of the area for school groups & any other interested parties by prior arrangement

20 July - Monthly hands on day with the project -Wooden Face Plates - a revision of past practices about which a number of newer members knew very little. Enthusiastically received & quite a few members left with a number of plates of various sizes.

27 July - Monthly general meeting with a number of issues discussed at length followed by a demo by Ken Rex with his approach to using a router on the lathe to achieve various embellishments to items with his "custom" built devices. The usual well presented Ken Rex demo with a few problems in the beginning but resolved satisfactorily in the end.

3 Aug - Demo by Brian Fowlie on his approach to making pens & the various pen kits available all of which present some variation in making & final completion resulting in numerous decisions to be made by prospective purchasers - a bit like buying an ice cream these days.

11 August 2010 - Demonstration by Joe Hegney on approaches to turning Karri which also provoked wide & deep discussion on this aspect. Joe introduced the topic very well having researched the qualities of the timber & adopting a well controlled "Question & Answer" style - forever the teacher/instructor. A progress report on the proposed "shed" was given by Dennis Kestel - progressing but inevitable delays are being experienced & the project appears to have received another financing delay until the 2011 City of Melville budgets have been prepared & considered. The message is "do not despair, bear with us."

18 Aug - Monthly "Hands On" day with the item for the day being Bottle Coasters with members encouraged to attempt Karri turning if suitable material was available. Once again enthusiastic participation and overall good results. A popular segment.

25 Aug - Group AGM with Bernie Dixon returned as Convenor, David Rechter, Secretary & Keith Alexander, Treasurer, plus 6 members. Ron Oliver followed the meeting with a DVD presentation on wooden items of significance destroyed in the Victorian bushfires.

Anonymous

Swan Snippits

One way or another I missed June, due to holidays, and then most of July, due to sickness, so thanks to Ian Moss for ensuring competition winners were recorded.

There were seven entries in the June inside out turning competition, all in the open class. The results were 1st Joe Clark, 2nd Brian Kirkby, 3rd Bob Napthine.

In the July competition we welcomed two novice entries: 1st Mike Walker, 2nd Alan Murten. Again there were seven entries in the open class. Results were: 1st Ian Moss, 2nd Bruce Shephard, 3rd Brian Kirkby.

I returned in time for the July 27 meeting, when Noel Moyes demonstrated how to make chessmen - in the time available this was only the king, but still inspiring enough for others to have a go.

On August 3 Eric Walker made a walking stick with an off centre turned handle in jarrah and sheoak.

The evening meeting on August 10 marked our 10-minute AGM, with all current committee members opting for another year. Matt Koch will replace Graham Bell as treasurer and Ian Moss joined the committee. Joe Clark will continue for his second year as convenor. Graham was thanked for his excellent work as treasurer. The results of the August competition for a wine bottle corker were: Novice: only entry: Mick Walker. Once again seven entries in the open section, with the results being: 1st Bob Jones; 2nd Joe Clark; 3rd Bob Nicholls. Noel Moyes was the demonstrator again with his made to measure stoppered flask from ponderosa pine.

On August 17 Ted Stewart-Wynn attempted to make an upside-down finger top, which unfortunately would not jump to spin upside down - always the way when there is a critical audience. Other members trying to emulate Ted were not much more successful. Of interest in the show and tell section was Bob Napthine's intriguing talking tape measure. Bob is our sight-impaired member, who finds the talking tape another aid to his turning.

More than 30 members and partners celebrated what should have been the end to winter with an enjoyable hot pot night on August 29 - ample food and friendly chatter

Tom Wainwright

Toodyay Tattles

Guday from the Tatler

Well things have been going along well at Toodyay only its not raining.

The club project is nearly finished and next years project is being designed.

In Toodyay on Sunday the 11 July at our Wood turning morning we had three demonstrators from Swan come to our club. These three were Joe Clarke, Don Clark, and Jim Haney. It was a **v e r y e n t e r t a i n i n g m o r n i n g .** We started off with Joe demonstrating the making of fruit and was great to watch what he did with his home made chucks and of course he was well advised what to do by his friends.

Next Jim got onto the lathe and showed us how to do a natural edged bowl and this opened the eyes of some of our newer turners. It ended up a nice little piece.

Don then demonstrated for some of our newer turners some techniques on turning and turned out a wine bottle coaster in double quick time. I would like to thank these gentlemen for there visit and help. The morning was concluded with a barbeque lunch which all seemed to enjoy.

We have just had our Annual General meeting and I have ended up convenor again but this will have to be ratified by WAWA as I have already done two years. David Eyeris is again Treasurer and my wife Mildred has kindly taken on Secretary. Safety and equipment officer has been taken on by Terry Hood.

Well that's about all from Toodyay for now.

Max Heath Convener Toodyay

Trading Post

For Sale

Large selection of "Blackboy Butts" in exchange for alternative timber(s) suitable for turning or make an offer to purchase as required.

Please contact John Freeman 92932070

The Technical Desk

Aware of dust

There are two aspects to fine dust that determine risk, first the size of the particles and second, the concentration of them in the air.

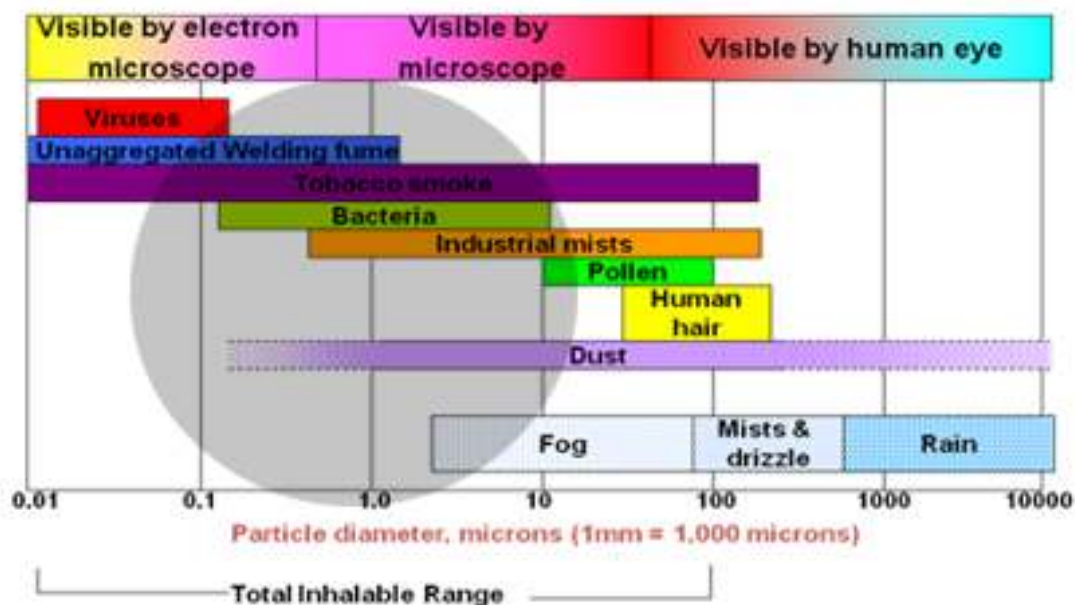
Sawdust is generally in the area of less than 1 micron to 600 microns.

A micron is one millionth of a meter in diameter – to put it into perspective,

Particles smaller than 40 microns cannot be seen with the naked eye.



Sizes of selected particles



The diagram may take a few minutes to get a handle on, with the shaded area, the range of dust particles not visible to the naked eye, yet the most dangerous to our lungs.

Our lungs deal fairly well with foreign bodies that are more than 7 microns in size. When a ray of light reveals floating dust in the workshop, we're only seeing particles that are five to six times larger than the ones that are harmful.

For the Wood turner, the two most common problems are-

Nuisance dusts – small particles that at high concentrations clog up the airways of the lungs and create discomfort and breathing difficulty.

Toxic dusts – particles that are toxic to the body after being inhaled into the lungs – asbestos, silica, *be careful with MDF material and the emery wheel.*

After all is said and done, **common sense tells us to take precautions** against any dangerous practice, including inhaling wood dust.

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Busselton

Weekend Workshop

Saturday 20th November 2010
Churchill Park
Busselton

Competition Pair of Salt & Pepper Mills

MC – Dennis Haddon

Trade display – Myama Gems

8.00 am Set up

8.30 am - Registration and Fellowship

9.00 am - Starting announcements & Welcome

9.15 am - Demo 1 – Viv Paust (segmented turning)

10.15 am - Morning Tea

10.45 am - Demo 2 – Rob Jones (colouring)

12.00pm - Lunch

1.00 pm - Presidents Forum

1.15pm - Demo 3 – Don Clarke (inside out turning)

3.00pm- Afternoon Tea

3.30pm- Show and Tell

Competition Results

Raffle and Door Prize

4.00pm - Close

6:30pm – Dinner – Bowling Club.

Sunday 21st November 2010

8.30 am - Registration and Fellowship

9.00 am - Demo 1 – Charlie Broadbent (TBA)

10.00 am - Morning Tea

10.30 am - Demo 2 – Ray Batt (hollow turning)

12.00pm - Lunch

1.00 pm – Close (Volunteers for packing up)

Swan

Weekend Workshop

Saturday 16th October 2010

High Wycombe Community and Recreation centre
200 Newburn Rd, High Wycombe

Competition ItemLidded container with 4 timbers; max ht 100mm

ConvenorJoe Clark
HostsSwan Woodturners Group
M CJoe Clark
Safety OfficerTom Wainwright

PROGRAM

8.00am**Set up: all hands please**
8.30 **Registration & fellowship**
8.50**Welcome and announcements**
9.00 **Rose Engine Revisited- Noel Moyes**
10.00 **Morning Tea - members a plate please**
10.30 **My tools – my way - Bob Napthine**
11.45**President's Forum;**

1200pm **LUNCH - Hamburger & salad - \$5.00**
1245 **Raffle**

1.00 **Scoop with Offset Handle - Ian Moss**
2.15**Segmented Surprise - Don Clarke**
3.30**Afternoon Tea**
4.00**Show & tell; Competition results**
4.30**Pack up: lots of willing hands please**

10.30amLadies Program: "Fibre Fusion" Eva Haynes; ends at noon

*****A USED TOOL SALE WILL BE HELD - you price it, we will sell it!*****

*****RAFFLE: several prizes: \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5*****

*****LUNCH: Hamburger & salad \$5.00 per serving*****

Calendar of Events

Weekend Workshops

18th September...AGM at Wandi
Made to Measure Stoppered Flask

16th October... Swan
Lidded Container with 4 Different
Timbers

20th November... Busselton
Pair of Salt and Pepper Mills

11th December... TBA
Best Item Turned in 2010

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21Sep-26 Sep 2010--Melville Plaza Shopping Centre

26 Oct-30 Oct 2010---Southlands Shopping Centre
Burrendah Boulevard, Willetton

8th Nov--13 Nov 2010---Melville Plaza

29Nov-4Dec 2010----Centrepoint Midland

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