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Five Western Australian native species make up this set of egg cups and carrier



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Monday 8.00 to 12.00 noon
Tuesday 6:00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 12 noon
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Presidential Ponderings

The past six weeks has been a fairly hectic time and I can't believe it's time for another newsletter already. Some of you will have been affected by the heavy rain and storms at the end of January, beginning of February. After three and a half days of non-stop, steady, heavy rain I was very glad that my house and sheds are at the top of the hill. The follow up to that is clouds of mosquitoes and an easterly wind that is humid due to the even heavier rainfall east of Grass Valley. Looks as green as the end of April!

This newsletter has been delayed by a few days as some decisions needed to be discussed by the COM and placed in the newsletter for your information.

One is that Avon Woodturners advised that they were withdrawing from hosting the weekend workshop in June. They are a small group and have just received the keys to their new workshop and much of the man-power is going into getting the new shed fitted out. Consequently, COM has decided to run an **alternative weekend workshop on the same date at Wandi**. It is planned to also hold a **convenors meeting** on the same day, probably as a working lunch. Details are being firmed up and will be confirmed at the next COM meeting in April before distributing the details to all groups.

Another event that was confirmed at the meeting is that of Liam O'Neill's one-day workshop which will be hosted by Wandi on Saturday 2nd September. More details for that workshop will be sent out at a later date.

Also on the agenda was the recent spate of timber salvage offers from road construction contractors trying tick some of their environmental obligations boxes. One of the problems facing many groups is lack of storage for green timber on their club premises and the COM is investigating the possibility of a shed for storage so that the association doesn't miss out on these opportunities accept green timber. My problem is lining up the planets so that interested members can show up at a time when someone from the contractor is there to supervise entry to the construction site, to pick up timber that has been cut so that it can be easily lifted into a ute or trailer. This has proved very hit and miss in the past couple of years but the current project is looking promising with possibly several truck loads of jarrah going for storage at Wandi and another site having a smaller quantity of marri, tuart and coastal blackbutt available for pickup in early April. Groups will be advised of the pickup date, location and time as it comes to hand so that individual members can collect some pieces for themselves and/or their group.

As you have been advised many times, the new Associations Act is something our association has to work towards, meeting a number of changes to be made, submitted and approved by the middle of 2019. The COM is working on developing a 3 year strategy with key objectives and measurable outcomes that will give future presidents and committee members documentation that shows the direction the current COM believes we should be trying to take the association and the goals we think important to achieve over the next three years. In preparing this strategy, the committee is looking very carefully at the current constitution for guidance on original intentions but also for where we need to make changes that will meet the modern environment as well as comply with the new Act while maintaining the heart and spirit of the association. There will be communication with group convenors as the strategy takes shape.

After a really good start to the year at Melville, I hope to see many of you at Manjimup and keep up the momentum for an excellent year of woodturning.

Andrea McCandlish, President

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Sir Winston Churchill

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

We welcome the following members to the Association:

Keith Bleach 2976
Arthur Tunnicliffe 2977
Roger Wilson 2978
Jackson Bird 2979
Kerri Nichols 2982
Renier Retief 2983
Daniel Retief 2984

Swan
Wandi
Mandurah
Busselton
Mandurah
Wandi
Wandi

For reasons unknown, the following new members of **Swan** were not welcomed in the usual way over the past few newsletters.
George Lines 2861
Desmond Johnson 2868
Lyndsay Ford 2876
Terry Potts 2973
Elison Corstorphan 2974
Floris Vorderhake 2980
Richard Jordan 2981

A note to group secretaries and all members requiring a new name badge or cloth badge, please contact me for those items.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar (Note that Peter Cunnington will be acting Registrar during January & February)

Vale

Bob Adams, Founding Member & Life Member
Harold Worth, 1865 Manjimup

Our thoughts and condolences go to their families and friends

Roving Reporter

Unfortunately, nobody has put their hand up for this role as yet, so this is a brief recollection of the Melville Weekend Workshop on 18th February at the Melville Recreation Centre.

First up after the welcome was Norm Gratte. Norm showed us a method of turning a bowl with an off-set hollow. Of interest was the jig he has devised for holding the turned "base" and positioning it for the offset turning. The finished product was an attractive difference to the average bowl. Norm, as usual, explained in simple terms the method and the difficult bits to watch to get a good result.

After morning tea, Kevin Luff lined up an array of deep hollowing tools. These tools were different brands, different shapes and quite different in the application. Kevin didn't set out to complete the deep hollowing but to show us the pros and cons of the different tools. Most had replaceable tungsten carbide cutting blades. Some do an excellent job but require much practice to use effectively, some were, in Kevin's opinion, an expensive experiment with limited application. He did mention that anyone who intends to do a lot of deep hollowing really does need several deep hollowing tools to manage the different shapes and objects being turned. An informative session.

We broke for lunch and the task of voting on the 49 entries in the competition. A fabulous line up of pepper grinders!

After lunch, a few words from the president then over to David Rechter who showed us a combined salt and pepper grinder, the design of which he had adapted from a magazine article. Basically, it was a double-ended symmetrical shape with the two grinding mechanisms anchored by the central "handle" for the grinding action. David explained the sequence of turning the various component pieces so everything fitted together when completed. He used some brass collars to separate the three components and to decorate the finished item. An interesting difference to the usual pair of salt & pepper grinder.

Rob Snowden ended the demonstration part of the workshop with a very cute echidna family. These simple looking little pieces required some offset turning for the long nose and some careful marking out for the appearance of the body, which wasn't actually spines but looked unmistakably like an echidna. A lovely way to use up small bits of wood.

As we settled down to listen to the competition results, we were advised that 116 people had signed in for the day ... one of the best attendances at a weekend workshop for quite some time! The judges had their work cut out given the number of entries and the quality of the work - well done to the judges as well as the winners and placegetters. Thank you to members for a great show of support for the first workshop of 2017.

After the competition presentations, a few words from Chris Hughes to close proceedings then pack up and on our way home after a very pleasant day.

News From the Groups

Bunbury Bites

Greetings All.

The club reopened its doors on Tuesday the 10th. Of January after a short break for the festive season.

There have been rumours abounding that the land the club house sits on is to be sold off for residential development. This has caused great angst among our members, however at the request of our treasurer (Norm Hoskin) the proponent of the plan, councillor James Hayward, attended a club meeting and assured members that whatever happens the club rooms will remain in situ. (*editor's note: Bunbury's lease on the premises is in the process of being renewed for 5 years.*)

On a lighter note, the club's first function for the year was on Australia Day when the club members joined in for Pizza and Ice-cream night and later a short walk from the club rooms to the estuary to watch the fireworks display. A very enjoyable evening all round.

Our first Wednesday evening competition and show and tell meeting was held, the item being a pepper mill, Norm Hoskin and Kevan Hunt both entered a mill, with Norm taking out first place by a narrow margin.

A reasonably quiet start to the new year, however there is still much to look forward to, with some very interesting competition items and the various weekend workshops.

The Ghost Writer

Collie Coalface

Hi all, I'm back with the latest news from the coalface - we are well and truly up and running, with a lot of new ideas to make this year as one of the best ever with a lot of positive ideas expressed at our first meeting of the year. Some key points were: increase membership, attend more weekend workshops and more community involvement ... just to name a few.

We also acknowledged the contribution to the group by Doug Gulvin. Doug has been a member for about 19 years. In this time he built his own lathe, was club champion in 2013 & 2017, is now in charge of sharpening tools and he is only too happy to assist members with any project they are working on. I feel that this recognition is well and truly deserved.

Our thanks go to Trevor & Peter having colour coded our tool trolleys, hopefully to save people from walking around the hall looking for tools.

This months competition was "turners choice" and winners were: Advanced: Peter Briggs, Novice: Jim Elliot. This was Jim's first win so looking forward to see what he will turn out in the future.

I heard a story about two woodies who took there wives to the new central park for a bbq. One was standing at the bbq when the other one approached him and said "What's wrong with your sunglasses?" "Nothing" was the reply. "I don't think so, there's a lens missing".

In closing from the coalface we hope to see you at Manjimup workshop.

Its better to make saw dust than talk bull dust.

Dave \$

Gosnells Gossip

February has been largely uneventful with good turnout of members, everyone doing his thing. The usual stalwarts producing skipping ropes like they are going out of style. Derek Pollard continues to churn out spinning tops, every one individually tested.

John Gardiner showed his new screw threading jig as a work in progress. Initial trials show great promise and revealed opportunities for improvement. We now look forward eagerly to seeing the finished article demonstrated.

Jim

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MANJIMUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

Manjimup Town Hall, cnr Rose & Brockman Sts

MANJIMUP

Convenor – Dot Jacobs
Safety Officer – Joe Spaeth

TRADE SUPPLIER – PSQUARE AGENCIES

SATURDAY (18th March) PROGRAMME

8.30 a.m. Registration
9.00 a.m. Welcome & Announcements
9.15 a.m PAUL FONTY – Wood stabilization & Resin Casting
10.30 a.m. Morning Tea
11.00 a.m. JOE CLARK - TBA

12.15 p.m. Lunch - Salad Roll \$5

1.15 p.m. ROB JONES – 2 platters using a bowl saver
2.30 p.m. President's Forum
3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea
3.30 p.m. Competition Results
4.00 p.m. Clean up – many hands would be appreciated.

SUNDAY (19th March) PROGRAMME

WOODTURNERS WORKSHOP, TIMBER PARK

This will be an informal session starting around 9.a.m. Finishing whenever!!
The lathes are available for anyone to demo.

11.30 am LUNCH

*THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MEAL ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.*

Joondalup-Wanneroo Wanderings

It's been rather quiet for the Joondalup/Wanneroo group since our December meeting as our venue at the Heathridge Leisure Centre was closed for the school holidays.

Wanneroo Council has decided not to proceed with the plan to provide a multi-use facility for housing a number of groups including the Men's Shed, Wheelchairs for Children, and our Woodturners group, so we have been negotiating with the Northern Suburbs Men's Shed on the possibility of sharing a portion of their planned new premises. There are many details to be worked out and discussions will also have to be held with the WAWA Committee. We look forward to mutual arrangement being concluded as this will mean we can meet during the school holidays, on public holidays and have daytime meetings.

Our group membership is in decline with several members leaving for family and health reasons. We have had many visitors during the last 12 months but our new membership has not improved and the attendance at the meetings has also fallen. It is felt that the Men's Sheds are having an impact on this, as well as the restrictions in attending our venue. The members discussed advertising in the local papers and other ways of promoting our activities.

At our February meeting, Andy Hill performed a demonstration in turning a three legged stool using basic principles for mounting the wood, aligning and drilling the holes at the correct angle and using the basic tools needed without having to use expensive equipment, so that everyone can submit an entry for the March meeting.

Competition results:

At our December meeting the competition item was "*Best item turned this year not previously entered into a competition*".

Best Item Turned 2016

Novice: 1st John Van Den Bogert. 2nd Aiton Sheppard.

Intermediate: 1st Mike Wickings. 2nd Mike Phillips.

Experienced: 1st Geoff Quesnel. 2nd Andy Hill. 3rd Graham Turner.

Our January BBQ meeting was held in the Yanchep National Park and was well attended and enjoyed by all. Traditionally the annual awards for *Best Turner* are handed out at this meeting but they were forgotten, so they were handed out in our February meeting.

Turner of the Year 2016

Novice: 1st Aiton Sheppard. 2nd John Van Den Bogert. 3rd Bob Brown.

Intermediate: 1st Bob Hammett. 2nd Randall Harding. 3rd Mike Wickings.

Experienced: 1st Andy Hill. 2nd Graham Turner. 3rd Geoff Quesnel.

The February competition item was the *Pepper Mill* which saw a good number of entries.

January Comp Item

Novice : John Van Den Bogert. 2nd Aiton Sheppard.

Intermediate: 1st Mike Wickings. 2nd Bob Hammett.

Experienced: 1st Graham Turner. 2nd Geoff Quesnel. 3rd Tony Collins.

Well done to the winners and all who entered into the competitions.

Happy Turning from the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

Frank Visser

Mandurah Memo

Further to our efforts on Bandsaw Safety, and what we as a club could do to promote the safe use of our bandsaws. The bandsaws now have a locked cover on the blade to remind users to seek advice if they are new or not sure on how best to operate the saws. Andrea McCandlish has a copy of our Safety Poster. Any other group that might be interested in it, speak to Andrea.



Larger Bandsaw with Guard

Small Bandsaw Guard and Safety Notice

Demos included:
Pepper Grinder; No beads or coves by Mick Bishop.
Three-Legged Stool by Jim Hill.
Hidden Jewellery Box by Frank Evans.



The sound reduction cabinet for our future dust extractor system is nearly complete, and is awaiting the roof mounted exhaust vent. We are now planning the extraction ductwork installation. Thanks to Lynsay Dunning, Col Smith, John Fraser and Mick Bishop again.

We have just had great news, our Royalties for Regions Grant Application, to expand our shed by another four metres, has been Approved! Thanks to Lynsay Dunning and Brian Preston.

We are trialling a Monday Night Hands on in addition to our usual Thursday Nights

On Saturday 4th February, we held our first Sausage Sizzle at the new Bunnings Warehouse venue, Halls Head. It was a great success and we look forward to holding more such events at Halls Head Bunnings. It is now our assigned location, as our club premises are south of the Peel estuary in accordance with the new Bunnings guidelines. Thanks to Jim Hill and Jon Braine for organising it. and with the support of 15 other group members on the day.

This concludes our Mandurah Memo 189, Stay tuned for more news.

Jon Braine

Manjimup Matters

Sadly, we have to record the passing of one of our group's stalwarts. Harold Worth passed away at the end of January after a prolonged illness. Harold joined WAWA shortly after the formation of the Manjimup Group and served a year as Convenor before ill health forced him to pass the baton onto another member. He made a valuable contribution to the activities of the group, also acting as equipment officer for some time. Harold was an excellent teacher and motivator and could always be relied upon to brighten up meetings and social activities with his sense of humour. His personal courage throughout his illness and his positive approach to life inspired us all. Harold will be sadly missed by Manjimup members and his many friends in WAWA.

This year, the Shire of Manjimup conducted an Australia Day celebration in the Timber Park – this celebration is rotated between the four major towns in the Shire. Some of our members took advantage of the BBQ breakfast provided by the Shire before the normal opening of our

workshop. After the breakfast (which was cooked and distributed by Shire staff), an Australia Day Awards event was held. Who said that the Shire does very little for the people of Manjimup!!!

Most of our activities in recent weeks have been directed towards preparation for our Weekend Workshop to be held over the 18th and 19th March. All WAWA members and Associates will be made most welcome. We look forward to your company.

Quote of the Day: "Our body cells renew themselves while we sleep. If only our wallets would do the same!" P.K.SHAW

Yvonne Pegrum

Melville Mutterings

11/01/17 – First meeting for 2017 chaired by David Rechter. Primary topic was that “hands on” sessions allowed insufficient time for many members to complete the days project resulting in a decision to extend the session by half an hour each day to hopefully at least partly solve the problem. Vicki Gates, recently returned from a holiday trip to the United States gave a presentation & handed round a number of timber samples for members to inspect. S & T was handled by Ian Ludford.

18/1/17 – David Rechter advised that Melville Council wish to relocate the Group to different premises, location not mentioned, to enable redevelopment of the existing area. He said that Melville Council had assured him that the proposed premises would match, if not be better, than the existing. Proposal is in its early stages & nothing likely to eventuate for in the near future.

25/1/17 – “Hands on” day with the project being mushrooms but with the bark still attached. Much variation in design from small to large but with the extra time most projects were completed.

1/2/17 – Graham Turner from Joondalup gave us a demonstration on turning green burls of various species. He brought along a selection these which were available for sale to members so we expect to see created results in future weeks. S & T was given by Syd Harvey who also announced that he & Cheryl will be moving to the Busselton area sometime in the future. Busselton’s gain Melville’s loss.

8/2/17 – Neil Piper gave a presentation on spray finishing sundry objects. Enlightening & interesting to all in attendance. It was also Neil’s 90th birthday & thanks to Brian Fowlie, who was aware of the milestone, a large birthday cake was provided to help celebrate the occasion. S & T was capably handled by Lex McLachlan.

15/2/17 – “Hands on” day again with the chosen item being a wooden face plate. The project was, as usual, attached by most attendees who successfully created a number of these useful items. No S & T today.

18/2/17 – **WAWA MONTHLY WORKSHOP HOSTED BY MELVILLE GROUP** – An extremely successful event (as expected) with a reported 116 members attending & also a number of Lady Associate members (good to see) & Frank Dymond collated & presented an extremely innovative & interesting novelty presentation for them plus a number of our male colleagues. The programme was varied involving demonstrations by Norm Gratte, Kevin Luff, David Rechter & Rob Snowden. Competition entries initially appeared to be 50 but someone had put in two entries and had to withdraw one of them. Overall an extremely successful day.

25/2/17 – Bernard Boycott entered the demonstrating field today with his presentation as to creating a lady’s jewellery box. A very well prepared & detailed presentation with an accompanying explanation as to techniques used. S & T was conducted by Robert Glover.

Tom 108



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Swan Snippets

Our first meeting for the year started off with a good turnout of members and a couple of visitors. The demo for the day was from Ian Moss on how to turn a scoop. Wood scoops have been used for centuries to "shovel" goods. Ian demonstrated they are easy to make and extremely useful in the modern kitchen. Firstly Ian roughed down a piece of pine then used a skew chisel to smooth off the finish and then proceeded to make a spigot so that he could hold the wood in a chuck. Next he drilled a hole with his spindle gouge and commenced to remove wood to form the inside cup. Next Ian shaped the outside of the cup and then moved to shaping the handle. Instruction was given on how to cut a section of the cup off to form the scoop and a reminder that a food safe finish should be used. Nice presentation.

Don Clarke demonstrated a pepper mill in line with the first WAWA competition item for the year. Don had already roughed down his wood to a cylinder. A crush-grind ceramic mechanism was chosen. Different sized forstner bits and an auger bit were used to hollow the cylinder to correct widths and depths in the sections required. Don explained that the forstner bit should be held in the drill chuck as far as it will go so that it does not move backwards and also starting the drilling with a forstner bit allows the auger bit to hollow straight. A Robert Sorby relief cutting tool was used to make the indent or shelf to accept and lock in the grinder parts. Don proceeded in shaping both sections and parting off the top from the bottom ready for a little sanding and finish. Don's demo was mainly on boring holes but definitely not boring. Thanks Don.

A paper towel holder was the item chosen by Bruce Shephard for his first demo for the year. He started by turning the sides and bottom of the round base which had a hole drilled part way in for ease of holding with pin jaws. A couple of nice curves in the side and undercut the bottom so that it would sit flat. Then Bruce moved onto preparing a length of wood for the stem between centers, roughing down into a cylinder and then smoothing off with a skew chisel. A nice knob for the top and making the bottom of the stem fit snug into the base.

Grooming mirrors were demonstrated by myself. I went back to basics for the benefit of the new members. A round piece of wood for the workpiece. Finding the center and punching a hole so

that the workpiece could be held between centers. I then trued up one side, shaped the edge while still having the support of the tail stock, created a spigot for holding the workpiece in the chuck. Then measuring and marking on the workpiece the required diameter of the recess for the concave mirror. Finished creating the recess, I then glued on a waste block for reversing the project in the chuck so that the back of the mirror could be shaped, grooves applied then the item could be sanded and finished.

A three leg stool in line with the next WAWA competition for March was demonstrated by Bruce Shephard. He had already made his circle of wood for the seat and predrilled the socket holes for the legs. Bruce had pre-cut all the leg blanks to exactly the same size and required length. Firstly Bruce trued up the top of the

seat and rounded the outside edge to an appealing curve. He then glued on a wood block so that he could reverse his work and hold it in a chuck for finishing the bottom of the seat. He had made a leg template already so that he could mark each leg accordingly and proceeded to make a matching set of legs which fitted perfectly into the socket holes. Cool stool Bruce.

Joe Clark demonstrated a bowl with neck and base inserts. The inserts had already been almost made prior to the demo. A round bowl blank was held by a chuck to allow the shaping of the bottom section of the bowl, then the project was reversed and the top was turned and hollowed out ensuring the opening of the bowl would fit the neck insert. Joe then defined the base to sit snug over the spigot on the bottom of the bowl. Lovely visual piece with the contrast in the wood of the neck and base to the wood of the bowl. Nice design.

Swan Group Competition Winners for the Pepper Grinder: Advanced: 1st Joe Clark, 2nd Don Clarke, 3rd Bruce Shephard. **Intermediate:** 1st Mary Byers

Swan group has welcomed a number of new members and lessons have started following on from our weekly meetings. These lessons are in great demand and really appreciated by the new members.

Mary Byers

Toodyay Tattles

Hi from the Avon Valley

It is with sadness that we report the loss one of our old woodturners and life member Bob Adams. Bob passed away late in January. He was laid to rest on the 30th of January. Bob is one of the group of founding members who met at McQueen's Caravan Park near Eneabba in 1985 and established the beginnings of the association. Bob reinvented the Toodyay woodturners soon after he came to Toodyay in 1996, after retiring from farming in the central wheatbelt.

Well what interesting time we have had in the Avon Valley with near record rainfall and a river in flood. The river was very nearly at record level for the Avon since it was cleaned out in the 1960s.

There has been a fairly quiet time in the woodturning department of late. We received the keys to our new shed in late December and so were able to get in and make some plans for there. A working bee was organised and the floor was sealed and electrical plans drawn up and another to pick up stored shelving etc. and at least move it to our premises.

Fund raising was one of the items at our meeting in February and we have decided to have a wood raffle later in the year to raise some funds.

We had mention of one electrician locally, who might be able to help with us doing most of the work. It gave us a shock when we received his quote of \$8390-00 with us doing most of the work.. We since have reviewed our lighting, etc, to see were we can cut costs and also to get

another couple of quotes.

Another shock with the building was that the building inspector wanting a signed copy of site plans even though it goes down as a shire building. More costs to us. We now may not be able to fit out the interior as we wished at this stage.

A decision was made at the Feb 26th meeting that we would unfortunately have to withdraw from the June Workshop. As a small club and the project we have with the new shed we feel we cannot do justice to the workshop. Also we were having trouble finding demonstrators to come and assist us. We feel we will wait and have another go later.

Anyway, people, that is about all from the Avon Woodturners for the moment and so as Roadwise says "*DON'T DRIVE TIRED*".

The Tattler

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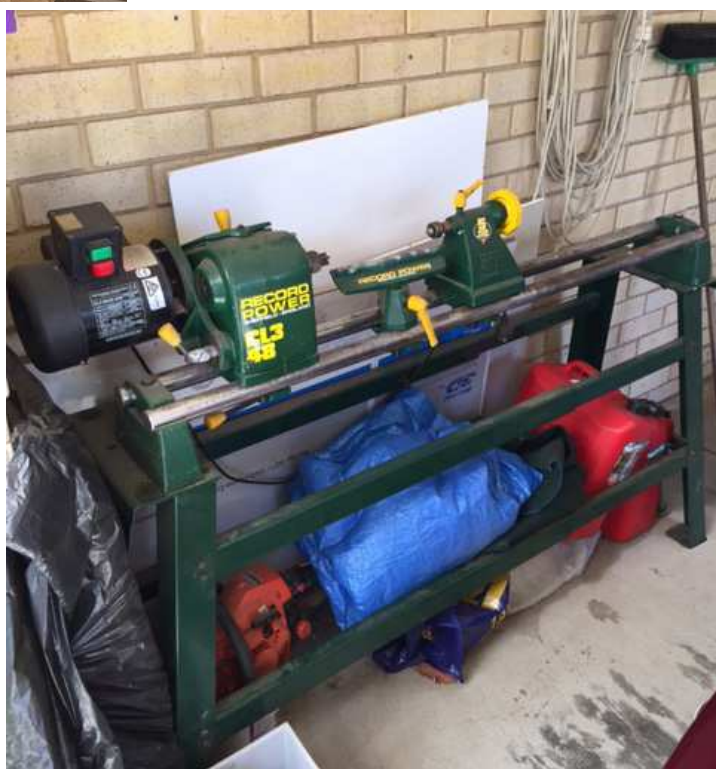
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Record Lathe with stand

Located at The Vines

\$400

Contact: Greg Newbould
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Bunbury Woodturners - a day visit to the WA Wood Scrollers

We had a glorious day out at the invitation of the W.A. Scrollers workshop at Wandi on their normal workshop day Tuesday 14 / 02 / 17, we learnt how to throw away parts of the machine that you don't need .

How not to break blades, and which blades that are best to use.

We also watched the way in which they mounted the patterns and which patterns to use.

Also the modifications that can be done to make things easier for the novice through to the advanced.

We also saw how the pattern started, the scroll sawing of the pattern and the beautiful work that was being produced.

We then enjoyed a lunch courtesy of the Scrollers group which was much appreciated ... and the urn was hot all day.

During lunch we had a demonstration from Allan Williams on a new David 400 Sanding machine.

The Bunbury group learnt a lot from the day and would like to thank Rob, Kev, Jim, and the W.A. Scrollers for their hospitality and an excellent day which we all enjoyed.

(supplied by Kevan Hunt)

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Situation Vacant Roving Reporter

Our Roving Reporter has jagged an assignment in Queensland leaving us in need of a new scribe for 2017.

Would suit someone who attends most of the weekend workshops or, alternatively, two or three people who could liaise to cover all the workshops.

This position fills an important role in keeping members informed about what goes on at workshops they are unable to attend.

Please contact the Editor for more information.



SWAN WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Senior Citizens Centre,
1 The Avenue, Midland

Saturday 22nd April,

Convenor - Richard Barkman
MC - Joe Clark
Safety Officer - Noel Moyes

Competition Item: Sphere on stand as per drawing available on WAWA web site.
Trade sales by: PSQUARE AGENCIES, BRUCE JACKSON TIMBER, GRAHAM TURNER BURLS, RAY WOODCOCK T&P SALES and ALLAN WILLIAMS.

There will be a ladies' programme and raffle.

Registration: \$5

Programme

8.30am Registration and Fellowship

9.00am Welcome and Announcements

9.15am **Demonstration by Don Clarke** (My Twisted Sense of Humour)

10.30am Morning Tea – members please bring a plate

11.00am **Demonstration by Ian Moss** (A Burl Lidded Box)

12.15pm President's Forum

12.30pm Lunch - Salad Roll with ham or cheese \$6.50

1.30pm **Demonstration by Robert Jones** (A thin walled bowl and piercing)

2.30pm Afternoon tea

3.00pm **Demonstration continued by Robert Jones**

4.00pm Competition Results plus Show and Tell Items

4.45pm Closing comments

Pack up (many hands make light work)

NEIL TURNER WORKSHOP

It is with great pleasure that WAWA announces a very special one day (four project) woodturning, carving and embellishment workshop, to be conducted by our very own West Australian, world renowned turner.



When: Saturday 3rd June 2017

Where: Melville Recreation Centre,
cnr Canning Highway and Stock Rd, Melville

Time: 9.00am to 4.45pm

Cost: \$30 (includes a light lunch, morning and afternoon tea)

Numbers will be limited, so early registration is recommended



Tickets for the workshop are available from David Rechter (phone 9310 1726 or 0412 886 500)

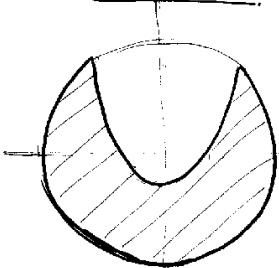
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The Bowl Gouge

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BOWL GAUGE

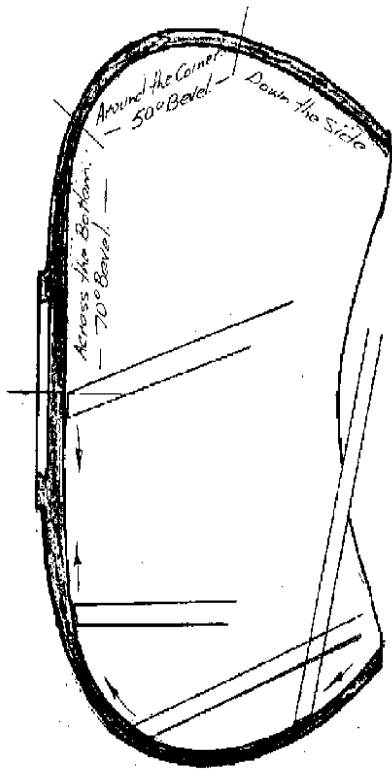


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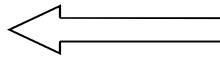
Recently the question was put to me –“what is the difference between a Bowl & Detail gouge?” At first I dismissed the idea, but on reflection thought “what an important question for a beginner.”

Hence an attempt to explain:

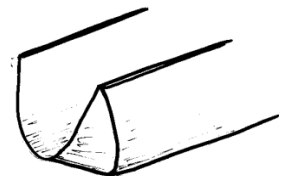
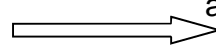
The short answer is two fold - The bowl gouge has a **deeper flute** and it also has a **shorter bevel**.



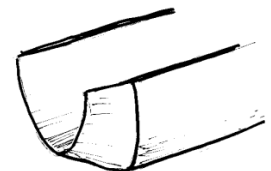
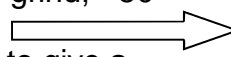
The Bowl gouge is used mainly of ‘faceplate work’, in particular internal work. In the past one may have required two or three bowl gouges with different bevel grinds/angles in order to ‘rub the bevel’.



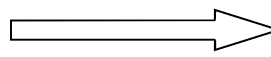
Bowl gouge with a very short grind, mainly used across the bottom of bowl – may be a bevel of 70 degrees



May be a slightly longer grind, - 50 degree bevel but with the ‘horns’ ground back to give a little clearance, around the corner.



Many Turners today will grind the horns or top corners well back; the bevel could be in the range of 50 – 70 degrees but with the swept back grind allows greater flexibility, down the side, around the corner & across the bottom.



NEIL TURNER MASTER CLASSES

Following on from his workshop, WAWA has also arranged for Neil to undertake two Master Classes.

Numbers will be limited to ten participants each day, to ensure members receive maximum benefit from Neil's extensive experience.

The classes will be different from normal, in that participants will be requested to prepare a vase and bowl (details to be provided), prior to the day. It will be also necessary to bring along a Dremel or similar type tool.



Each day will then be fully devoted to the teaching of different carving, texturing and embellishing techniques.

To support Neil, an experienced assistant will also be on hand both days.

When: Sunday 4th and Monday 5th June 2017
Where: Melville Recreation Centre,
cnr Canning Highway and Stock Road, Melville
Time: 9.00am to 4.45pm
Cost: \$125 (includes a light lunch, morning and afternoon tea, and some specialized texturing bits)



Due to the lead time involved, early registration is essential.

Bookings must be closed off on Sunday 30th April 2017

Tickets for the master classes are available from David Rechter (phone 9310 1726 or 0412 886 500)

Competition Results

Melville February 2017

Competition item: Pepper mill - to be of modern design, minimum beads

NOVICE

1. Ian Rudford
2. Peter Skeets
3. = Peter Knight & Peter Cunnington
4. Trevor Flynn

INTERMEDIATE

1. Rob Snowden
2. David Porter
3. Mick Bishop
4. Lynsay Dunning

ADVANCED

1. George Parke
2. Ian Moss
3. Charlie Broadbent
4. Bruce Jackson

MOST POPULAR

1. George Parke
2. = Rob Snowden & Lyndsey Toop
3. Joe Clark
4. Norm Hoskin

OPEN

1. George Parke
2. Ian Moss
3. Ro Snowden
4. Charlie Broadbent

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Please note Bruce Jackson has resumed as competition coordinator and all enquiries should be directed to him until further notice.

Diary Dates

Competition Items for 2017

February 18th - Melville

A pepper grinder - max height 420mm, to be modern streamline design

March 18th - Manjimup

Three-legged stool, 300 to 350mm high

April 22nd - Swan NOTE: this is the 4th Saturday (due to Easter)

Sphere on stand to supplied drawing measurements (available on web site)

May 20th - Mandurah

Natural-edge bowl with inside lid with finial, max 200mm diameter

June 17th - WAWA at Wandi

Trivet (more description to come)

July 15th - Gosnells

Wall clock, minimum outside diameter 150mm

August 19th - Collie

Lidded bowl, no restrictions

September 16th - Wandi & AGM

Natural-edge bowl, max height 200mm. Max diameter 250mm

October 21st - Joondalup-Wanneroo

Hollow form, to be turned in one piece with no joins or plugs, internal diameter to be substantially larger than the opening

November 18th - Bunbury

Platter, 200 - 400mm diameter, height to be 10% of diameter

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2016

8th - 13th May Forrestfield Market Place

22nd - 27th May Bull Creek Shopping Centre

19th - 24th June Kardinya Shopping Centre

17th - 22nd July Melville Plaza

4th - 6th August Wood & Craft Fair

23rd - 28th October Victoria Park

6th - 11th November Waterford Plaza

The following may be contacted for information or if you would like to join the display/sales team.

Brian Fowlie 9310 3161

Neil Piper 9399 3723

Geoff Saw 9354 1562

Events Scheduled for 2017

Neil Turner at Melville (3rd, 4th & 5th June)

Wood Show 1st weekend August

Liam O'Neill at Wandi, Saturday 5th September

Royal Show last week of September

REMINDER!

The new points accumulation for competition begins at the AGM in September 2016 and runs till August 2017.