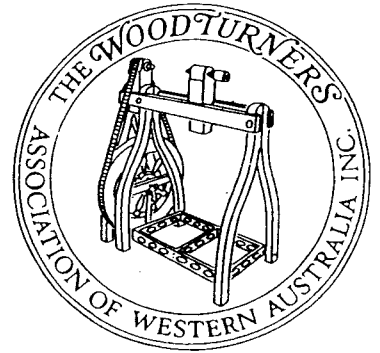


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W.A.W.A. GROUPS MEETING TIMES, DATES, AND VENUES.

AVON VALLEY	4th Thursday, Wool Pavilion, Show Ground, Toodyay 7-30pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays 9am to 12 noon
BUNBURY	2nd Sunday 9am to 3-30pm 4th Wednesday night 7pm Roy Harris, 18 Henley Dr, Bunbury.
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7pm Busselton High school .
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday Brookton District High School.
COLLIE	Last Sunday in each month 9-15 to 4pm Various home work shops.
LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7pm. 2nd & 4th Wednesday (tuition) 7.30pm 1st Saturday (problem solving) 2pm. Every Thursday (demonstration & tuition) 8-30am – 11.30am
Cooper Ave, Kenwick	
MANDURAH	Every Second Tuesday 3pm Mandurah High School, Gibla St Mandurah. Check with Convenor for locations during school holidays.
MELVILLE	4th Thursday 7.15 Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr. Stock Rd. & Canning Highway. Melville Wednesday mornings 8am Melville Recreation Centre, Stock Rd. & Canning Highway
MIDVALE	2nd Tuesday 7pm. 4th Tuesday 1-30pm. The Woodworking Centre, 36 Farrell Rd Midvale.
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School, Cnr. Dura Rd & Riley Rd. Parkerville.
NORTH OF RIVER	4th Tuesday 7pm. Also 1st & 3rd Fridays 9-12 (all work no meetings) Woodstock, 13 Cressall Rd, Balcatta.
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm. Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Rd, Wandi

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

It is with regret that we record the death of Ralph Finkelstein, one of our very new members. Ralph was only a member for a few weeks, and had only purchased a lathe shortly before he suddenly passed away. We express our sympathy to Mrs Finkelstein and the family.



By the time you read this our Annual General Meeting will have come and gone.

I wish to express my thanks to you, the members for your support given to me over the past year, and particularly, the members of the Management Committee, and those appointees and volunteers who have helped in setting up equipment, operated the reception desk, worked in the kitchen, and many other ways, for the benefit of the Association.

Special thanks are due to our Secretary, Shirley Munro, who, although an Associate member, took on the task voluntarily, and has done a fantastic job. I could not have wished for a better secretary. Many thanks from us all, Shirley, for a job extremely well done.

It is now time to welcome the new members of the Management Committee, and welcome back those retiring members who have, again offered their services, and have been re-elected for a further term.

We also have a new Safety Adviser in Mick Hanlon, who takes over from Kevin McCrackan. Many thanks, Kevin for your efforts over several years.

It was also very pleasing to see Les Small and Robert Drinkwater operating the video equipment at Toodyay. They did an excellent job and we appreciated their efforts in the absence of Barry and Ivor.

Many thanks to you both. Barry would, also, appreciate any other volunteers to help in this way, and would be prepared to show you how to operate the equipment.

Happy turning, Neil.

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ASSOCIATION WEEKEND CALENDAR

DATE: 16/17 OCTOBER
VENUE: CRUIKSHANK PAVILION
HOST GROUP: W.A.W.A. & G.T.I.G.

DATE: 20/21 NOVEMBER
VENUE: WANDI COMMUNITY HALL
HOST GROUP: WANDI

DATE: 11th DECEMBER (one day only)
VENUE: KALAMUNDA AG. HALL
HOST GROUP: EXC/SUB COM

DEMONSTRATIONS/EXHIBITIONS/SALES

SEPTEMBER 20th to 25th
MELVILLE SHOPPING PLAZA
CANNING HIGHWAY. MELVILLE

OCTOBER WED. 27th to SAT. 30th
BENTLEY CENTRE
1140 ALBANY H/WAY BENTLEY

NOVEMBER 22nd to 27th
SOUTHLANDS BOULEVARD
SHOPPING CENTRE
WILLETTON.

For further information please contact John Lillywhite on Phone 9339 2359. Neil Piper on phone 9398 2387.

Kevin McCrackan will be arranging rosters.

Please remember to give Kevin two weeks notice of your intention to participate. Contact Kevin on phone 9310 1057.

A WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

who have joined since last newsletter.

1734	Keith	McClurkin	Yanchep
1735	Colin	Mak	Greenwood
1736	Peter	Hill	Craigie
1737	John	Gillespie	E/Vic Park
1738	Douglas	Gordon	Cottesloe
1739	Ray	Epps	Katanning
1740	Arthur	Smith	Orelia
1741	Tony	Collins	Ocean Reef
1742	Kendal	Ranieri	Lesmurdie
1743	Bob	Henderson	Bullcreek
1744	Frank	Budas	Northam
1745	Ron	Britten	Noranda
1746	Brian	Sherwood	Toodyay

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WAWA IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOLDFIELDS SPECIALTY TIMBER
INDUSTRY GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

CRIUKSHANK PAVILION KALGOORLIE

PROGRAMME: SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th.

8am to 9am Arrival and registration
9am Welcome and announcements
9-15am Central Demonstration
CHARLIE BROADBENT (Bowl with leather lacing)
10-15am **MORNING CUPPA**
10-30am SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDS ON
Central lathe **CHARLIE BROADBENT**
Lathe No 2 **BILL BOTMAN** (Lace Bobbins)
Lathe No 3 **BRIAN LAUNER** (Clock)
Lathe No 4 **JOHN LATHWELL** (Ring Cutter)
12 Noon **LUNCH**
1pm CENTRAL DEMONSTRATION
ROBERT JONES (Embellished Bowl)
3pm **AFTERNOON CUPPA**
3-30pm SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDS ON
Central lathe **ROBERT JONES**
Lathe No 2 **ELAINE BOYD** (Mushrooms & Flowers)
Lathe No 3 **GORDON WARD** (Arbortec Carver)
Lathe No 4 **JIM CLARKE** (Lidded Box)
5pm **CLOSE.**
6-30PM **DINNER AT THE BOWLING CLUB**

PROGRAMME: SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

8am ARRIVAL, SET UP, ANNOUNCEMENTS
FREE TIME ON LATHES
9am CENTRAL DEMONSTRATION
JOHN SHINNICK (Cabriole Legs)
10-15am **MORNING CUPPA**
10-30am SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDS ON
CENTRAL LATHE **JOHN SHINNICK**
Lathe No 2 **HENRY WALKER** (Making Balls)
Lathe No 3 **BRIAN LAUNER** (Lidded Box)
Lathe No 4 **PETER McGINTY** (Natural Edge Vase)
12 noon **LUNCH**
1pm CENTRAL DEMONSTRATION
GORDON WARD (Embellished Bowl)
3pm **AFTERNOON CUPPA**
3-30pm **PRESIDENT'S FORUM**
COMPETITION RESULTS
SHOW AND TELL
5pm **CLOSE AND CLEAN UP. ALL HANDS TO HELP PLEASE**

COMPETITION ITEM FOR THIS WEEKEND IS:

An item that will fit in a 150mm cube. Turning may be sculptured or embellished.
Your MCS will be Gordon Ward and Brian Fowlie.

SAFETY ADVISER: JOHN JOYCE.

TRADE SUPPLIER: SOUTHSIDE WOODTURNING SUPPLIES.

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Membership No 264.

LETTER TO EDITOR

For many years I have been a recipient of W.A.W.A. newsletters and have been always keen to read it. This letter is to thank the various past editors, the central Committee members and various group convenors and office bearers for their generosity in accepting office as required.

I hold the view that W.A.W.A. is a great learning and teaching organisation, but above that I value the friendship and mateships made and cemented by association and attendance at various gatherings.

I hope and trust that the new and budding members will learn and appreciate what I have gleaned as a W.A.W.A. member.

J. J. WALLACE
Member No 49.

FOR SALE

"LEADY"
COMBINATION LATHE
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WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP MEETING
20/21 NOVEMBER 1999
WANDI COMMUNITY HALL LOT 33 DE HAER RD, WANDI

CONVENOR: ROBERT JONES
MC: ROBERT JONES
FIRST AID OFFICER: BOB CROSS
TRADE SUPPLIER: SOUTHSIDE WOODTURNING SUPPLIERS
COMPETITION ITEM: **Table lamp in one timber. Turned only, no routing or carving.**
(A shade fitted would enhance the display)

THEME: MULTIPLE TECHNIQUES

The "THEME" will apply to all demonstrations throughout the weekend with all demonstrators explaining tool types they use, any special sharpening, grinding and shaping, along with a description of the special use of the tool applied to the projects manufacture.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS-SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER 1999

8-00am Unload chuck wagon and machinery
8-30am Registration and fellowship
9-00am MC Welcome and announcements
9-15am DEMONSTRATION 1. **JOE HEGNEY** Spindle Turning and Lamp spindle
10-15am **MORNING TEA** (members a plate please)
10-45am DEMONSTRATION 2. **JOE HEGNEY** Face plate turning, Lamp base
10-45 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME:
LADIES -Spectacles nature reserve tour.
12-00noon **LUNCH:** Wandi to supply freshly cooked BBQ Hamburgers with salad, \$2-50 each.
Cool drinks \$1-00 each
1-00pm ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME: **VISITS TBA**
1-00pm DEMONSTRATION 3. **JAN JUREWICZ** Scroll chucking, deep hollow form
2-00pm DEMONSTRATION 4. **KEVIN McCRACHAN** Lazy Susan
3-00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
3-30PM DEMONSTRATION 5. Five mixed individual hands on demonstrations
LATHE 1. Intermediate level **JOHN MERCER** Clock making
LATHE 2. Intermediate level **JIM CLARKE** Small lidded box
LATHE 3. Beginners level **ROD COCKS** Skew spindle use
LATHE 4. Beginners level **NEIL PIPER** Spindle gouge use
LATHE 5. Ladies choice **ELAINE BOYD** Mini bird house from scrap
MARGARET YOUNG Turning potters bowls
PRESIDENTS FORUM * COMPETITION RESULTS * SHOW AND TELL
5-30 **CLOSE DAY PROGRAMME**

EVENING PROGRAMME: Baldivis Estate Wine tasting cheese and biscuits, \$5-50 per person
Members to please supply their own meal, heating facilities provided.

PROGRAMME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21st

9-00am MC Welcome and announcements
9-15 DEMONSTRATION 6. **MURRAY TURNER** Tree surgery, -tech-info. History
10-00am **MORNING TEA**
10-30am DEMONSTRATION 7. Chain saw safety, setting, faults & use. Demo chain saw carving
12-00 **LUNCH 12-30 FINISH ALL HANDS PACK UP TRAILER AND CLEAN UP**

There are twelve powered sites available for caravans on the grounds adjacent to the Community Hall;
Showers & toilets are to be used in the hall. Contact Rodney Cocks (9410 2009) or Robert Jones (9525 5564)
Limited home stay facilities are available. Contact Rodney Cocks (9410 2009)

PLEASE NOTE

MELVILLE GROUP: THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION HAS MOVED FROM SOUTHSIDE WOODTUNING CENTRE TO THE MELVILLE RECREATION CENTRE

COMPETITION RESULTS

JULY: "AN ARTICLE FEATURING BURL"

During my time as competition Co-Ordinator I have tried to encourage turners to be a little more critical of their work; to seek a more subtle and refined shape; to spend that little extra attention to detail and finish. Something must be working, because it is now difficult to separate beginner's work from that of higher ranked turners. The general standard is awesome.

It is essential, however, that competitors consider their designs carefully. In this competition there were a few items in which "burl" was not a prominent feature. In others the burl feature sat uncomfortably with the other components, detracting from the overall design. Whilst making this observation I hasten to add that the items on display ranged from very good to excellent.

RESULTS:	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
BEGINNERS:	Carol Winchester	*	*
NOVICE:	Dave Hodgins	John Mason	Roy Harris
INTERMEDIATE:	Frank Evans	Joe Romeo	Dan Killgallon
OPEN:	Jim McDonnell	Ken Rex	Frank Leder
MASTERS:	Alan Smith	Gerald Young	Bob Nichols
POPULAR VOTE:	Joe Romeo	John Mason	Jim McDonnell

AUGUST: "LIDDED CONTAINER TO A GIVEN DRAWING"

Pardon me for overdoing the superlatives, but Bob Nichols ~ whose craftsmanship I have always admired ~ surpassed his previous brilliance this time. Built up from carved segments separated by contrasting strips and then turned and finished with precision and care, Bob has created a work of art. This is not to say the other entrants did not do well. Each item would be accepted by the most discerning gallery. Our standards are way up there.

RESULTS:	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
BEGINNERS:	Toni Wilson	Vin Murphy	*
NOVICE:	Dave Hodgins	Max Rutherford	Ken Dixon
INTERMEDIATE:	Brian Fowlie	Don Clarke	Dennis Byett
OPEN:	Frank Leder	*	*
MASTERS:	Bob Nichols	Alan Smith	Jim McDonnell
POPULAR VOTE:	Bob Nichols	Dave Hodgins	Toni Wilson

COMPETITION CO-ORDINATOR Viv Paust.

MELVILLE GROUP REPORT

The Annual meeting of the Melville Group was held in August and those elected for the coming year were: Convenor: Don Gunn, Treasurer, John Lillywhite and six other members were elected to the committee. Recently the Wednesday section moved their location back to the Melville Recreation Centre, and this has proved to be successful. Peter Cameron of Southside Woodturning Supplies is to be sincerely thanked for his very supportive attitude towards the group and for the use of his premises in the interim period. Another innovation is the Saturday morning carving session initiated by Jack Connolly and Ken Rex. They do have a need for equipment and this is being addressed. Thank must again be expressed to our volunteer instructors who week after week give of their time and skills to assist newcomers in the art of turning. Thanks to Neil Piper and Kevin McCrackan (retired), Jack Connolly, Ken Dixon, Bill Crow, and Bob Richards. My personal thanks to all the members that have helped me over the past two years while I have been the Convenor. Derek Martin.

WOODIES" GOLF DAY

Monday, September 6th 1999, was a perfect day after the horrendous weather of the previous week, we were blessed with a fine day and 20deg. (I did talk to the Big Woodturner in the sky!)

A field of sixteen was there to hit off at the Pinjarra course, which was in top condition. Unfortunately, not all the players were. However, some respectable scores were made.

It is interesting to note how the "callaway" method of handicapping worked out.

Gross scores ranged from 99 to 124. After the handicap was deducted the nett scores were from 75 to 86 ! Not bad.

Viv Paust has proved that you can wash two golf balls in the water hazard and still have two balls on the fairway. He must have skimmed rocks as a kid.

The over all winner was Trevor Foster, Mandurah Group, with a Toowoomba visitor, Harold Crane (Ed's brother) one stroke back. Harold also picked up the longest drive(s). No one got near his tee shots, his golf balls must bleed! Only one par three, for the nearest to the pin, was won, again by Trevor Foster.

Sixteen players and three par threes and only one person made the green in one. Absolutely shocking state of affairs. !! Must practice before the one, next year, perhaps ?

I must thank the Staff at Pinjarra, they were great. Also to the people who assisted with the prizes.

Viv Paust, a very original winners trophy Bert Simmonds, a pair of vases John Mason, fence post vase with a golf ball inside

Bunnings, Mandurah, gift vouchers Southside Woodturning gift vouchers These donated prizes were most appreciated, again thanks to all.

Some members and their wives joined us for the after game barbie and a few cool ones.

All in all a very good day was had by all

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Steel Pedestal, suitable for a bench grinder, Drill etc.

Half inch steel base plate with a five inch by three feet seven and a half inch high pedestal.

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**WEEKEND WORKSHOP HELD AT TOODYAY
AUGUST 21/22nd.**

It was a beautiful Saturday morning when about one hundred and fifty turners including wives and partners registered for the annual Toodyay Weekend Workshop.

Much work in preparation had already been done by the organising committee and a team of ladies who were responsible for the scones, some with emu eggs, with strawberry and apricot jam and cream for morning and afternoon teas, as well as a sumptuous dinner of soup, roast potatoes, salads and apple crumble and cream.

The program for the turners was varied and interesting and covered the following subjects:

Turning of Chess Pieces.

Furniture restoration.

Bowl and Vase decoration (pyrography).

Counter balanced face plate turning.

A wood auction.

Turning wood to a taper accurately.

Turning salt and pepper mills.

Repairing band saw blades.

Planning of segmented patterns.

Decorating turned wood with water colours.

A feature of the weekend was the display of turned articles made by members of the Association, all excellent and much admired by visitors and wood turners alike.

The competition for the weekend was a lidded box made to specific measurements, all beautifully made, some exceptional.

On Saturday evening after dinner, we were entertained by the Northam and Toodyay Theatre Groups with a festival of three one act plays which was well received.

A very sociable, productive and interesting weekend was enjoyed by all.

"THE PIONEER WAY"

A bus trip was included in the program for the weekend. Sixty seats on the bus were available and fifty seven visitors happily filled them. The exuberant crowd absorbed with glee at the abundant greenery surrounding Toodyay at this time of year. It's luscious rolling hills and full to overflowing Avon River interspersed with fields of yellow astounded many. The pioneering spirit was made evident as important Historic sites were respectfully described by John Smart. Modern day "Pioneering Spirit" was evidenced by the newly established Lavender farm on Dumbartom Road.

The cool breeze on this sunny day did not deter our visitors from filing off the bus enthusiastically. The French Lavender grown has shown considerable survival characteristics in our varied climate. Although not grown for its oil production, as some lavenders are (English), this bush offers a solution in suspension. The spray is popular as relief from burns (sun burn or radiotherapy) or simply to refresh on a hot day. Visitors were also able to purchase lavender blooms and bath crystals.

All proceeds going to the Northam Hospice on this day of our visit. "Ninigo" or "fresh water" farm, three thousand acre historic pioneer property brought us back to the years of the mid nineteenth Century when convict labour was used to build the original homestead (some ruins remain). Labourers were locked up each night after using the local stone and timber to create the homestead and surrounding buildings. A family of at least nine children were housed there.

The Smart family have addressed the failing Merino Wool market by now growing Texel sheep (fast growing meat), canola, lupins and wheat, making our visit to "Ningo" a very rewarding experience.

I can't wait for next year's excursion.

Thanks John, well done.



LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD GROUP

June 2 Cake Stand

1. Desne Farrel (well done)
2. Len Freeman
3. Bill Wallbank

During June a very interesting demonstration was carried out by photographer Maurice Evans on how best to photograph your work.

July 7. Turned burl (only three entries)

1. Brian Fowlie
2. Tom Mazy
3. Rex Bungey

Aug 4. BOWL/VESSEL OR CONTAINER

(Incorporating 3 or more timbers
(seven entries))

1. Brian Fowlie
2. Tom Mazy
3. Bill Wallbank

Demonstrations by Frank Werren. Dan Kilgallon and Bill Wallbank during July included pick-up sticks, Chinese checkers and embellishment to a vase.

Work on the building extensions went well. Thanks to the eleven members who helped to fill in the old store area. Dan Kilgallon and Peter Dessent completed the electrical work and lined the inside.

Ken Farquhar will be organising a busy bee to do some tidying up inside the workshop and hang another mirror. Members are asked to contact Ken (Tel. 9458 6256) to advise him when they would be available to help Thankyou.

OUR TRIP TO BUNBURY

Sunday September 12th 1999 nineteen of us, including ladies, attended Bunbury Group's Sunday meeting (this was our fourth bus trip for the year, having previously been to a Mandurah day meeting, a tour of the Yarloop Heritage Mill and a Sunday meeting at Toodyay).

Max Rutherford and his members put on a great day. In the morning Roy Harris showed how he turns Rings for those delightful clocks of his. This was followed by a hands - on - session with many Bunbury and Liddelow members having a go. One of the highlights was the Barbecue lunch with Bernard King (AKA Peter Dessent) and Ian Para, eter) (ATA Tom Mazy) "thrilling us all".

In the afternoon Roy filled in for John Shinnick and showed us his method of turning Salt and Pepper shakers.

The ladies also had a great day spending the boy's money in the antique shops and the nurseries.

We thank Bunbury for a great day and recommend to all groups to organise a similar trip - you will not be disappointed.

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Wandi members were recently treated to two visiting demonstrators. For the July demonstration Gordon Ward gave a presentation on the Tagua nut. The Tagua nut is an interesting material, hard and dense but easy to turn. The material resembles Ivory and the nuts are relatively small, up to about fifty mm long. As the nut is hollow in the middle, the size of object that can be turned is relatively small. Gordon had sawn some small square sections and gone to pains to explain that little could be done with such small pieces. The turning demonstration started with the piece of nut mounted in a Jacobs chuck, what was to be produced was less than obvious. Gordon had decided to turn a very small goblet and proceeded to produce said item with some speed. When it was finished most people had difficulty seeing it never mind about turning it!

The Tagua nut is probably best used for items of jewellery and pieces of trim, such as inlays and small finials. I'm sure there are people out there who have many applications for the material, perhaps some one would write an article for the magazine to explain.

Our second guest demonstrator was Ron Eddy. Ron demonstrated the making of Lotus bowls. This process is quite complex and shows what can be done with the use of fixtures, and turning items on more than one axis. The design of the item to be made and the manufacturing process both have to be well thought out for a successful outcome. Ron had made some of the bowls beforehand and also had pieces in various stages of manufacture, helping to make the process clear. Apart from showing exactly how this type of bowl is made, the demonstration was also of value in stimulating thought about the use of similar work holding methods for different projects. For those tired of turning plain "round things" this could provide an avenue to explore.

Wednesday morning meetings are growing in popularity with plenty of turning going on. It is good to see the workshop being used for its intended purpose. Credit should be given to the Wednesday morning crew, for they have done a lot of work setting up the workshop, well done.

Jan Jurewicz. Wandi Group.

One of our very early associate members Mrs Peg Stout is on the not so well list and we wish her a speedy back to good health. How about a cheer up chat on PH. 9307 9294.

Also John Shinnick is on that same list and we wish him a speedy back to good health.

Our sympathy is extended to Thora and Ron Smith on the loss of their Mother and Mother-in-law.

To any members or associates who are not well our wishes for a speedy recovery is extended.

MIDVALE MUTTERINGS

Welcome to our new committee and congratulations to Eric Walker on being elected Convenor.

As you all know Midvale has a group of stalwarts who meet in the afternoon of the fourth Tuesday on the Month. Now this group has a problem, they can't consume enough tea and bikkies to use up all the subs they collect each month. They reckon they must be the highest fund raisers per capita in the Association. If you have any suggestions why not go along and join in the discussions, apart from woodturning you will have an enjoyable social afternoon and definitely a few laughs. On Tuesday evening August 10th after the election of officers we had a most interesting demonstration from Bob Nichols on various ways of combining timbers. It seems Bob's patience must be limitless when it comes to this sort of thing. By the time you read this we will have seen the fruits of this demo at the September meeting competition. Don't forget it is that time of year when toys are required for the Christmas Appeal so keep on turning.

OUT OF THE WOODS 1999 EXHIBITION

Ninety four entries spread over six categories made this years show the most successful ever.

"Out of the Woods" has been put on annually for the past nine years by the Fine Wood Work Association and is now W.A.'s only major Woodwork exhibition/competition.

Given the prize money available (\$600) and the prestige and exposure for the artists it is disappointing that only fourteen woodturners from W.A. entered work in the show.

Winner in the "Turned only" section was Jack DeVos with his magnificent Blackboy hollow form while the "Embellished" section was won by Stephen Hughes from Victoria with Intersphere #8, a lidded form in W.A. lace sheoak (at least the wood was from W.A.) Highly commended by the Judges were Gordon Ward's "Mobius~The Trinity" and Jack DeVos's "Beyond the Black Stump" The Judges also awarded a **special commendation to Garry Haddon** whose three pieces set a high standard for a thirteen year old. Next years show will be it's tenth Anniversary and the Fine Woodwork Association would like to invite every Woodturner to enter at least one piece in the Show. Perhaps the W.A.W.A. Committee could come up with a special competition for the show. If you have any ideas to improve the Woodturning area of the "Out of the Woods" I would like to hear from you.

RON HILTON.

Curator of "Out of the Woods"

2 Greenmount Heights, Hillarys. W.A. 6025

Ph. 9307 7967 Evenings and weekends.

PROFILE OF A TURNER.....

Eric Walker

Eric was born in 1933 and grew in Yorks, UK. Upon leaving Henry's Grammar School in Otley at the age of fifteen, he worked for eight months making starter switches for fluorescent lamps. He then went to work for Silver Cross (Wilson) as a "carpenter" making the internals of the "Rolls Royce of Baby Carriages". After two years a recession occurred making Eric redundant. This led him to take up Psychiatric Nursing in 1951. Eric qualified as staff nurse after three years training, during which time met Betty, a farmers daughter. At the local village dancing club, Eric won a raffle prize of a large bag of logs donated by Betty's father. Looking back on this event he feels that fate might have been trying to tell him something!. He married Betty in 1954 and a year later joined the Army (RAMC) for two three year terms instead of doing "Nasho's" (National Service). Whilst in the Army he qualified in General Nursing .



Eric and Betty's first of two daughters was born during military service.

On leaving the Army Eric returned to Psychiatric Nursing and following several promotions, eventually took charge of the Admission and Treatment Unit of a major psychiatric hospital. Due to poor wages a second job was always necessary, these included gardening, farming, window cleaning and carpentry.

A long time love of woodwork and financial necessity led Eric to taking up carpentry full time, being more lucrative than nursing - you can't spend dedication in shops !. So ended seventeen years of devoted nursing!.

In 1969 Eric emigrated with wife Betty and daughters Shirley and Wendy, arriving in Fremantle in July 1969 on MV Castel Felice.

Three days later he started work as a fixing carpenter on houses and offices. The housing boom collapse two years later led to a wages job as a cabinet maker for the next thirteen years. Among the many things he made were billiard and pool tables and video game cabinets. In 1984 Eric started a business as a caravan repairer, which he ran until he retired in 1994.

Eric took up woodturning in 1983 without much success until he joined W.A.W.A. in 1990 and started learning and happy to say he still is!

Since joining the Association Eric has been a regular and successful entrant in competitions. This experience, together with his service as competition organiser for two years has led him to conclude that participation in competitions in an unbeatable "rapid Learning" ground, which develops skills and techniques that may otherwise not be acquired. Eric much appreciates the benefit he has gained from watching the many and varied demonstrations offered at association and Group meetings and from talking to the demonstrators. Eric has demonstrated on a number of occasions in recent years and currently teaches new turners the basic skills of our craft. He is a member of the co-operative woodcraft shop at Whiteman Park and is looking forward to passing on his love of woodcraft to his five grandchildren.

MILLENNIUM BASH

A couple of months ago, the Midvale group approached the Committee for approval to change the normal workshop program, so as to make the first weekend workshop of the new millennium an event to remember.

As some of you know, we had already decided to have a demonstrator exchange with the National Association of Woodturners NZ inc. Gordon Ward was the demonstrator chosen for NZ next year.

Roly Munro, one of New Zealand's top turners has been invited to do a demonstration tour of WA sometime next year. It was decided to invite Roly over to demonstrate at the first workshop of the new millennium.

Roly started his woodturning career in the 1970s with a "Tough Lathe" whilst he was living in Fremantle, WA. He still uses that lathe today. "May be we can find one for his demo".

Roly is very much in demand as a demonstrator, and has held workshops in NZ, USA, Germany, UK and Belgium as well as working with the wood shows in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Likewise his work is exhibited in many of the best galleries in NZ, USA and Australia, "over east anyway".

Roly's work is included in many public and private collections in NZ, US, Japan, Germany etc.

The finale program for the weekend has yet to be worked out.

Details will be included in the next newsletter but remember to keep these dates free:

January 15/16 2000.

If there is a wedding in the family get it **cancelled**. If you are going on holiday **cancel**.

There will be no excuses, even if you have to be carried in, be there or be square.

ROB JONES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – GERALD YOUNG

Gerald Ian Young, the Association of Woodturners of Western Australia, honours you and confers upon you, Life Membership in recognition of the outstanding contribution you have made to the Association.

Gerald was born in England and because of his father's work, received his primary education in Hong Kong, with secondary and tertiary qualifications in electrical engineering being attained in the U.K. This skill lead Gerald to a professional career in the Army and interesting cutting edge work, the roles including electronic gun control; surface to air guided missiles; radar development and guided missiles and guided weapons systems.

What a great background of technical skill and discipline to intensify, on retirement, an interest in wood working kindled as a child, and practiced throughout his life!

Prior to his introduction to wood turning, Gerald's interest was in furniture making, and it is no surprise that he has continued this interest, utilising his turning skills to embellish his furniture items.

In addition, Gerald has developed a unique feature of wood turning, - art form on the lathe. This has been achieved by Gerald pursuing excellence and a desire to explore how far his idea of spiral/twisted turning can be pushed (or turned).

Gerald has served as Weekend Competition Organiser, and been a great advocate of participation developing the skill of entrants, and he is a great example of this notion, as his participation has lead to him being the recipient of numerous prizes at national level, as well as many successes with the Association.

Gerald joined the Association in April 1990. And we have all benefited from his enthusiasm for the craft and his generous contribution to our Association, as he has, inter alia, filled the following positions with distinction.

Association President 1996/1998. During this term, Gerald guided the acquisition of the highly acclaimed TV/Video projection which has added so much to our week end workshops.

Committee of Management, including Vice President and the co-ordination of a membership survey, the results of which have been used to define the Association's goals.

Convenor of the Kenwick Group and a regular at other Group Meetings

Demonstrator at many group and Association workshops.

Newsletter reporter.

Gerald Young,

We honour you as a Life Member of the Association.



1 HONOUR BOARDS

After a great amount of discussion the final size and design for the two boards have been made and they should be available for display in the near future. As mentioned previously in these notes one board will list the names of all Presidents and Secretaries since the association was formed, and also the years in office. The other board will list the names of all Life Members and year of appointment. Provision has been made for inclusion of future Life Member appointments.

2. HAVE A GO DAY

The Committee has again decided to participate in this annual event which is designed to demonstrate a wide variety of activities available, and primarily for mature age persons. This event is to be held at Burswood Park on Tuesday November 9th 1999 – watch the press for announcements closer to that date. W.A.W.A.'s involvement will be in the form of demonstrations of woodturning and invitations to interested attendees to "try their hand (under the demonstrators guidance).

3. STAFFING W/SHOP VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

There is still a need for volunteers to help out with this comparatively recent, and well accepted facility. At present staffing is limited to five persons, more are required to provide back-up in the event of inability to attend workshops and or allow persons manning the controls some relief during the course of presentations. Barry Leivers and Ivor Bridges are our main backstops and are quite willing to instruct in setting up and operation of the equipment. From experience the writer can assure members that it is not difficult so why not broaden your knowledge and at the same time make a contribution to the success of our workshops.

4. VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL UNIT

Consideration is being given to the purchase of one of these units for use by workshop demonstrators should they wish. In doing so it is considered that members unfamiliar with this equipment will have the opportunity to see it operating and also try it out for themselves, if so inclined.

5. ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

This matter receives constant attention at Committee Meetings with potential locations followed up when located. In the past year five potential locations have been followed up for suitability/availability but to date with out success. However members can rest assured that this matter will continue to receive constant attention and hopefully, in time, persistence will pay off.

6. JANUARY 2000 WEEKEND WORKSHOP

To acknowledge the new century it has been decided to have a visiting turner and present intentions are to have Rowley Munro from New Zealand. Final details have still to be resolved. However the venue will be at Kalamunda which is air conditioned and lends itself well to our type of function with very good kitchen facilities and plenty of alternate accommodation for the ladies and other activities. Spacious and convenient shaded parking.

I hear that North of the River Group are to split into two entities – one in new accommodation at Craft House, Alexander Park, Menora and the other Wanneroo High School. The numbers attending at Balcatta made their accommodation there cramped, so this move may well see an expansion in numbers overall, with less travel for some. We wish them well.

The Committee are shortly going to look at the possibility of forming an Association Group at Manjimup as a result of a request from that area.

Congratulations are in order to the recently retired convenor of the Midvale Group, Jim Clarke and his wife Coralie on becoming grandparents for the first time. The little new arrival is named Jazmin. If our experience is anything to go by there will be many happy hours of playtime ahead! It's not certain yet, but there is just a possibility that a page of colour may be introduced into the Newsletter. This opens up the prospect of photographs and better scope for articles and advertisements.

Those members who appreciate the usefulness of the Arbortech power carver and mini carver as well as others, should check out Arbortech's New product -- the **POWER CHISEL**. It is an attachment which fits most 100 and 115mm angle grinders and drives a range of chisels with cutting strokes of around 10,000 per minute. This removes wood very quickly and cleanly. See your nearest trade supplier for more details.

Those planning a trip to USA should be aware that there are many Chapters and Guilds of the American Association of Woodturners over there who meet regularly and who would welcome visitors.

W.A.W.A. is a member of the AAW and our Librarian HENRY WALKER holds a copy of their resource directory which is available for members reference.

Congratulations to Jack DeVos who won the "Turned Only" category in the "OUT of the WOODS" exhibition at the W.A. Wood Show at Claremont.

Jack's piece was a lovely hollow form in Blackboy. Well done.

The Liddelow Arts and Crafts Club at Kenwick is holding their annual Spring Exhibition, starting Friday evening September 17th. at 7pm.

It runs for a week, but the bargains go early!

It is well worth a visit.

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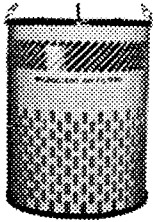
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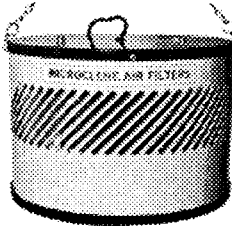
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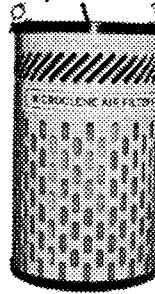
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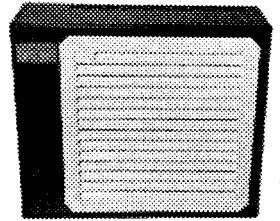


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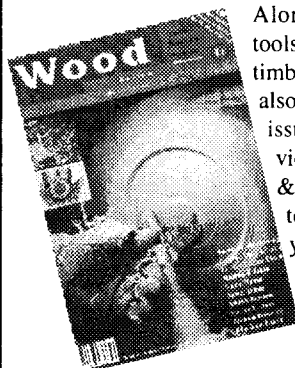
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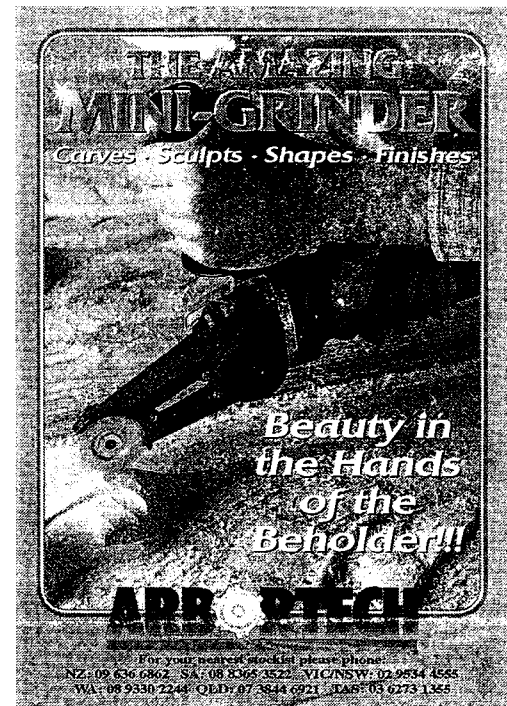
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