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7:30pm 4th Monday 9:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday

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7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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Busselton

7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wed., 10:00am - 4:00pm Sat.

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Clubrooms -cnr Witnoom & Steere Wed 9:30am -

3:30pm Month Meeting on the Last Sunday

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Southern River College, T&E Building,

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8:30am - 12:30pm Wed., 6:30pm - 9:30pm Thurs.

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2nd & Last Monday 7:00pm

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9:00am Wednesday

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MUNDARING

Old Parkerville Primary School, Dura & Riley Rds,

Parkerville 7:00pm Friday

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SWAN

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2nd Tues, 7:30pm 1st, 3rd & 4th Tues 11:30am

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WANDI

Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi

7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays (Gen. Meeting & Demo)

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

6:00pm - 9.30pm Tuesday (Hands On)

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

12:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday (Ladies Group)

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Presidential Pronouncement

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat! In our case Christmas is starting with our Annual End of Year Celebrations on Saturday 10th December at the Air Force Memorial Estate Bullcreek. Last year was a most enjoyable occasion and this year promises to be the same. Tickets are available from all Committee members. Why not make a table up from your group and join in the festivities.

I hope all groups are working hard producing toys for our Christmas appeal. At this point we have yet to appoint a toy collection coordinator but this should be rectified over the next few days. Your convener will be notified as soon as the appointment is made.

The 31st October has been and gone and the number of renewals has been rewarding. By the time you read this your group will have probably received its equipment allowance. Congratulations to all of the individual financial members who have helped swell their groups coffers.

This year we once again have a great Committee and all members have undertaken the various offices that help the Association run smoothly; my thanks to these volunteers.

The Conveners meeting held last year (2010) was such a success that another one is being held on November 12th. I am looking forward to yet another highly successful get together.

On a sad note I have to announce that for personal reasons I will be taking an extended break commencing January 2012. At this time I am unsure for how long, but hope to come back fully refreshed and ready to go another round or two. While I am away Vice President John Gardiner will hold the fort. The Registrars duties will be taken over by Peter Povey, who can be contacted on 93986837.

I would like to thank the Committee and all those members who have supported me over the past year or so, and I extend to you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and my best wishes for 2012. Keep those chips flying.

Alan Roberts - President

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

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

Wayne White-Smith 2537 Wandi Group	Brian Willis 2538 Joondalup/Wanneroo
Anne Littleton 2539 Wandi Group	Alex Littleton 2540 Wandi Group
Ken Sturgess 2541 Wandi Group	Reece Palmer 2542 Wandi Group
Maria Lakin 2543 Wandi Group	Diane Hook 2544 Wandi Group
Brian Hook 2545 Wandi Group	Bryan Woolhouse 2546 Swan Group
Margaret Trigg 2546A Assoc. Member	Matthew Jermyn 2547 Gosnells Group
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Michael O'Donnell 2556 Melville Group	Ernie Martin 2557 Melville Group

Alan Roberts Membership Registrar

Weekend Workshop Observations

SWAN GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP 15 OCTOBER 2011

Joe Clark introduced himself as MC for the workshop and explained the facilities, raffle, sale of wood and used tools. He advised that Bruce Jackson would be standing in for John Mason, who was very ill.

The first demonstration was Don Clarke who had initially planned for Inside-Out turning but had changed his mind. Don explained that he would be using the Vicmarc Escoulen Eccentric Chuck to turn various versions of offset candle sticks. He then mounted a 50mm diameter piece of sheoak in the chuck and shaped a tulip on the end, then marking out four 25mm sections on the wood. Don offset the chuck by 15mm and cut a rounded shape, then moving a 1/4 turn he cut the second module, then a 1/2 turn for the third module, and finally a 3/4 turn for the fourth module, before passing around the result. Don took this opportunity to also pass round three examples of candlesticks made, using various offset combinations. He then explained how you can achieve the same effect without the special chuck and passed round examples. As Don had only just purchased the chuck, he was constantly finding new uses for it. He then demonstrated the making of the base with the Escoulen chuck set 15mm off centre, first marking out and cutting the recess, and then decorating with grooves cut at 10mm offset, 5mm offset and zero offset. A lively question and answer session followed before morning tea.

Joe Clarke then took the stage to demonstrate laminating. Using a whiteboard diagram to illustrate the methodology, Joe explained that to duplicate his results you would need a workshop equipped with bench saw, thicknesser, jointer and a table mounted router, plus router bits and other ancillary equipment. Joe emphasized that cleanliness, accuracy and methodical working are essential. He then passed round examples of bud vases and lidded boxes produced with his laminated material. Joe then went through the sequence of laminating, to obtain a jacaranda centre piece with jarrah inserts and outer veneers. The sequence was detailed on a hand out sheet which is reprinted elsewhere in this magazine, and on the WAWA website. To produce Joe's results would provide a challenging project.

Alan Roberts conducted President's Forum which included thanks to the Royal Show demonstrators and appreciation to Rudy Goh for taking on library duties. Alan expressed our concern for John Mason's health, and our best wishes for a successful recovery.

After lunch and the raffle draw, Eric Walker demonstrated off-centre embellishment. Eric had prepared a chipboard circle with five holes drilled in it in a circular pattern, which was fastened to the base of a bowl using hot melt glue. The plate was then mounted on a screw chuck using spacers to obtain the correct depth. After hollowing the bowl, but leaving a raised centre, he marked the centre, then remounted the bowl on the first off centre hole, and cut the embellishment. He repeated this procedure on the next three holes. Returning to the centre position, he removed the edge of the raised boss, before passing the bowl around. Eric then used the same basic method with a fresh blank instead of a bowl, but cut and coloured a face on the blank. He then remounted the first bowl, cut some additional offset embellishment and tidied up his work.

Ian Moss was the next presenter, with a hollow form and finial. He passed round two examples of his work, both featured extremely fine stems. The demonstration commenced by mounting a blank with hot melt glue recessed into a wood spigot, held in the chuck. Ian explained that he uses Jacaranda coloured with Watty ebony, and turns his finials with only a 8mm spindle gouge and a small skew chisel, and works with visual only (ie. no measuring). He started at the pointed end and worked back to the onion shape, and then the disc. A light sand, and, then on to the fine thin stem and sand, before going on to the bulb base shape. Finally he sanded and cut a spigot to fit the hollow form. The finial was then stained, polished with Mirrorwax, and glued into body. A lively Q&A session followed.

Bruce Jackson and Maurie Munroe announced the competition results, before Joe Clark closed the workshop, with Ian Moss adding his thanks to all concerned.

The four demonstrations were extremely interesting but also quite complex in content and need to be seen to get the full benefit. You owe it to yourself and WAWA to attend these excellent workshops.

Peter Pickering.
Roving Reporter

Competition Results

October 15th Swan Natural Edged Bowl

Novice	1st	Peter Price	Popular Vote	1st	Peter Price
	2nd	Nathania Goh		2nd	Doug McDiarmid
	3rd	David Douglas		3rd	Bruce Jackson
	4th	Col Smith		4th	Len Freeman
Intermediate	1st	Len Freeman	Open	1st	Peter Price
	2nd	Cliff Cross		2nd	Doug McDiarmid
	3rd	Tony Collins		3rd	George Kieliger
	4th	Alan Roberts		4th	Len Freeman
Advanced	1st	Doug McDiarmid			
	2nd	George Kieliger			
	3rd	Viv Paust			
	4th	Bruce Shephard			

Competition Items : 2011

November 19th Bunbury

Item from a Single Piece of Timber (75mm x 75mm x 200mm)

This was a WAWA competition item many years ago, and thought worthy of doing it again. You may turn it into whatever you desire but you are permitted ONE cut of the piece in any direction. One cut only or there will be heaps of pens, spindles, bobbins etc, etc. Use your imagination! This could be interesting.

December - Best Item Turned in 2011

John Mason

Competition Co-ordinator

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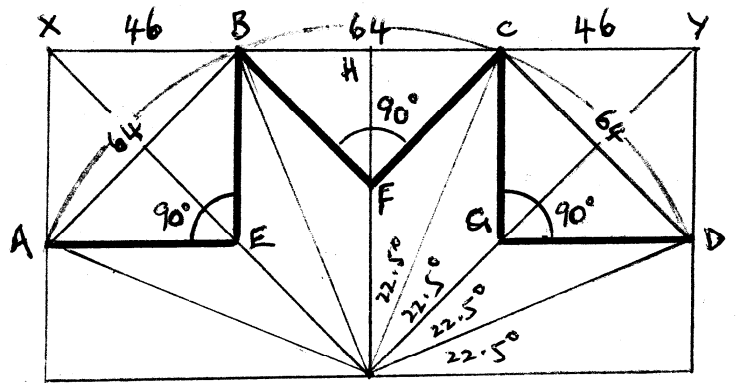
**Laminations (Joe Clarke)
and
Hollow Form and Finial
(Ian Moss)**

**Exhibited
at the
Swan Weekend Workshop**



Laminating of Star for Box Lids

Technical Notes
by
Joe Clarke

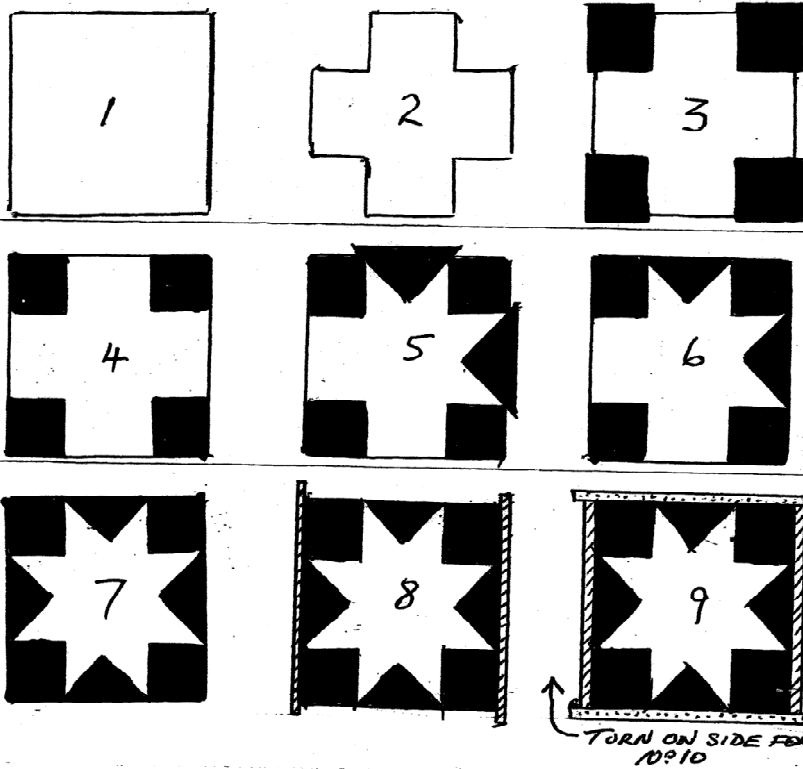


$$A/B = B/C = C/D$$

$$A/E = E/B = B/F = F/C = C/G = G/D$$

$$B/H = H/C = H/F$$

SEQUENCE OF LAMINATING JACARANDA CENTRE PIECE, JARRAN INSERTS AND OUTER VENEERS.



Basis of Formula

$$46\text{mm} : 64\text{mm} : 46\text{mm} = 156\text{mm}$$

$$29.5\% : 41\% : 29.5\% = 100\%$$

% of Width in mm

X - Y	X - B	B - C	C - Y
30	8.85	12.3	8.85
32	9.45	13.1	9.45
34	10.0	14.0	10.0
36	10.6	14.8	10.6
36.5	10.8	14.9	10.8
38	11.2	15.6	11.2
40	11.8	16.4	11.8
%	29.5	41.0	29.5

NOTE

Cut the corner inserts 1 to 2mm larger than these measurements, as they are the finished size.

Same for the Vee inserts

Competition Items for 2012

January and February No workshops.

March 17th Collie Walking stick with handle. Rubber tip mandatory.

April 21st Melville Mortar and pestle. Pestle to be a comparable size.

May 26th Mandurah Potpourri. No pewter, ceramic or purchased lid (lid must be of your own making, or alternative method used)

June 16th Joondalup/Wanneroo Bedside lamp. No shade.

July 21st Gosnells Pair of candle sticks, matching in design. Height: min. 200mm; max. 400mm.

August 18th Avon Square edged bowl. Four sides to be of equal length

September 15th Wandi Gavel and striker plate.

October 20th Swan Egg Timer

November 17th Busselton Hollow turned urn with lid. Maximum height 300mm. Grecian urn style

December Christmas Windup Best Item for 2012 (unjudged by WAWA)

John Mason

Competition Co-ordinator

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News From The Groups

Bunbury Bites

Sept 7th Club asked for members to make inside out turnings and got three entries.
Ted Norrie – Lamp stand in Jarrah. This would be Teds best ever inside out turning.
Tom Brixey – Square finish with windows of a Pear motif (Beaut)
Resident O.A.P. inside out Banksia Xmas Decoration (OK)
Show & Tell
Ted Norrie – Multi centred vase in Wandoo (Challenging)
Kevin Bell – Norfolk potpourri bowl with ebonized opening (Kevin is getting arty!)
John Kemp – Classy Jarrah bowl for the wood show.
Jim Cunniffe – Shallow holders for tea lights – colourful and clever.
Tom Brixey – Natural edged bowl in eucalypt – (this is Tom's 3 millionth bowl)

On the 20th September members attended the funeral of the late Arthur Taylor an ex member of the club. Arthur was an extremely talented turner, whose stave construction and joinery was done to perfection. Arthur was old school, as all his turnings were finished in a high gloss and always immaculate. R.I.P.

On the 24th September some members checked out the markets catering for tourist ships. Seems there might be potential sales to overseas and eastern states tourists.

On the 1st October our club ran a sausage sizzle at Bunnings. It was a great success with more snags, onions, buns, sauce and mustard sold than ever before. Many thanks to at least 10 members kept the customers happy.

October 5th Show & Tell M.C. Mr O.A. Pensioner

A selection of the late Arthur Taylors turnings were on display, which was a beautiful lesson in proportion and finish.

Ted (Mr Consistent) Norrie – Salt & Pepper shakers in Sheoak; without doubt some of the best shakers I have seen.

Lyn Poli – Bowl in Blackheart Sassafras and a thimble sized Greek urn. Lyn is very clever.

Hayden Matthews – Architectural vases from a fence post and Tuart (maybe). These vases are $\frac{3}{4}$ metres high, weigh many kilos and are beautifully proportioned. Hayden is a master of the big stuff.

Matt Paull gave a great demo on stave construction using contrasting timbers. Matt is getting to be an expert on this method, and is going to be a very good turner.

October 19th - Apart from cups of tea and cake, the night was spent preparing for the Bunbury Week End Workshop on November 19th. We always want visitors to enjoy themselves down here.

Yours *Gee Pee*

Busselton Bits

Our meeting held on Wednesday 12th October featured Charlie Broadbent with the theme Christmas Baubles. This was both the WAWA competition item for the month of November, and to coincide with our ArtGeo Exhibition to open in the ArtGeo Gallery from 14th November.

This exhibition gives individual members the opportunity to display their skills and at the same time sell items. Charlie's work exhibits the high level of skill that can be obtained, and some of the embellishments that can 'tart' up the finished items.

The Group played host to the newly formed Busselton Mens Shed during October and the presentation

was enthusiastically received by our visitors. As a result it may well result in an expansion of our own membership.

Mens Shed has a broader Mission Statement and encompasses a wider range of activities than just Woodturning. Other promotional events for October and November were the production of French Knitting Dolls for Year 3 class of Busselton Primary school. We thank the Saturday morning crew for these, in particular Derek Snowden, whose contribution of vital materials was exceptional. The Group also was active at the Busselton Agricultural show; this included entries in the Exhibition, demonstrations to the public on both the Friday and Saturday, and members also taking the opportunity to sell items. Most members who participate normally do quite well.

Barbara Jennings, Vince Triglia and Dave Douglas offered some of our wood stock for sale at the Swan October Workshop, which demonstrated the quality of timber we have available for sale. We have quite a lot beautiful wood available, and anyone can purchase it at anytime. Those people that are interested can contact Charlie Broadbent on 9752 2111, call in at our Workshop any Tuesday or Saturday, or attend one of our regular meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Those attending the Bunbury Worksop on 19th November can liaise with Charlie to nip down to Busselton before returning home (it is only a half hour away).

On the health front Billy Hallyburton continues to improve following his heart surgery.

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Collie Calling

Collie Woodturners celebrated their 21st Birthday on Sunday 25th September. With eight members from Manjimup joining in the celebrations, we did more talking than turning, but two lathes were working most of the time. We had a sausage sizzle lunch, beautifully cooked by Reno, and his 21C Ernie Dew. Manjimup not only brought their good selves but also apples, oranges and mandarins. We all enjoyed the day. Show and tell was Turners Choice, and was won by Les Beauglehole, with his sheoak cheese platter; there were six entries in the competition.

The Griffin Festival of Arts put on by the Griffin Coal Company, recently taken over by an Indian company Lanco, and organized by the Collie Shire, started on the 22nd October, and went to the 30th October. There were five sections for wood craft, being wood in art form, turned wood in art form, turned wood bowls and platters, turned wood pedestals and lamps, and turned wood pair or set. A wide range of work to exhibit. The entries this year were very much down, because it was uncertain if the new owners of Griffin Coal were going to continue with the tradition of sponsoring the Art Festival. We are so pleased that they have, so hopefully next year more of our members will participate. The work submitted this year was of an extremely high quality workmanship, and a very good display.

We had a woodturning demonstrations open to the public, all part of the Griffin Festival of Arts. Morning tea and a light lunch was provided by Lanco Coal Company.

Collie will have a huge influx of workers, approximately 2,500 including their families when and if Perdaman Chemicals go into production, manufacturing urea from Lanco Griffin Coal Company. It will be a real boost to the town if and when it is up and running, and hopefully we can attract more members to WAWA. During the 3 plus years construction period, which was due to commence in the second half of this year, the project was to generate around 2,000 construction jobs and, when operating, up to 1,000 direct and indirect permanent jobs. \$200 million will be invested in the industry. There is wide support from local, state and federal governments, unions, and industry groups, and the Collie community generally. Unfortunately there are legal supply problems, with Perdaman Chemicals expecting the trial of its action to be listed for hearing by April 2012.

Collie has had a bit of a facelift, 2 new roundabouts, street scaping, and more parking. All visitors who haven't visited the town for a while will be pleasantly surprised.

Show and tell for October was a gavel, with lots of specific measurements to get right. The winner was John Imire and Ken Hands on equal points. Nine entries were submitted, which were all of a very high standard.

Ken Hands

Deputy Convenor.

Gosnells Gossip

The Gosnells Group remains very active with attendance numbers ranging from 20 to 25 members using our 11 lathes.

The demonstration for 28 September was given by John Gardiner, on how to make an item 75mm x 75mm x 200mm from a single piece of timber with only one cut of the piece in any direction allowed. John chose to make a heart shaped hollow vessel with lid, using his one cut to part the lid from the body. After turning to round, cutting a spigot and mounting in the chuck, John marked out the body and the lid. He then cut spigot, parted off the lid, and then cut the heart shaped bottom. John then drilled the base and hollowed out with a tungsten carbide cutter. He took this opportunity to demonstrate a boring jig with laser thickness control set to 4mm. John then completed the lid and passed around his work.

5th October Chris Smith took the opportunity to describe the Bowal Wood Artists Collaboration which

he attended with Gordon Ward and Graham Lewis.

26th October and 2nd November

The Gosnells elves made toys for Christmas, mainly inspired by Owen O'Neill. The members were kept busy making railway engines, racing cars, trucks, snakes and sweet bowls.

4th and 5th November. The Gosnells group demonstrated at the Canning Show. In a hall of static displays the woodturning drew a lot of attention, in particular the children who were given spinning tops hot off the lathes. Rudy Goh supervised the texturing and colouring of the tops, giving them away as fast as the workers could make them.

In the Industrial Arts Woodwork section of the Show, (Woodturning and Other Articles) John Gardiner won first prize and Chris Sioulas was awarded second and third prizes. John Gardiner also received a Highly Commended award for another entry

Peter Pickering

Mandurah Memo

Our Casserole Night on 29th September, was a great success. We used this occasion to award Certificates of Completion to the novices who completed the Novice Woodturning Course. These were presented by our Convenor, Norm Byrne. John Selfe did a great job of organising the night, and also acted as compare for the evening. The night was complete with raffles, quiz and show and tell. Barry Granger showed and explained the history behind his collection of green glassware, and Peter Grainger showed some of his embellished turnings.

Our Novice Woodturning Course ended with all six trainees completing the course to a high standard and were congratulated by Norm Byrne. We already have new members waiting to start a new course early next year.

Our new website is now up and running. It is intended to use this to communicate all related information (workshops, newsletters, minutes, photos, etc) to members.

Our Christmas Dinner Function has been booked for Tuesday 6th December, at the Clansman Restaurant in South Yunderup.

Since our last memo we have had some very informative demonstrations presented by:

Maurie Munro (8th September) on turning a clover leaf bowl with three unequal sizes.

Bruce Jackson (13th October) on different styles of wall clocks, and

Frank Evans (27th October) on split turning and its usefulness in embellishing other wooden items and in making matching pairs (eg. bookends).

On the 19th of November some members of the Mandurah Group will be attending/demonstrating at the Murray Arts and Crafts Fair at Pinjarra, while others will be attending the Bunbury Weekend Workshop at Dardanup. What a weekend!

The group congratulates Maurie Munro and Bruce Jackson on their appointments to the WAWA Committee for the coming year. Well deserved guys!

John McQuade

Vale

WAWA has just learned of the passing of John Mason on Saturday 19th November.

On behalf of all John's woodturning friends, we wish to extend our sincere condolences to Pat and the Mason family.

Manjimup Matters

Over a weekend in September the Déjàvu Café held an art expo to attract local artists and the like to display their works. Two of our members were also invited to provide examples of wood turning items in what turned out to be a very successful event. The occasion attracted new visitors to Manjimup and the venue also provided music and wine tasting. It was the first time the proprietor's had attempted this idea and because of the positive response it could be a regular event.

On Sunday the 25th of September eight of our members travelled to Collie to help celebrate their 21st birthday. It was a great day and as usual the Collie Group made us very welcome. It was an informal day, in which we participated in a show and tell / competition segment and some impromptu turning. Our visit also enabled us to have a close up look at their newly installed dust extraction system. We enjoyed a very nice BBQ lunch and before we drove home, afternoon tea and a birthday cake.

The Quinninup Fair was held in October, an event our group looks forward to each year. It has become very popular over the years and we are given a central position to set up our demonstrations. However this year the weather was against the organisers, with rain and wind for most of the day. It was disappointing for the stall holders, and the number of visitors were down due to obvious reasons. Two lathes and a selection of items from our shop were set up in a large tent well positioned for the weather. We always generate a lot of interest, and several of our group made spinning tops for the children as give a ways; a simple gift and always appreciated. We had a good time regardless of the elements and the organisers welcome our participation.

Finally my wife's contribution to a final quote: " Before marriage: You take my breath away.
After: I feel like I'm suffocating". Thankyou Helen.

Graeme Quaife

Melville Mutterings

7th Sept - Today's demonstration was by Joe Hegney on his method of creating a laminated bud vase with a six sided stem, created by mounting a cradle in the lathe and then using a router to shape the stem. The usual very well prepared and presented demo with detailed step by step explanations of the methods utilized. The result was of the usual high standard.

14th Sept – The day was devoted to a full day workshop presented by Neil Scobie following his appearance at the Woodshow. The day incorporated Neil's approach to various items he produces ie , a variety of bowls, hollow seed pods, wall plaques etc. Attendance numbered 78 persons and included



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members from Kalgoorlie and Northam. The day was an outstanding success, with all attendees enthusiastic about the professional but friendly and patient style of the demonstrations.

21st Sept – Our monthly Hands-On-Day with over 30 members attending, and most participating in producing a mortar and pestle. Individual approaches were varied but results commendable and a great deal of enthusiastic discussion (post mortem ?) undertaken at the end of the session.

28th Sept – Demonstrator for the day was Brian Fowlie and his thoughts/approaches to producing desk/mantle clocks with inserts in Banksia nuts (not without problems) and also Jarrah blanks. Additionally, Brian showed a Skeleton Clock movement he recently acquired, which is a novel style of movement presentation.

5th Oct – Allison Platt of Gilly Stephenson's Polishes gave an interesting presentation and demonstration of the range of polishes/finishes which she is involved in manufacturing in Mundaring. A great deal of interest was generated with members asking numerous questions, both during and at the conclusion of her presentation. Encouraging to see a West Australian range of products developed and marketed locally. . Quite a few orders were placed by members for various products.

12th Oct – Normal monthly general business meeting followed by a video by the Israeli turner E Avisera, on a number of projects and also his tool sharpening techniques.

19th Oct – Monthly Hands-On-Day with the planned project to be Chisel Handles. But with the last minute acquisition of some fresh timber "Green Turning" became the order of the day, and to enable members to experience/discuss results. Good participation and in depth discussion on results/experiences.

25th Oct – Russell Nash undertook his first demonstration, with how to convert a cube of timber to a round/three sided bowl, by turning the cube between centres, utilizing diagonally opposed corners. The secret to good result is accuracy in cutting the cube precisely prior to mounting it on the lathe. A most unusual shape and intriguing bowl results.

2nd Nov – A visit by John Gardiner from Gosnells Group (Assoc V/President) to show his method of turning a large scalloped edge sheoak platter. Well prepared and presented demo with members impressed by the finished item. Thank you John – we need more group interaction such as this within WAWA

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Swan Snippets

Congratulations to Swan turners who took all the first prizes in the inaugural WAWA Wood Show competition/exhibition. They were: Richard Barkman (Novice), Ian Moss (Intermediate) and Don Clarke (Advanced).

Swan's Tuesday afternoon meetings are now lunchtime meetings, as we share the venue with local playgroups and had to change times to accommodate the Mums and children. This has not deterred members who continue to be regaled with a variety of demonstrations and interesting talks.

On September 13 - Ever-reliable Eric Walker demonstrated how to turn a natural edged bowl, first showing excellent samples he had made of various shapes and sizes. He used jacaranda wood for his demonstration as it lends itself to retaining its bark, but to make doubly sure, Eric painted it with wood glue. It appears Swan woodturners put all their energies into the Wood Show because there was only one entry in the monthly competition for Christmas decorations from Bruce Shephard.

September 20 - Barry Leivers doubled up on his camera duties, to fashion a jarrah earring stand.

September 27 - As a change, we welcomed Dorothy Fox who gave an interesting talk on "Woodlines of the Goldfields," recalling the timber felled on designated lines for fuel and pit props for the goldmines.

Vast tonnages were cut from 1898, with as much as 558,00 tonnes for fuel alone in 1937; timber being the only source of fuel available for transport and power generation. Interestingly, there was a local link with some of the timber cutters being Italian and Yugoslavian immigrants working in the Goldfields from dawn to dusk to use their earnings to later buy land in the Swan Valley for vineyards.

October 4 - Meeting times changed to 11.30am. As usual Noel Moyes gave an excellent demonstration, mounting a barometer set in a large piece of jarrah. He carved the rim of the setting, but as one watcher remarked, hanging this heavy jarrah would not be for the faint hearted.

October 11 — Evening meeting. Competition for a natural edged bowl winners were: Open: 1st Ian Moss, 2nd Bruce Shephard, Intermediate: 1st Cliff Cross, 2nd Tom Wainwright. Joe Clark used a piece of timber 75 x 75 x 200mm by splitting it in half to convert to 150mm by 200mm, to make a shallow oval bowl.

October 18 - Doug McDiarmid demonstrated three alternative skew chisels and their different applications.

October 25 - John Attwater promised his son two years ago he would make a chess set, so he started with the easiest piece - a pawn. Next he plans to learn how to play chess.

Tom Wainwright

Toodyay Tattles

Hi from the Avon Group.

Well we are having a good season here in Toodyay but believe it or not, the rain could stop for the Hay Farmers.

We have just had our Toodyay Show and it was a very successful. At the Show we raffled the Spinning Wheel that the club turned and built. We managed to raise nearly \$800.00 for our club with this one event. We sold tickets the Friday before the show, and at the Show. The public was most impressed with the prize. We had it on display for a week both in Bakers Hill and Toodyay, and all comments were very positive.

There was a good number of entries in the Woodturning section, which was great to see. John Smart entered a number of items, and is to be congratulated as his Jarrah Burl bowl won best exhibit. One of our members was asked to do a test piece of turning out of Mulga, and what a lovely piece timber it turned out to be. Now we have to do another five of these similar to the original, for a desk the chap had built out of Jarrah.

Some time ago a friend of mine Mr. Des Donnelly, an ex Forestry Executive from Bunbury, offered to come and talk to us re his experiences in the Industry. We readily accepted the offer and he came to our meeting on the 23rd October. We had invited the Men's Shedders along as well to see if we could raise some interest from them, but none turned up and they missed a very interesting talk. Unfortunately quite a few of our members were away as well. We followed the morning with a barby lunch, and a good time was had by all.

Once again I would like to thank all the ladies for their help, and a very special thanks to David Eysers who made a great cake. Well done David. We did actually survive after eating his masterpiece.

Our membership is still low and a concern to us, but we still manage to carry on. We have a few potential members in the pipeline, but being a small town where there is so much on, there doesn't seem to be enough time to fit everything in. We are toying with the idea of having a midweek evening session, so we will see what happens.

Cheers *The Tattler*

Wandi Waffles

We've had a wonderful upsurge in new members. The participation on a Tuesday night has been overwhelming. With so many newbies (and oldies) turning up, you need to get in early to get the lathe you like best. Our Thursday evening demonstrations have been well attended. With Xmas coming, we had a demonstration on making snow men and Xmas trees on the lathe. This inspired ideas on bells, angels and other interesting trinkets that the kids could paint later. Some of the ideas would need an adult to do, as all turners do like to do something different.

A very interesting demonstration the previous fortnight used a number of home made and bought gauges to keep an eye on the thickness of the walls. It was also good to see demonstrators using the basic tools at times, and showing you don't need to go out and buy the latest gadget. Willy showed how to use what I would call a grinding tool that "turned" pieces of timber that were odd shapes, and not practical for the lathe, into beautiful works of art. Practical too.

Most exciting is seeing the new members turning skills improving so quickly, with the help of others on Tuesday night in particular. Some of the articles coming for show and tell are just spectacular for people who have only been dabbling for such a short time.

Catch you next time. *Margaret*

Joondalup/Wanneroo Journal

I missed the September meeting, so have little to report except the competition results for split turned Christmas decorations. Ron van Velzen won the novice division, while in the experienced division, Viv Paust took out 1st place from Geoff Quesnel and Trevor Cockcroft. The September "Last Monday" hands on session focussed on finishing followed by a much needed clean up of the storage area.

Several ways of turning items from a piece of wood 75 x 75 x 200mm were demonstrated by Viv in October. Viv also demonstrated the making of his teddy bear money boxes in preparation for our November group competition, "an animal money box". This was followed up at the "last Monday" meeting with a session on practical toy making. Keeping in mind that Christmas is rapidly approaching, we encourage all members to make at least one toy for WAWA's toy appeal.

A decision to purchase a drill press was made by the group.

The group competition was a natural edged bowl. A great range of wood species were used in the entries – Jacaranda, Western Myall, Ash, Camphor Laurel, Kalgoorlie burl (species unknown), Fig and Banksia. Ron van Velzen once again took the novice award. Experienced turners placings were 1st Viv Paust, 2nd Graeme Skews and 3rd Tony Collins.

Displays and demonstrations were held at the Capricorn Art & Craft Fair (16th Oct) and Spring in the Grove Fair (6th Nov). Our next display will be at the Yanchep fair on 13th November.

Andy Hill

Life Membership Awards

At the last Annual General Meeting of our Association, two of our long serving colleagues were awarded Life Memberships. Details of their citations read out on the day, will be of interest to all members.

Brian Fowlie

Brian joined the Association in 1993, affiliating with the Melville Group, of which he continues to be a staunch member. Brian has served as the Group Convenor, a committee member and for a number of years held the very important role of organizing the Group weekly programme. On numerous occasions Brian has been required to fill the role of demonstrator and his many skills have ensured the attention of the members present. Brian is still a stalwart of the Group and because of his generous nature, he readily assists the families of former members in the disposition of lathes and other equipment.

Brian was elected to the Committee of Management in September 1997, and in 1998 took on the role of Weekend Workshop Coordinator until 2004. This role is pivotal in maintaining the Association's monthly Workshop, necessitating negotiating with the various groups to host a workshop and ensure a balanced and interesting programme. Brian filled the role with distinction and his advice is still sought and freely given, particularly to country groups.

Brian is regular attendee at weekend workshops, including those in the country, and has been known to travel the eastern states for further enlightenment in the craft he loves.

In respect of his own craftwork, Brian materially assists in the management of the Shopping Centre Group, our shop window for attracting people to woodturning.

Brian is also a member of kindred Organisations including the Fine Wood Work Association and the Goldfields Specialty Timbers Industry Group.

Viv Paust

Viv joined the Association in June 1987 and has been a member for 23 years. During that time he has been an active member, quickly and frequently becoming involved in practical workshop demonstrations, and readily participating in workshops at both Association and Group level.

His training as a Manual Arts teacher has enabled him to professionally and enthusiastically pass on his knowledge, practical skills and design knowledge to members at all levels. His demonstrations based upon years of experience and laced with a unique humour, have always been well received and interesting. His approach to challenges has always been enlightening.

Viv spent two years as a Committee Member and was most active in the administration aspects, and contributing a great deal of input.

In the early days of the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group moving to it's current premises, he made his home available to members for meetings and hands on activities for those who wished to participate in woodturning activities, when the club room premises were not available.

His turning is of the highest standard resulting in his being awarded the Cyril Jones trophy in 1997, 2001 and 2003.

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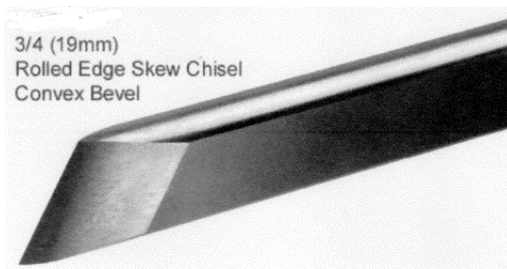
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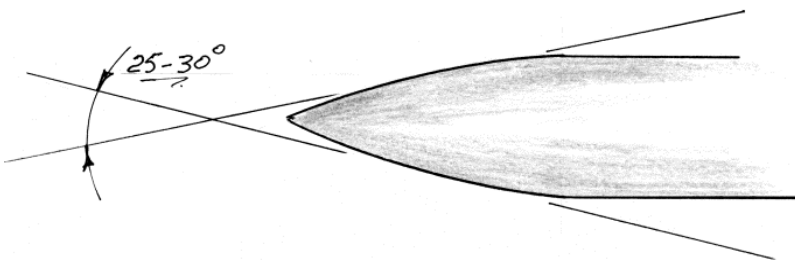
Mike Darlow

Having had a look at Eli Avisera’s DVDs on Woodturning and his method of sharpening his various tools, in particular the Skew Chisel with a convex grind and not the traditional concave shape, saw the opportunity to try to overcome some of the problems with this tool.

Eli grinds the tool with a convex or rounded shape and then hones it with a buffing wheel, to produce a razor shape edge.



The included angle is still within the 25 – 30 degree range.



Personally I have experimented with this grind and find:

- It is easy to produce, does not required to be honed with a stone, but must be buffed or polished with a leather wheel or a felt bob. **“Wheel rotating away from you”**.
- When producing a parallel shape, feels more comfortable and stable.
- Easier to start to ‘rub the bevel’.
- Not quite convinced when squaring an end- *the cutting edge more likely to be moved away from the surface to be cut, and that means trouble.*

Noticed a few people have also experimented with this shape, but in many cases have produced a shorter ‘dumpy’ profile. The long bevel and included angle is critical.

I well remember being in a group discussing various tool shapes and grinds, when in conclusion the late Ken Rex reminded us:

*the only tool to use was - **A Sharp One***

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