

The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc.)



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1st in Open Class



By Robbie Norton
1st in Advanced Class

Collie April
2014
First, Second
and Third in
the Advanced
Section



By Bill Blanken
3rd in Advanced Class
4th in Most
Popular Class
3rd in Open
Class



By Steve Horley
2nd in Advanced Class
1st in Most Popular
2nd in Open Class

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Wool Pavilion Showground Toodyay
Sunday & Wednesday 8.00am—11.00am (Summer)
9.00am—12 noon (Winter)
David Doye, Convenor 0403 294 181

BUNBURY

Cnr Thomas & Hislop Street, Bunbury
9.00am to 12.00 noon Tuesdays
7:00pm 1st Wednesday of month
9.00am to 2.00pm Thursdays
Barry Laidler 9797 0914

BUSSELTON

Agricultural WA Building cnr Queen St & Marine Tce,
(Most) Tuesdays 9.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 9.00am to 12 noon
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wed., 10:00am - 4:00pm Sat.
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COLLIE

Clubrooms -cnr Witnoom & Steere
Wed 9:30am - 3:30pm
Month Meeting on the last Sunday
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GOSNELLS

Southern River College, T&E Building,
Southern River Road, Gosnells
8:30am - 12:30pm Wed., 6:30pm - 9:30pm Thurs.
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JOONDALUP/WANNEROO

Heathridge Leisure Centre, Sail Tce, Heathridge
2nd 3rd & Last Monday 7:00pm
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MANJIMUP

The Shed, Timber Park.
Wed. & Thurs. 10.00 - 2.00 & Sunday 11.00 - 3.00
Adrian Bolton 9761 4849

MELVILLE

Melville Rec Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy
9:00am Wednesday
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MUNDARING

Old Parkerville Primary School, Dura & Riley Rds, Par-
kerville 2:00 to 4.00pm Wednesday
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SWAN

Swan Senior Citizens Centre, The Avenue, Midland
2nd Tues. 7:30pm 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tues. 1:30pm
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WANDI

Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays (Gen. Meeting & Demo)
Tuesday 8:00am - 12 noon & 6:00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 12 noon & 12 noon - 4:00pm
Bill Younger 9419 1862

Presidential Pronouncement

As this year comes to a close with our Annual General Meeting in September, this will be my last opportunity for an editorial in the newsletter. In addition we will have mostly a new Committee of Management to carry on with the work on behalf of the WAWA Members. Personally I am grateful to the members of COM for their hard earned efforts to manage the affairs of WAWA and for support to me. This year brings the retirement of our Treasurer who has not been too well. Chris has done a stirring job to manage the finances and earned a complement from the Auditor for the way the financial results were presented for reconciliation. I don't mean to single out individual people for fear of upsetting someone who may miss out. More about that in my annual report to the AGM. The final results of the elections mean that we will have a full Committee to head off the new year.

Another full programme of weekend workshops is planned, so keep an eye out for what will be coming up and plan to attend. Numbers have been dwindling to what is normally the case but the Association needs the support of all the members to make these events a success. Groups do a lot of planning to hold a workshop and try to make them as interesting as they can. Please don't let their efforts go unrewarded.

Before we know it Christmas will be upon us. Apart from making out a list for Santa, give some thought to attending the WAWA Christmas function. We will attempt to make this event as compact as possible without losing the importance of the event. The children's toys were well down in numbers last time, some Groups are more supportive than others but there is time for you to be involved. Often the receiving children are not as fortunate as others so the presents they receive are literally like a "thousand dollars" to them. Start working on an item for the end of year competition, you will have four months to research and make something to enter.

This years Woodshow from all reports was a success in a new format with active video displays along with plenty of gallery items. Top marks to Rudy and Mang Goh for their efforts in visiting Groups to promote this event. The RAS organisers were pleased with the results and many complements were received. It was pleasing to see some competition entries from country members even taking off some major prizes.

Well that's about it from me, not sure what I will do with all the spare time I will have apart from WAWA business. Maybe more time in my workshop may be in order.

Happy turning

John Gardiner - President

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

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

Linda McEwan 2784 Wandu
Bridget Dubois 2785 Wandu
Michael Pedley 2786 Gosnells
John Ruane 2787 Mandurah
Jonny Forrester 2788 Mandurah
Allen McLeod 2789 Mandurah
Garry Brown 2790 Mandurah
Brian Preston 2791 Mandurah

Rachel Griffith 2792 Mandurah
Michael Torrent 2793 Busselton
Douglas Hinsley 2794 Collie
Rodney Ulph 2795 Melville
Jamie Dye 2796 Collie
John Eva 2797 Swan
Gary Swan 2798 Melville
James Stanley 2799 Collie

Group Secretaries, please note that Noel Moyes will be taking over as Registrar after the AGM. Noel's postal address is 25 Bentley St, Stoneville WA 6081. New application forms will be made available following the AGM.

Peter Povey, Registrar

Editor's Epistle

I received an email from Gwilym Fisher, a former member now in the UK, with an image of a truly magnificent 20" diameter platter carved with a Welsh dragon and embellished with Celtic knot pyrography. I received permission to use the image but unfortunately the image type isn't recognised by my software and can't be used. Gwilym passed on his best wishes for WAWA and his old friends.

Hopefully, I have now pretty much sorted most of the distribution errors. If anyone is complaining about not receiving their newsletter, ask them to contact me. A number of defunct email addresses have been removed from the list without having a current address to replace them.

Please keep the contributions rolling in, especially interesting photos.

Andrea McCandlish Editor

Situations Vacant

Due to changes of membership, the Committee of Management is seeking expressions of interest from members who could fill the positions of WAWA Librarian and Web Site Content Coordinator.

The Librarian would be expected to attend weekend workshops. Rudi and Mang will be retiring as librarians at the AGM, so someone is required to take over as soon as possible.

The WAWA web site is undergoing redevelopment and will utilise a comparatively user-friendly administration console for content management. A person who is a confident computer and internet user will find the new set-up fairly easy to learn. Technical support will be available.

Please contact John Gardiner (9455 4206) for information re: Librarian, and Andrea McCandlish (9622 9646) re: Web Site Content Manager

News From the Groups

Bunbury Bites

The weekend workshop, July 26th, 2014 was a success despite the nasty weather that the Dardanup area experienced on the day. Those attending were provided with four excellent demonstrations by Kevan Hunt, Clem Stewart, Joe Hegney and Jim Cuniffe. An extra demonstration on how to inlay coloured glass in to wood was put on by William Elliott and Heather Smith This too was an excellent demonstration.

On the 6th August, 2014 the Bunbury Branch held its AGM and 21 members attended. Barry Laidler presented his Presidents Report and advised that it had been another successful year for the club with the completion of our workshop extensions. Stage 1 created from the Bunbury Council donation of \$10,000.00 allowed us to house the trailer and other equipment we need for our demo's that we do during the year and now stage 2 from Lottery west funding has given us enough workshop space that allows us to put all the machinery that has a dust hazard attached to it in one controlled area and makes room in the main workshop to lay out the lathes in a way that will make it safer and easier to work.

The new committee was formed for the club with Barry Laidler continuing as the Convener. Norman Hoskins took over the role of Club Treasurer from Lyn Poli, a role Lyn has worked in for the last 5 years and the club extended warm congratulations to her for her work whilst holding that position. Keith Davies takes over the role as Club Secretary from Norm Hoskins. Other elected committee members, who were all returning members were Tony Mellar, Mick Johnson, Kevan Hunt, Lou Pacceca and Lyn Poli.

Our membership has increased again this year to 49 and hopefully this will continue to grow as we are able to provide better facilities and training. As always, safety is our prime concern and as our membership grows it becomes more important to have programs in place to help ensure the safety of our members and with that in mind we have developed a safety awareness program that is being delivered to all current members and will be a part of the package. We have purchased a CBN sharpening wheel which complements our Tormek sharpening jigs and we have also purchased a log mill for the band saw to make it safer and easier to cut round logs into usable blocks for turning, the donation of a defibrillator from Worsley / St John Ambulance inclusive of training has been a great addition to our equipment in the workshop.

The club competition for the month of August was Banana Bowl. The winner was Norm Hoskins, second place Kevan Hunt and third place going to Bob Sparrow.

Lastly on a sad note one of the clubs newest members Trevor Priest is currently in Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital battling with a mystery illness. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Keith Davies

Wandi Weekend Workshop

18th October 2014

Wandi Hall, De Haer Road, Wandi

Convenor: Bill Younger

MC: Jim Cameron

Safety Officer: TBA

Trade Supplier: TBA

Wood for sale:

Competition Item: Lazy Susan—no restrictions

Lunch: Sausage sizzle or hamburger + salad—\$6.00. Cool drink on sale

Program

8.00 Set up

8.15 Registration and fellowship

8.50 Welcome and announcements

9.10 Dr Singh—Presentation and discussion about Dementia

10.00 Morning tea (members please bring a plate)

10.30 Demonstration 2— Bill Younger—Beginner's Luck

11.30 President's Forum

12.00 Lunch

12.45 Demonstration 3— Robin Campbell— Colouring for Wood

1.40 5 minute break

1.45 Demonstration 4— John Scarfe—Vermec Deep Hollowing

3.00 Afternoon tea

3.20 Show and Tell

3.40 Competition results—Bruce Jackson

4.00 Closing speech. Clean up and pack up of trailers. ALL hands please.

Collie Calling

By the time the next issue comes out it will be spring, isn't that something to look forward to. It will still be cold at night and early morning, but normally beautiful weather and sunshine, well that's enough of dreaming.

Domanic Italiano our fearless leader organised a bus and drove us to the wood show at Claremont, a good time was had by all 20 of us, and most of us came back with lighter wallets. The WAWA show and exhibition was a credit to WAWA.

I missed the last issue deadline, got overtaken by events so this is catch up. March competition was won by Domanic Italiano with a she oak base beehive shaped cake stand, with three seconds, Ray Snow, Doug Coffey, and Ken Hands. April comp project was a candle flame snuffer which was won by Ken Hands with an articulated bell housing snuffer with a spiral shaft, 2nd place was Doug Gulvin with his beautiful piece made out of Bat Willow, don't seem to have a third place, and I can't remember. What I can remember was there was 10 entries, that were varied, and all good work.

We gained 3 new members in April and another member in May.

June comp was won by Doug Gulvin which was a lidded bowl to measurement, in second place was by popular choice Domanic Italiano.

July comp was won by Doug Gulvin, the project was Turners choice which always gets the numbers of entries up, in this case 10, Dougs piece was crafted out of Jacaranda to describe it to the best of my ability it was Cobra shaped piece of fine art with a small bowl and lid at the top. 2nd place was Domanic Italiano and Ken Hands, all work was of a very high standard, and it was great to see the relatively new members putting some great work in.

Our August project is a candlestick, no measurements.

A bit of town news, our Mens Shed received a grant of \$125,000, that should kick it along very nicely.

Ken Hands—Collie Scribe

Joondalup—Wanneroo Journal

The July member profile was presented by Viv Paust. Viv outlined his life, lived wholly in WA. From an early age he spent school holidays gaining work experience in a variety of trades and then as manual arts teacher had many postings in country schools, many of which only had hand tools, which honed his skills with these. His interest in wood turning developed during evenings with Verna in the manual arts room, only air conditioned room at one of these schools.

Graham Turner presented an excellent talk on chainsaw use despite not being able to start the saw in our evening venue. The talk focussed on safety and also covered sharpening and maintenance.

As we start to ramp up our toy making programme, Graeme Skewes demonstrated a turned toy car, including a description of the production line process he uses for making many of these toys.

Competition winners for a box with an embellished lid were: Intermediate- Randall Harding with a Silky oak box with inlaid lid; Advanced - Frank Visser with a Jacaranda router bit box with an inlay of epoxy containing nuts and bolts in the lid

The member's short talk in June was taken on by Mike Wickings in Trevor Cockcroft's absence. Mike gave an amusing talk of his childhood near London, migration to Australia to a varied life wheat and sheep farming in the wheat belt. He eventually moved to the mining industry and became a qualified mine surveyor prior to retiring in 2012.

Tony Collins presented the August member profile. His flair for technical drawing at school led to a career in engineering where he specialised in the manufacture of pre-stressed concrete pipes. He was involved in setting up factories around the world. Tony first came to Perth in 1978 and is now retired to Yanchep, happily golfing and wood turning.

The demo was a collaborative effort with Viv demonstrating turning the finial for the Seattle tower and Tony Collins demonstrating the base, box and lid.

The competition for a turned toy resulted in a very varied entries. Randall Harding won the Intermediate division with his dolls cot and Mike Wickings came in second with a huge steam engine. Frank Visser's steam engine with a great paint job took first place in the advanced division followed by Graeme Skewes' jet aeroplane 2nd and Geoff Quesnel's racing car third.

The Joondalup/Wanneroo AGM was held at the August meeting. Substantially last year's group will continue in office, with Viv Paust coming on board as Deputy Convenor.

Andy Hill

Mandurah Memo

This has been a good period for the Mandurah Group.

Mandurah Woodturners Casserole Night, 24 July 2014

It was a very enjoyable evening with plenty of scrumptious food. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen who provided delicious casseroles and the deserts, sublime. This was all made possible by the tireless contribution as always, Cheryl Butler. Cheryl arranged the bread, rice, plates and cutlery. The club tablecloths looked superb and were set highlighted with tea lights. A very well done to all, the banquet was followed by a demonstration of a natural edged, lidded bowl by Jim Hill. The competition was a pair of bookends; and a superb collection of book ends there were. One of our novices, Garry Watson's 'bookworm' was a standout!

We have run a Novice Class over 6 weeks for eight new Woodturners: Garry Brown, Lynsay Dunning, Jonny Forrester, John Fraser, Rachel Griffiths, Alan McLeod, Brian Preston, John Ruane and Garry Watson. We welcome them all into our club and wish them all to be inspired and develop their new found skills. The course is due to finish on the 6th of September.

The wood Show at Claremont Showgrounds was a great day or (two/three for some). There were some great exhibits from our club members Frank Evans, Maurie Munroe, Harry and Cheryl Butler all won significant prizes.

Other demonstrations included:

Cheese Board and Knife by Robbie Norton, Seattle tower by Steve Horley. Wall Clock by Bruce Jackson.

A pleasure to be part of the group.

Jon Braine

Melville Mutterings

13 Aug – Serious business day – MELVILLE’S AGM. The usual annual house-keeping items with little change in office bearers followed by a screening of one of Jimmy Clewes entertaining DVD’s on his styles/methods/theories on woodturning

20 Aug – Monthly “hands on day “under the watchful eye of Norm G & helpers with the project for the day being finials. A record 32 participants achieving overall creditable results despite some reluctance to rely mainly on the skew.

27 Aug – Roy Lundy demonstrated his techniques today for off-set turning, creating a dressing table ladies ring & jewelry tray which required use of his home made counter-balance face plate. This face plate incorporated a bolt extension on the circumference with additional compensating weight created by the addition/removal of steel nuts as necessary. Very informative & thought provoking resulting a great deal of open discussion at the end. A good tabling of “Show & Tell” items with the critique capably handled by our lady member, Robin.

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Swan Snippets

1 July– As there was no demonstrator available we just had a social gathering over a cup of tea.

8 July– On this evening Ian Moss was our demonstrator. He showed us a number of his wooden animals; a monkey, a hippo, a duck and an owl, which he then showed how to make.

Competition

Open:

1st Brian Kirkby 2nd Bruce Shephard

15 July– Joe Clark did the honours this week. He made a bowl from that delightful sounding wood, Snotty Gobble!

22 July– Noel Moyes made a whistling top, only one problem, it didn’t whistle. Nice one Noel.

29 July– At last we were able to see how Owen McGrath makes his famous angels as he made one more to add to his throng!

5 August – We had a hands-on making small bowls suitable for Malcolm Munro's Christmas hand out of lollies in a bowl for the elderly.

12 August– Our evening demo was supplied by Joe Clark making a Seattle Tower, in four sections. A good effort in one hour

19 August– Today Brian Kirkby made a paper towel holder from a nice piece of dark Jarrah.

Bob Jones

Toodyay Tattles

Hello from the Wool Pavilion at Toodyay.

Well, we are looking smart in our new shirts. We now look like a club at last.

We have, like so many other clubs, had our Annual General meeting. Seeing as it was Andrew McCann's last year, he stood down and in his report mentioned that our community involvement had not gone unnoticed and our profile had risen significantly due to our activities. David Doye was nominated and declared our new Convener. Andrea McCandlish is still in the position of secretary and David Eyres has once again taken on Treasurer. Andrew McCann was nominated and has taken the job of Safety and Equipment officer and most importantly Alexa Lang is our Catering officer.

We had quite a good year this year financially with raffles and a grant and this

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will be put to good use when we move into our new premises. To fit the new shed out we will have to consider things like dust extraction etc and our limited funds will soon be absorbed. We hope to once again receive a grant from Roadwise for which we need to attend a few outside events. Hopefully we may get some help from Lotteries West as well. We had a wood raffle in July and this raised another \$381-00 for us.

I reported some time ago that we had had trouble with our small CarbaTec lathe with the Vary Speed unit and we finally got onto the right person at CarbaTec and they are coming to the party and repairing this unit for us. Thank you CarbaTec.

We have been making a heap of garden dibbers for a Garden Centre and the owner of this business is even going to put this article on her online shopping list so we may be making many more.

We were pleased that one of our members was able to go and volunteer at the Wood Show this year. Well done David Doye.

We now have our next major projects under way which is our Christmas Bowls for Silver Chain. The more of these we can craft the better, as they, with a few lollies added, go down well with those who receive them.

Well that's about all from the Pavilion for now so remember "*Seat Belts Save Lives*".

The Tattler

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Gosnell's Weekend Workshop & WAWA AGM

20th September 2014

Southern River College, Anaconda Drive, Gosnells

Must use REAR ENTRANCE for parking & entry

Convenor: Owen O'Neil

MC: Peter Pickering

Competition Item: Seattle Tower

Trade Suppliers: P Square Agencies

Timber Sales: Bruce Jackson

Programme

0730 Setup

0815 Registration & Fellowship

0900 Welcome announcements

0910 WAWA Annual General Meeting 2014

**Please note there will be an election for the office of president. Only members who are present at the AGM will be able to vote, ie, no proxy or postal votes.*

(Demonstrations commence at the conclusion of the AGM)

There will be 3 demonstrations during the course of the day

Demonstration 1—John Gardiner: Erosion Vase

Demonstration 2—Rudy Goh: An Offset Turned Figurine

Demonstration 3—Chris Sioulas: Banana Bowl/Square Bowl

1000—ish Break for morning tea

1030 Demonstrations continue

1200 Lunch: 2 x 4" filled Subway Rolls \$6.00

1300 Demonstrations continue - Competition voting closes

1500 Afternoon tea

1530 President's forum - Show & tell - Competition results - Raffle

Pack up - Lots of help please

2014—2015

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

As of the 31st July 2014, the following nominations were received:

President:

Two nominations were received—Andrea McCandlish and Laurie Sutton.

Committee:

Nominations were received from the following -
Kevin Cheetham, Noel Moyes, Andy Phillips, Barbara Jennings, Chris Paplinski, Bruce Jackson, David Doye, Peter Cunnington, Laurie Sutton.

Continuing members:

The following continue to hold office until the 2015 Annual General Meeting—
David Rechter and Andrea McCandlish. Derek Beer expressed a wish not to complete his second year of office.

Immediate Past President:

John Gardner will hold this position.

No final report can be made by the Returning Officer prior to the Annual General Meeting.

However, as the number of candidates equals the number of vacancies, all nominees will form the Committee of Management.

The position of President will be determined by poll at the Annual General Meeting.

Each of the candidates will be given an opportunity to state their case and a vote will then be taken.

As per the constitution and by-laws, only members at the AGM are eligible to vote— no proxy or postal votes will be accepted.

The Returning Officer is responsible for producing the voting slips and for appointment of scrutineers.

Final results will be announced at the AGM and the result published in the next newsletter.

DEREK MARTIN, Returning Officer
19 August 2014

Photos from the Groups



Above & Left
2014 Wood Show—WAWA
Groups Display



Below (Bunbury July 2014)
Left - William Elliot & Heather
Smith, wood & glass
presentation
Right— segmented bud vase by
Clem Stewart



Busselton Weekend Workshop

15th November 2014

Convenor & MC – Dennis Haddon

Trade display – Mayama Gems

8.00 am Set up

8.15 am - Registration and Fellowship

9.00 am - Starting announcements & Welcome (Mayor)

9.15 am - Demo 1 – Joe Hegney (Christmas baubles)

10.15 am - Morning Tea

10.45 am - Demo 2 – Rudi Goh (doughnut turning)

11.45 am - Presidents Forum

12.00pm - Lunch (salad roll - \$5)

1.00pm - Demo 3 – Chas Broadbent (Christmas trees)

2.00pm - Demo 4 – Barbara Jennings (Celtic knots)

3.00pm - Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - Show and Tell Competition Results Raffle Draw

4.00pm - Close

Note no organised dinner – make own arrangements

Sunday 16th November 2014

From 9:00 am – Open House at the Busselton Workshop

(rear of ArtGeo, Queen St, additional parking Marine Tce)

Informal demos – Eccentric chuck,

12.00pm – Lunch (sausage sizzle - \$2)

1.00 pm – Close

ROYAL SHOW 2014

27 September to 4th October

W.A.W.A. will again be demonstrating in the Heritage Pavilion from 10am to 6pm each day. This involves about fifty volunteers from our membership.

Our aim is to promote the art of woodturning and gain new members now and in the future.

A display of turned items is part of the exhibit. All groups are encouraged to provide 3 or 4 display pieces. The work is packed and stored each night.

Groups should arrange to deliver this work to me at the Gosnells Workshop on 20th September.

If demonstrators wish to store timber at the Show, this should also be given to me at the Gosnells Workshop.

We are again indebted to CARBA-TEC for providing the lathes for the duration of the Show.

Norm Gratte - Royal Show Co-ordinator.



Competition Results

Bunbury July 2014

Item: bowl with embellished lid, no pot pouri insert or finial.

Novice:

1. Peter Briggs
2. Noel Ness
3. Cheryl Butler
4. Norm Hoskin

Intermediate:

1. James Murray
2. Harry Butler
3. Colin Smith
4. Brian Kirby

Advanced:

1. David Rechter
2. Norm Gratte
3. George Parke
4. Noel Moyes

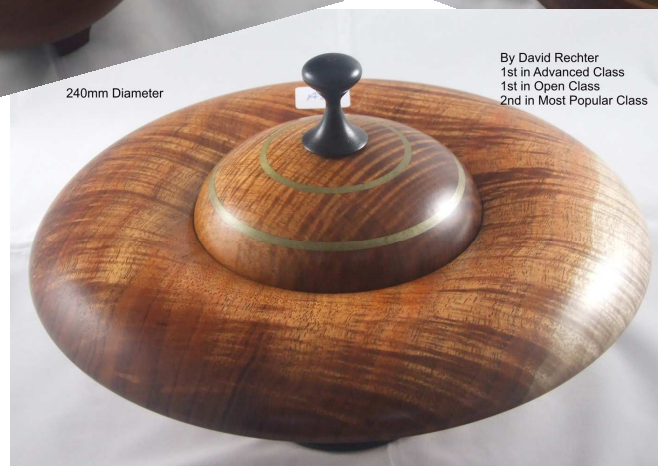
Most Popular:

1. George Parke
2. David Rechter
3. Peter Briggs
4. Noel Ness

Open:

1. David Rechter
2. Peter Briggs
3. Norm Gratte
4. James Murray

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters



Finishing Methods for Woodturning #3

3 OIL FINISHES

Almost any organic (non mineral) oil can be used on wood turnings and produce a satisfactory finish if a high gloss is not required. Oil finishes are preferred on articles which require frequent washing e.g. salad bowls. However some oils have a tendency to become rancid and impart a undesirable taste to the salad. Most cooking oils are suitable for salad bowls but olive oil is not.

Some oils such as Watco Danish Oil will actually case harden the surface due to polymerisation of its constituents.

Using oil finishes has a number of advantages, the main ones being that they require no skill or expensive equipment.

OTHER ADVANTAGES ARE

1. They may be applied to the finished article on or off the lathe.
2. The article can be re-oiled at any time.
3. Over a period of years they harden and enhance the wood.
4. Oiled wood seldom cracks or warps.
5. They are particularly suited to table or kitchen ware such as salad bowls.
6. They have a low toxicity rating and are therefore environment friendly.

However there are some disadvantages;

1. Oiled articles tend to collect dust which is hard to remove.
2. Oil produces a dull or at best Satin gloss even though the wood is silky to the touch.
3. Some oils are slow drying and may require several days or even longer before they are properly dry.
4. Oil finished articles do not sell as readily as the higher gloss ones.

APPLICATION

Oil finishes are usually applied liberally with a soft cloth or a brush over a number of days until no more oil is absorbed. Buffing with a clean cloth will produce a low gloss for durable finish.

If you are using a proprietary product e.g. Watco oil, Watty Danish oil, Rustins Danish oil, Organ oil or Feast Watsons light buffing oil. Stick to the directions for use on the container.

If baby toys are to be oiled it is best to stick to non toxic oils such as peanut oil, walnut oil (available from health food outlets) or even medicinal grade paraffin oil (this is a refined mineral oil available from chemists)

Of all the oils available tung oil gives the best penetration.

Four coats of Tung oil applied over a period of several days results in a reasonable high gloss.

Tung oil is expensive.

Wood fillers are not usually used nor are sanding sealers, but there are exceptions.

This is what Bob Malacari has used;

SANDING SEALER- OIL FINISH

Apply a very much thinned down turps based sanding sealer with a rag and wipe off immediately, sand down lightly, repeat the procedure and sand again. Apply two coats of Watty Danish oil with 4/0 steel wool and wipe off immediately when dry, buff up with a clean cloth.

A report on page 14 of the May June issue of the Australian Wood Worker suggest that baby rattles, scoops, honey dippers, children's tops etc. should be finished with a mixture of extra virgin olive oil and bees wax.

Mix the ingredients of 20% bees wax to 80% olive oil (by volume), the consistency of the mixture should be like that of furniture wax or shoe polish.

WATCO DANISH OIL

Keith Johnson modifies the manufacturers instructions slightly, by applying a thin coating of cellulose based sanding sealer first, when thoroughly dry this is flattened with 4/0 steel wool to an even flat finish. He then applies 3 coats of Watco Danish Oil or Feast Watson light buffing oil as per the instructions.

Without the prior application of the sanding sealer some timbers, especially Jarrah tend to go very dark on the end grain.

FEAST WATSON WOODSHIELD

This product produces a quick drying flat finish, the oil penetrates the timber deeply. It is eminently suitable for outside furniture and appears to reduce the tendency for the timber to split.

It has a mineral turpentine base and if the turned article is subsequently to be lacquer finished it must be re-sanded thoroughly back to base wood and washed down with thinners as the turps based Woodshield is not compatible with nitro-cellulose based lacquers.

There are other oil based finishes on the market but it is not intended to discuss any of these at this juncture.

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Diary Dates

Competition Items for 2014

February 15th WAWA (at Wand)
Plant Stand/Pedestal (min. height
600mm)

March 15th Avon / Swan
Jewellery Set (Pendant, Earrings &
Brooch)

April 12th Collie
Platter (max. height 45mm)

May 24th Mandurah
Pair of matching Bedside Lamps
(no shades for judging)

June 14th Melville
Standard Lamp (min. height 1300mm)
(no shades for judging)

July 26th Bunbury
Box with Embellished Lid
(no finials or potpourri inserts)

August 1st - 3rd Woodshow Claremont
Open Competition

September 20th Gosnells & WAWA AGM
Seattle Tower - to measurements
(supplied)

October 18th Wand
Lazy Susan - no restrictions

November 15th Busselton
Xmas Decorations - 4 pieces

December 13th
WAWA XMAS FUNCTION
Best Item 2014 - not previously
judged by WAWA

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2014

25th Aug—30th Aug

The Park Centre, East Victoria Park

1st—6th September

Phoenix Shopping Centre, Spearwood

October (dates to be confirmed)

Southlands Shopping Centre

The following may be contacted for
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the display/sales team.

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Ken Hands, Collie
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