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Observations Melville one day presentation

Jimmy Clewes Workshops. On 28th and 29th April, sixteen WAWA members had the opportunity to receive one-on-one tuition with Jimmy Clewes, following his excellent one-day presentation at Melville.

The first project was his famous square oriental bowl, which gave all participants an opportunity to hone their bowl gouge skills utilizing a square blank.

By learning the correct approach, and ensuring a very delicate final cut, the end result was an item finished almost entirely off the tool, with very little need for abrasives.

Jimmy's explanation of low depth chucking techniques for both the bowl and lid, were beneficial to most. A number of those involved also availed themselves of Jimmy's sharpening tuition, especially for the swept back bowl gouge.

In the afternoon, the class tackled a simple platter, with the intention to use dyes to achieve some very interesting edge finishes. Jimmy encouraged everybody to be adventurous, by softening and blending various colours.

Overall, a thoroughly interesting and enlightening workshop was experienced by all.

The Association would like to express its sincere appreciation for the assistance from both the Melville and Gosnells Groups, in providing their facilities, equipment, and member assistance, for these very informative days.



Smiling faces
at a Jimmy
Clewes Master
Class at
Gosnells, April
2014

