

# BY HAND & EYE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

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EASTER SHOW 2016 EDITION

# President Report.

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Hello Turners young and not that young.

Our next large public display opportunity is the “Timber and Working with Wood Show” at the end of June (June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>). Again we have an opportunity to demonstrate our skills and offer some of our work for sale. David King is organising the demonstrators and with the assistance of our vice President Tony Ney they will be organising the items for sale tables. Invite your family and friends to come along and see that others have the same affliction as you and that your spouse/partner is not alone in their supportive suffering.

This edition of BH&E has a wrap up of the Easter Show and some photos of the competition items entered by our members. Well done all who entered items.

The Guild AGM will be coming up earlier this year (August 2016 and not in November); I am seeking members to stand for the positions on the “Guild Executive Committee”. I have held the position of President since 2012 and I feel it is time some new blood and ideas steered this organization to the future. So please consider offering your assistance in keeping the Guild alive.

The Guild Executive committee comprises the following;

President.

Vice president.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Information regarding how to nominate can be obtained from your regional representative.

Each region now has a Guild Banner and I hope you display it proudly at functions, demonstrations or sales venues where your regions have activities, please display it beside your own banner.

Happy and safe turning.

Hasso Constantin,

President ,

Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

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Tony Ney

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## EASTER SHOW ROUND UP FOR 2016

Hello everyone,

We attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show once again this year, we demonstrated from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The first thing I would like to do is give a big thankyou to all the demonstrators from all the clubs who entertain the show goers with their skills in woodturning, from tooth picks holders to bud vases, honey dippers, tops small bowls, ring holders, baseball, softball and tee ball bats and loads more.

We also had a new turner this year Phil McLeod from eastern who had a great time (hope to see you all next year and some new ones as well)

This year we have had a lot of people asking us about the clubs and where they are, we also handed out lot of leaflets for every club.

Different people coming up and saying they have lathes, bandsaw, thickeners and other equipment that their dad had and they didn't know what to do with it so I gave them the phone number of their nearest club

Thank you to Bankstown for the loan of the lathes, John Cruickshank Bankstown and Mick Twemlow from Macarthur without these two the equipment and myself would not have gotten to the show.

Just a small note to finish up on. It makes me proud to hear from the show organisers that the public asked them from the start of the show where are the Woodturners and what day they start?

Once again a big thank you to you all

David King

Events coordinator

## **Easter show Arts Comp for 2016**

We had 26 pieces across the 3 categories this year up by 4, so that was great, but we need to improve next year. So please put on your thinking caps and come up with something for next year's show

The 3 classes are:

**Class:294** – platters and bowls. Any turned item that can be used as or resembles a platter or bowls, the item must not have a lid or cover and must be turned from one piece of wood (not segmented), the item can be embellished in any way and the piece must show 80% turning.

**Class 295**-Segmented woodwork. i.e. Made up of numerous pieces of various timbers. These items can be vessels, bowls, platters or any other wooden pieces and the final shape shall be achieved by woodturning

Class 296- Innovative. Entries in this class must be at least 80% turned and returning which by design and / or construction are unique and not fit easily in to any of the above categories.

So come on members and nonmembers give it ago let's keep our hobby alive and show the people what great work we can make out of firewood

Here are the results.

**Class 294-**

1. 2773 Mr. Vince Rush Medowie NSW 2318  
Large Round Maple Platter
2. 2776 Mrs. Brenda Walker Maaroom Qld 2120  
Winged bowl
3. 2766 Mr. Simon Begg Westleigh NSW 2120  
Spiral Bowl

**Highly commended:**

2769 Mr. Keith Jones Padstow NSW 2211  
Pieced turned Bowl

**Highly commended:**

2771 Mr. Montuori Chester Hill NSW 2162

**Class 295-**

1. 2779 Mr. Mervyn Larsson Allawah NSW
2. 2778 Mr. Fred Cassar Preston NSW 2170  
Queen
3. 2781 Mr. Ken Morgan ST Clair NSW 2759  
Segmented fruit bowl

**Highly commended:**

2784 Mrs. Brenda Walker Maaroom QLD 4650  
Decorative Vessel

**Class 296-**

1. 2787 Mr. Neil Collier East Kurrajong NSW 2758  
Roll top box
2. 2791 Mrs. Brenda Walker Maaroom QLD 4650  
Decorative Art piece
3. 2789 Mr. Michael Montuori Chester Hill 2162

Cheese board

**Highly commended:**

Mr. Ted Batty Burwood NSW 2134

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Congratulation to all the winners and to all who put items in the comp

I hope to see you and many more in 2017

David King

One More thing the TWWW is on at June 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> so please keep it clear for demonstrating and stewarding and get your items to sell







I am very sad to report on the recent passing of renowned and well-loved woodworker and author Neil Scobie. Neil passed away on May 3, 2016 after losing the battle to cancer.

In early February Neil emailed me about a couple of stories he proposed to write for Wood Review magazine...and mentioned matter of factly that he had just found out he had cancer. He said he intended to prove the doctors wrong and keep busy in the meantime. Typical Neil. Straight to the point. No fancy, fussy words, just say it like it was. Now, so soon after, it's hard to believe that such a strong and vital man could be overtaken at the age of 63.

Anyone who knew Neil will tell you that he was universally liked. It does feel like a betrayal to speak in the past tense about someone who has left us so recently. I have known him for over two decades and I can truly say I've never heard anyone say a word against him. To me that says a lot.

To Australian woodworkers Neil was extremely well known. He really was the complete package. Expert all-round skills with a design sensibility that saw him make innumerable pieces of fine woodwork with a style that made each one instantly recognisable as a "Scobie". Many of his pieces were featured in Australian Wood Review magazine as either projects or because they were part of exhibitions. He wrote for several other magazines, notably the Australian Woodworker and American Woodturner.

He was said to be a wonderful teacher and over the last couple of months I heard stories of how teams of friends and students apparently were visiting him to help out. His dearly beloved wife Liz, was not only his life partner but an artistic equal as they collaborated on many beautiful pieces. It's not hard to know that Liz and their son Paul and daughter Anna will miss him profoundly.

We'll feature some remembrances of Neil in our September issue. I'm going to leave Neil's author's profile up on our website until then intentionally, so please don't assume it's an oversight. Rest in peace Neil.

*Linda Nathan, Wood Review editor*





## GUILD & AFILIATES CALENDER OF

### EVENTS

#### BANKSTOWN 2016

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
5TH	2ND	7TH	4TH	2ND	6TH	3RD	1ST	5TH	3RD
19 <sup>TH</sup>	16TH	21 <sup>ST</sup>	18TH	16TH	20TH	17TH	15TH	19TH	17TH

#### MENAI 2016

MARCH 9 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL 5TH	MAY 10TH	JUNE 14TH	JULY 19TH	AUGUST 9TH	SEPTEMBER 13TH	OCT 11TH	NOV & DEC 8 <sup>TH</sup> 13TH
OFF CENTRE TURNING	LIDDED BOXES	SALT & PEPPER	BOWLS	TURNED TOYS	DECORATED TURNINGS	FOOD UTENSILS	MATCHING PAIR	CHRISTMAS DECORATION

### Southern Highlands

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday
8.30am -4.00pm	8.30 am – 12.30pm	12.00pm – 4.30 pm

Monthly meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 11.00am -4.30

### EASTERN REGION

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>

The shed is also open from 9.00 to 15.00 every Saturday, and 10.00 to 14.00 every Tuesday

We also have Mark Moran Nursing home visit the shed once a month

**Sydney  
Northern  
Beaches  
Woodturners  
Inc**

Meeting 8.30am -  
12.00

Sundays at  
10.00am

	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>MAY</b>	3, 10,17, 24, 31	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	15
<b>JUNE</b>	7, 14, 21, 28	3, 10, 17, 24	4, 11, 18, 25	19
<b>JULY</b>	5, 12 19, 26	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	17
<b>AUGUST</b>	2, 9,16, 23, 30	5, 12, 19,26	6, 13, 20, 27	21
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	6, 13, 20,27	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17,24	18
<b>OCTOBER</b>	4, 11, 18, 25	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	16
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	20
<b>DECEMBER</b>	6, 13, 20	2, 9, 16	3, 10, 17	18

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We meet at Narrabeen RSL Club

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