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WOODCHIPS

Newsletter Of the Southern Highlands Region
of the Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Web site, www.sydneywoodturners.com.au

Patrons: Don & Bess Akrigg.



The Next Meeting Saturday 24th June 10 am At Charlton Hall.

We have 6 lathes now with the loan of a lathe from the Men's Shed. Let's see every one
in use from 10.00am until we break for lunch. .

Equipment Levy Now Due \$25 See Ian Pye

DIARY DATES.

At Southern Highlands

- 24 June Terry Baker - Turning and Texturing
And Leigh Ferguson's shop.
- 22 July Sam Shakouri, Macarthur Group.
- 26 August Hands On Day

Other

- 2 - 4 June Sydney Working With Wood Show
- 10-11 June Narooma & District Woodcrafters Assoc 12th
Exhibition, Central Tilba
- 17-27 June Southern Regions Exhibition - Wood dimensions @
Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gympie
- 11-13 August Newcastle, Woodworking Hobbies and Craft Expo.
Newcastle Entertainment Centre
- 26 - 27 August Vaughn Richmond Demonstration, Cubbyhouse
- 1-3 September Down-Under-Turnaround, Phillip Island
- 8 - 10 September Canberra Working With Wood Show
- 6 - 8 October Hobart Working With Wood Show
- 20-22 October Melbourne working With Wood Show

April Meeting

Our scheduled demonstrator, Giorgio Armen, did not attend so we resorted to an improvised program.

Peter Herbert welcomed members and two visitors, Peter from Macarthur and John Shaw. Peter indicated that items for display and sale at the Sydney Working With Wood Show are needed at our next meeting on 27 May, ready to be taken to the show. Members need to indicate if they wish to travel on the bus to the Show on 4 June.

Peter said that Guild Membership renewal notices were in the current By Hand and Eye. Leigh Ferguson will be with us at the Terry Baker day in June.

Our Tuesday and Friday workshops are still going well although attendance has sometimes been down a little. There is nothing exclusive about these workshops and any member is welcome to come along when ever they can.

Treasurer Ian reported that 2 more equipment fee payments had been received from members and lifted the balance in that fund to \$878. The T-shirts have been ordered from our new supplier and are expected for the next meeting.

We were pleased to welcome back Colin Martin after his two months absence due to illness. Col spoke of his experiences in the Intensive Care Unit in Liverpool Hospital and said that he still has to have more tests and treatment. Col also said that he was now forced to step down as Regional Convenor because of his health problems. Any way, it was good to have you back Col and we wish you all the best with the treatment still to come and a speedy recovery.

Representative– Bill Shean was absent so we did not have a rep's report.

John Harris demonstrated turning a simple bowl following the guide list provided by Bill Shean at the previous meeting. John said that the bowl could have been given a smoother finish by using a scraper but Mike said that he preferred to do a final cut using the bowl gouge carefully angled and with a very slow moving cut.

Show and Tell was conducted by John Rossiter. Some of Show and Tell appeared in the Highland News.

Fred Schaffarczyk. An "antique" bowl and some eggs which he turned to go with the bowl. Fred also showed an attractive candle holder turned as an exact replica of a baluster which he copied by using an enlarged photograph.

Ian Pye. A duck in radiata pine turned using the centre and off-centre method demonstrated by Terry Light. The off-centre turning was done with a screw chuck located 10mm from the original turning centre. Ian also showed a Kauri Pine platter and described the difficulty in obtaining a good flat finish across the flat inside of the platter.

Peter Herbert. A nice rectangular bowl in she oak.

Jim Powell. Some trinket bowls and a lidded needle case.

Peter Gerlach. A mallet in European Beech with an ash handle. A Candelstick.

Club Shirts

Supplies of club shirts now available. With club monogram on the pocket, cost is \$39.

Money up front please, cheques acceptable.

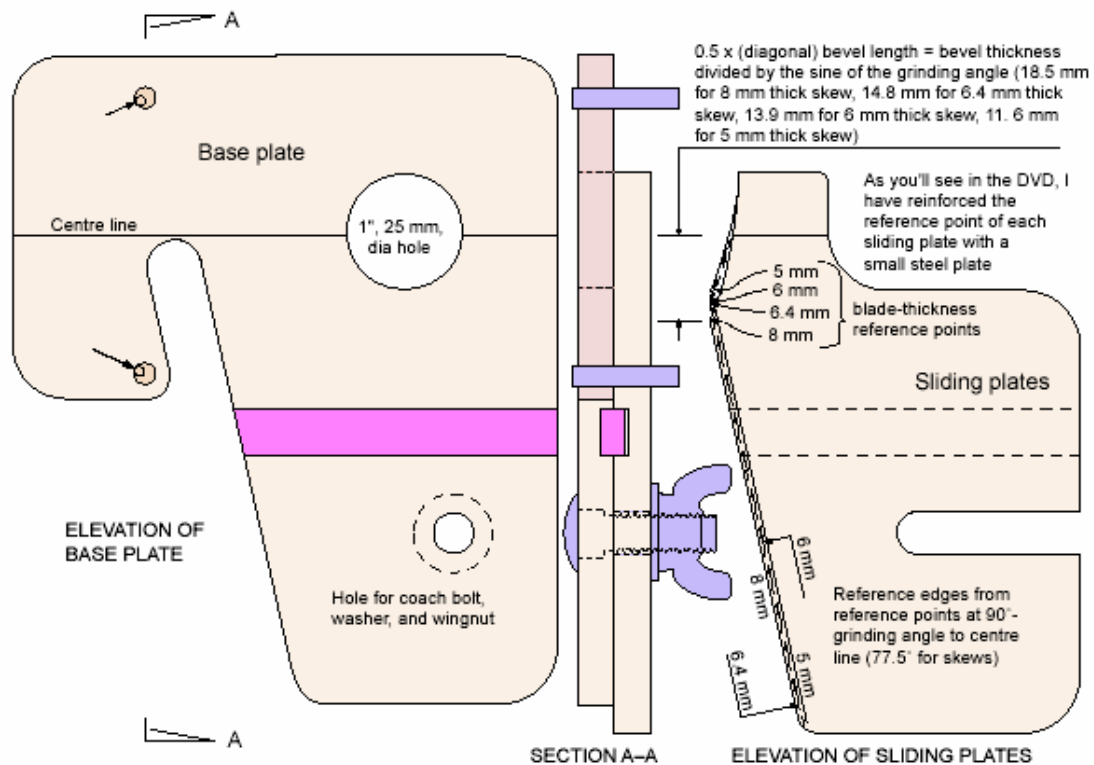
See Ian Pye, pay money and place your order.

Mike's Tips

Mike demonstrated the use of templates for the accurate setting of the guid on the wheel when grinding chisels. He emphasised that frequent and accurate grinding will lead to better and easier turning.

In order to obtain a very accurate grinding angle on a skew chisel, Mike uses a special template with a sliding section to allow for different thicknesses of chisels—alternatively, a different template can be made for each skew chisel. The preferred grinding angle for a skew is 12.5 degrees which gives a final cutting edge of 25 degrees. (see the diagram for making templates).

Mike also told us how to understand the specification codes on grinding wheels. Grit size of 80 is good (higher numbers mean a finer grit) but the softness of the bonding material is very important. The bonding material is indicated by an alphabetical range from a to Z. H is good but K is more common and grey wheels are often Q (lower letters a are softer and thus preferred). Grey wheels can be OK if they are bonded at lower alpha levels.

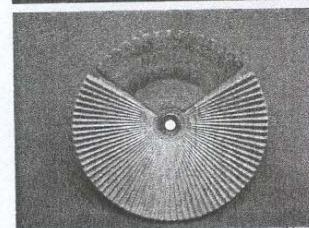
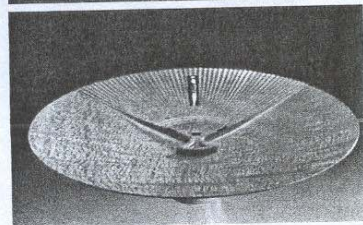
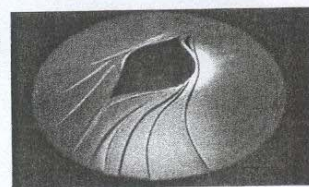
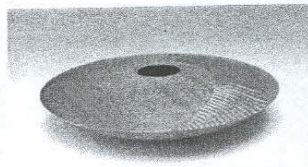
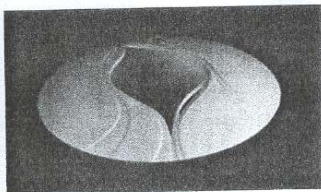
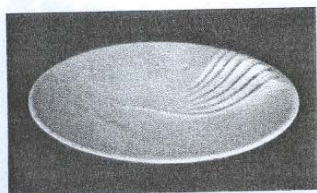


Sydney Working With Wood Show

The Guild will be again providing a stand at the Sydney WWWS on June 2-4. The Southern Highlands will be manning the stand on the Sunday.

We will organise the bus again. We need volunteers to man the stand, provide turners and demonstrators, loss prevention officers. We also need turnings to be provided as display items, not just the Sunday but the whole weekend. See Bill about getting your prize piece in there on the Friday.

And the next demonstrator at The Cubby House will be



Vaughn Richmond

Demonstrations: 26 and 27th August, 2006 — \$25/day

Maximum of 40, so book and pay early!

Workshop: 28 August, 2006 — \$60

Limit of 10, better book and pay even faster!!

Contact Pat Thorpe for more information 9524 2504

Terry Baker Demonstration and Workshop

24 June: Demonstration.

Terry is well known gallery turner who uses a variety of texturing and decorative techniques on his work once it has come off the lathe. The demonstration will include turning and decorating techniques.

Cost for the day is \$15 which includes lunch.

Please book and pay in advance to attend that day.

25 June: Workshop

Due to low numbers, there will be no workshop on Sunday 25th June.

Committee News

Your local committee met Monday 22 May.

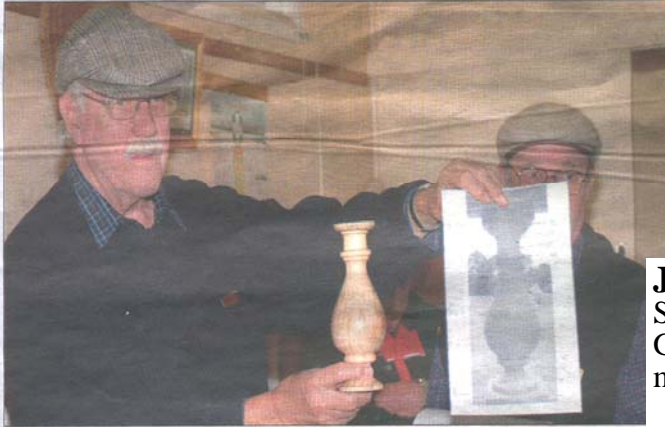
Following the resignation of Col Martin as Convenor, the Committee invited Peter Herbert to take on the role for the remainder of Col's term.

Peter has accepted but will not stand as Convenor when elections are held in September.

Note also that I will not be standing for Representative as I will be By Hand and Eye Editor and continue as Woodchips Editor.

Committee		
Convenor	Col Martin	02 48 721 419
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Committee Member.	John Powell	02 4871 2714
Editor	Bill Shean	sheans@bigpond.net.au

At the April meeting, we again had a representative of the Southern Highlands News, he interviewed a number of people and took plenty of photographs. We received another good coverage in the News and the article is shown below.



LEFT: John Rossiter shows one of Fred Schaffarczyk's works, showing the finished baluster with the plan he used.

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In other words, how creative can you get with creating holes in bowls, other than the normal 'O bugger I went through the bottom'.

Start with a piece of timber that has wormholes, big cracks, or just plan cavities. Drill some holes. Carve and use the dremel. What ever!

Just make sure you have holes in the bowl.



Show and tell session at Bowral

The Southern Highland Woodturners group met for a "show and tell" session at Bowral last weekend. Guest speaker Mike Darlow addressed the group, and members showed a range of their carefully-crafted wooden creations. For details about upcoming Southern Highland Woodturners events and meetings, phone John Harris on 0408 400 720.

Peter Herbert explains how he made the square bowl as John Rossiter and John Harris look on.



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MRS DOREEN MCGLASSEN ON 48 613 903 OR
SEE JOHN HARRIS TO DISCUSS.