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WOODCHIPS

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

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The Next Meeting Saturday 26th May 10 am At Charlton Hall.

Let's see every lathe in use from 10.00am until we break
for lunch. .

DIARY DATES.

At Southern Highlands

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| 28 April | Hands On Day |
| 26 May | Daryl Smith - Clocks and Routing |
| 23 June | Guilio Marcelongo |
| 28 July | Ladies Day - Anna Dawes & Others |

Other

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| 28 April 2007 | Skills Publishing Open Day |
| 21 April-1May | Goulburn Region Woodworkers Expo, Regional Art Gallery |
| 21-29 April | Tumut Woodworkers Annual Expo and Competition |
| 19 May | Southern Region, Tools & Jigs for Woodturners |
| 9-10 June | Narooma District Exhibition of Woodwork, Central Tilba |
| 15-17 June | Sydney Working With Wood Show |
| 7-9 September | Canberra Working With Wood Show Down-under Turnaround, Phillip Island |

March Meeting

The lathes were busy all morning as members got busy with whatever project they were working on. This kept every one interested until lunch was ready and up to the normal Crisp/Robjent standards.

We had 22 members and 1 visitor at our March meeting when John Powell got things formal at 12.30pm.

John Powell introduced a new member in attendance, Ron South. We also have a new member in Peter Brett who a number of members know from the Men's shed. Welcome both Ron and Peter. Our visitor, Barry McDonnell, has been here a few times and I'm sure will become a member in the near future.

The coming events were advised, and the day's activity of being a hands-on day announced.

Treasurer Ian Pye advised that our funds were \$2,062, well down mainly due to the equipment fund paying for the new lathe. It now has a balance of \$-76. So any one who has not paid the levy as yet, please do so.

Bill's Courses: The booking sheet is on the table. These will occur 1st weekend in each month for any one interested. Cost is \$90 for two days of either spindle or bowl turning instruction. May is fully booked, but openings exist for the 29 June/1 July bowl weekend. August has two bookings. There is also a spot available on the 2nd Saturday of the month workshop activity at Bill's place every month. Time is 9.00am to 2.00pm and lunch is provided - \$50.

Representative: Next Guild meeting was the Monday following our meeting, so there was nothing to discuss.

Library, welcome to Pat Kennard and her able assistant Pam Harris.

Raffle was won by (I have no idea) probably Bill Dinning.

Main Event - Hands On

All the lathes were active, and as I spent the whole time working on some square turnings, I did not get around to take photographs of the activities and who was doing what. Not a very good performance from the Editor.

However, the fact that all the lathes were busy and that members were waiting to get onto a lathe is a good sign. Only a few years ago, hands on days saw very little activity. So a good sign and a good activity all round.

John Powell announced that the activity for April was to be an egg.

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

Money up front please, cheques acceptable.

Equipment Levy:

\$25 due now. This is intended to fund new equipment, eg the new lathe. A few members are still to pay.
See Ian Pye.

Show and Tell

I did not take notes of who did what, so I apologise if I have the wrtong name to a piece or even no name at all.

Fred Schaffarczyk: Candlestick.



Bill Dinning: Bowl

Bill Shean: Two square red gum bowls done at Moss Vales show and now fully turned. Some decorating still to do. And a partly done square edged myrtle lidded bowl done as part of the hands on day as well as the start of a pot stand done square.



John Powell:
Huon bowl .



Don Greenhalgh: Fluted bowl and pierced through bowl.



Peter Herbert: Burl platter



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June Meeting - Guilio Marcolongo Demonstration

As our professional turner demonstrator this year, we have Guilio Marcolongo coming from Phillip Island in Victoria. This is being done in conjunction with Western blue Mountains, where he demonstrates on the Sunday and Central Coast Woodturners where he is on Friday. He will also be conducting a workshop day at Western on the Monday. A few vacancies still exist for this day.



Guilio is a well known demonstrator who has appeared at many state and local symposiums and demonstrations. He has demonstrated a number of times at the American Assoc of Woodturners Annual Conference and at Woodturn 2002.

He is a creative and imaginative turner with an exceptional ability to lift and inspire his audience at demonstrations.

The range of activities that he will perform across the three days of demonstrations will include:

Scallop foot box; Split turned duck; Square edge bowl with turned down corners; Letter opener turned on 3 centres to formulate the sharp blade; Top with the captive ring on the outside edge;

Natural edge bowl using a coolibar burl; How to turn a sphere quickly it is amazing how many turners do not know how to turn a ball; Spoon and sugar bowl; Small box with off centre insert; Box from a deer antler;

Goblet with barley twist stem; Blackwood bowl with textured rim ebonised and pewter insert;

Turn waste into financial gain; Pocket mirror; False hollow form



Time permitting of course he will complete most of the items across the three demonstrations held on the weekend, so we will see 5-6 projects demonstrated on our day .

Guilio tries to fit his demonstrations around projects that the average turner can do rather than do one intricate piece that puts people to sleep by the end of the day.



Keep it simple and coming is his motto.

This is our special event for the year and we have invited turners from other groups in the south of the State.

Cost: \$25 which includes lunch.
Start time: 9.00am
Finish time: 5.00pm (Guilio likes a full day)



Please book your place by completing the booking sheet and pay your fee.

We need to know exact numbers to ensure we do not accept too many bookings from other groups.

Sydney Working With Wood Show

June 15-17.

We need all members to submit at least 1 piece to the Guild exhibit.

And also 1 piece to the competition being held at the same time. See the details of the competition in the last edition of By Hand & Eye.

Southern Highlands will be manning the exhibit on the Sunday as per normal. Depending on numbers, we will hire the Community bus.