

July 2007

WOODCHIPS

Newsletter of the
Southern Highlands Woodies Inc.
Affiliate of the Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Web site, www.sydneywoodturners.com.au

Patrons: **Don & Bess Akrigg.**



The Next Meeting
Saturday 27th October
10.00 am
At Charlton Hall.



Jacko at his ease in Peter's arms.

DIARY DATES.

At Southern Highlands

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| 27 October | Ornamental Turners & AGM |
| 24 November | Spray finishes. The 2 Johnnies (Crisp & Harris) |
| 15 December | Christmas meeting. Hands-on. |
| 26 January 08 | Hands On Meeting |
| <u>Other</u> | |
| 12-14 October | Melbourne Working With Wood Show |
| 20-21 October | Wood & Craft Creations. Southern Region Woodturners, Oyster Bay |
| 8-10 November | Hare 7 Forbes Annual Sale |
| 23-24 November | Trend Open Days |
| 1-16 December | XYLO - 2007 Graduate Exhibition, Sturt School, Mittagong |
| 7-9 March | Wagga Wagga Turn About
Contact: Larry Sloan 02 6926 1536 |
| 3 - 4 May 2008 | Albury Wodonga Wood show |
| 12-14 September | Phillip Is Down Under Turn Around
Contact: Caroline Talbot 03 5956 7300 |

Please accept my apologies for my late inability to make the August Meeting and produce a Woodchips for that meeting. Following are some notes on the July Meeting that I took plus notes that both Fred S and John Harris made of the August meeting.

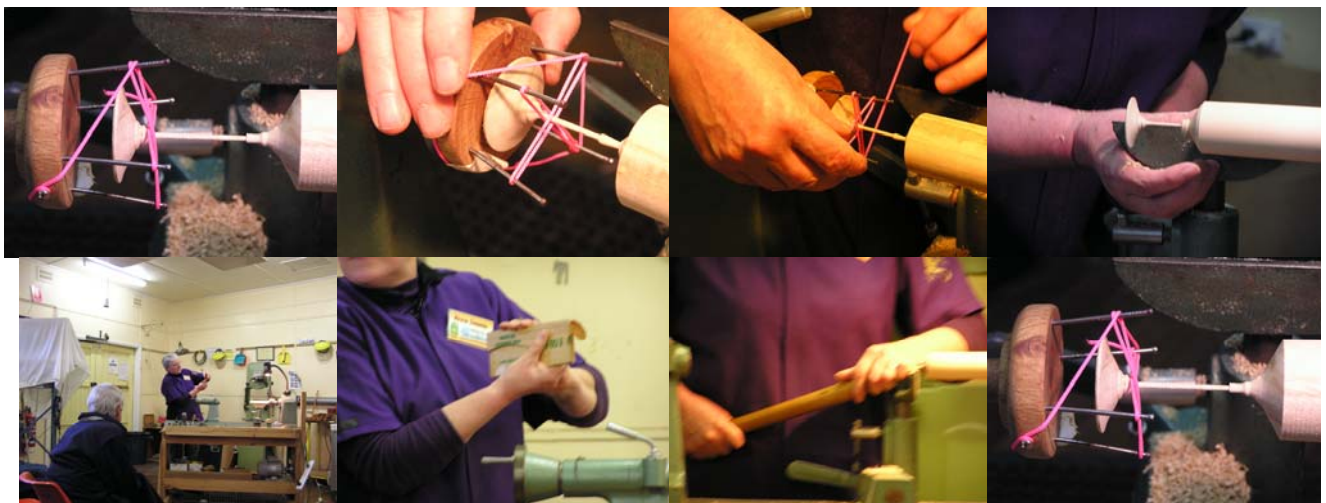
July Meeting:

This meeting we had as our demonstrators Anna Dawes and Kaye Paton.

Kaye turned a stellated cube. In this, she takes a cube and hollows into each separate face a set amount. She had a formula for the depth vs width of cut for each side. She does the end grain ends first, as these are the weakest and she does not want to have these as the last when the whole piece is at it's weakest. She protect each corner with little metal squares to average the pressure across the whole of the side, not just where the chuck jaws are. She mostly uses a straight edged scraper.



Anna turned a very thin flower object She uses a string steady to support the piece while turning. Once turned, she puts it in the boiler and heats it up enough so that she can place it in a former which imparts a curve to it.



Despite this exciting array of skills, we still found a sleeping member or two.

Club Shirts : See John Harris. You can have logog which you sew onto your own shirt, or he can organize a shirt or jacket or jumber.



Clearing Out Terry Bradshaw's Shed
Some weeks ago, John Harris, Peter Herbert, Bruce Everett and Bill Shean were helping Terry clear out all the timber that had accumulated in his shed. John Harris expressed surprise that Bill actually managed to get dirty and took a photo or two to prove it. Here they are!!



August Meeting

Well there were about 23 members and guests attending the meeting today, our holidaying President John Powell made a welcome return and addressed the meeting.

Kitchen Master, John Crisp was ably assisted by Pamela Harris again this month as Freddy Robgent was still missing in action, and all the members were dispatched from the counter in quick time as Pamela served them so that the next person could savor the delights that were served from the pan and eat them piping hot.

Former member, Mike Cassidy was guest demonstrator for the day and soon had the action under way once lunch was devoured, his task for the afternoon was to produce a bowl from a piece of burl, and soon got the out of balance burl into the round, however he experienced the same problem as some previous demonstrators have, and that is the holding screws came loose and as they refused to cooperate the only thing left to do was to jettison that one and begin again.



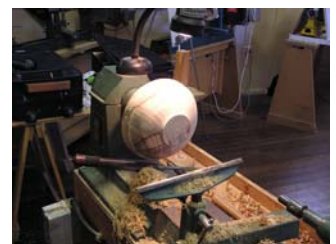
And off we go again, second time lucky, however this time the burl used was Coolibah, that was as hard as a bull's forehead, still Mike pressed on and after a few design changes due to the amount of bark entwined with the timber the desired shape was achieved. Mike reverse mounted the piece with the scroll chuck in expansion mode, he trimmed up the face and began to turn some decorative beads into the rim, then proceeded to remove the rest of the waste in the centre. Although time ran out it was strongly rumored that some one from the Friday Feeding Frenzy Group would probably take it upon themselves to finish the masterpiece.

The President made sure Mike also earned his afternoon tea and got him to draw the raffle which was won by Peter Herbert who chose the tin of biscuits over the basket of goodies as the basket had nuts in it, and Peter reckoned he was nuts enough !!!

Second place getter was el presidente' John Powell, who took the basket complete with nutty things home, presumably to share with Fay. Our thanks to Joyce Crisp who puts in an enormous amount of effort to vary the raffle prizes each month, and makes sure John remembers to turn up.

To round out the afternoon Mike also conducted show and tell it was almost a one on one for Freddy S as few members produced anything for today, I'm sure Freddy will be back next month with plenty of curved things as Mike showed him how to improve them. Ken Sullivan produced some very fine long thin stemmed objects from various timbers, that he wants to produce more of, even longer and thinner so that they create a forest and can be placed on a table, and will tremble when some one walks past them, Ian Pye also made a string steady for turning his Houn Pine, long thin tremblers, which had a mushroom look about them.

John Harris brought along an Australian Red Cedar lidded sugar bowl although it did not have a finish applied to it as this was going to be one of the pieces to be used for the spraying demo in November that the two Johnnies will be conducting.



Bill Dinning was riveted to the chair this meeting, as he had a fair old lean up while having his nanna nap, it's the only way I can think of that would have kept him from falling off the chair.

Garnett Anderson had another camera mounted to the side and over the shoulder of the demonstrator this month, and we really did get a bird's eye view of what was going on through both monitors. Thanks Garnett great job.

The bus to Canberra WWWS is filling up and Bob Miller will be coach Captain again this year, we have booked the bigger bus so that there will be plenty of room for all.

Terry and Barbra Bradshaw will be having their garage sale on Saturday 1st September and now most of the things from their shed have been sold, members have purchased about \$2700 worth of goodies, Barbra and Terry wish to thank all the members for their support and help at this time, and the members also wish to thank both Terry and Barbra for the permanent loan of their Teknatool 3000 lathe.

At last the arrival of the new pocket logos, and when they were produced for viewing the secretary was nearly knocked over in the rush as orders were taken, and by the way the logos look great!!!

FOR SALE

Elu lathe 900mm centres 250mm swing approx.
2 woodturning books Creative woodturning by Dale Nish and
the Art of Woodworking By time Life
100mm Nova scroll Chuck complete with adapter
250 mm Face plate
3 jaw Jacobs chuck and adapter
Assorted spanners and tool rests
Various drive centres and drive dogs
5 hand turning tools skew, gouges, scrapers etc.
Asking price \$250

**The lathe and all that is listed with it are
to be sold as a job lot !!!**

Ryobi 254mm or 10 inch table saw and
router table combined \$120.

These items appear to be in good working order.

For further details please contact Mike Bevan on tele-
phone number 02 48 713 413

Mike and the tools are located in Mittagong.



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Show and Tell

July Meeting

Don Greenhalgh: Has used a bike gear assembly as an indexing device. This is his prototype version, not yet in production.

Bob Miller: Guilio type buffing device. Used scourer pads. Also 2 Letter openers



Peter Herbert: 2 pepper mills,

2 x burl bowls

Cherry Vase

Guilio type parting tool



Ken Sullivan: 4 letter openers. Playing with different widths of off centre

John Crisp: Plan he had given Barry McDonald for a gavel. Some issues.

Bruce Everett: Walking stick made from many woods.



James Powell: Bowl in jacaranda

Flat red bowl in builders offcut

Decorated bowl in cryptomania



John Harris: Flat bowl in brazilian mahogany

Guilio type royal lidded box

Natural edged in African olive



Ian Pye: a large lamp which was originally a cedar chair leg.



Don Swinton: a square edged bowl. His first, in oregon.



Bill Dinning: A casuarina bowl made at the Friday mini-days



Bill Shean: An emerging bowl done at the Guilio workshop



Two osage orange lidded bowls.



Decorated camphor laurel bowl.



Fred Schaffarczyk: Cherry goblet



Huon Pine Guilio Box



Necklace holder



Silky oak natural edge bowl



August Meeting from Fred S

Conducted by Mike Cassidy . The exhibitors were ;

Fred S: wall clock of pine , goblet with captive ring , small bowl of cryptomeria , Mike said well done , swamp mahogany bowl with large natural hole and cracks , camphor laurel lidded bowl , Mike thought finish very good but design of lid poor and a flat spot on the side , black wattle bowl with side decoration , Mike thought it was good but the very good grain made the decoration obsolete , small bowl from ? not sure , Mike thought it was sally wattle , shallow swamp mahogany bowl with wood decay and some worm holes , Mike said it was interesting but decay should be treated with shellac to enable a good finish , large shallow bowl from banksia with with very good grain and design , Mike suggested Fred can be proud of this one .

Ken Sullivan: Several Trembluers from various woods , Mike discussed the merits of hand supported turnings.

Ian Pye: two trembluers and a string support jig.

Peter Herbert: two candle holders from banksia cones .

Jon Harris: a lidded bowl, Mike explained the virtues of using the lid as an integral part of the design and said the finish and design were excellent .

Display in Moss Vale Council Chambers

During the month, John Powell was approached by Moss Vale Council and advised that there was space in the display case in the Council Chambers reception area. Some years ago we managed to have half the Cabinet devoted to Woodturning, but this is the first in some 4-5 years.

Unfortunately, if we wanted to get some material into the display, we virtually had to do it immediately. John managed to acquire some articles from John Harris, Peter Herbert and Fed Sc.

Following are some photos of the display.

