

April 2008

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 24 May, 10.00 am
At Charlton Hall.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$25

Due by 30 June
See Ian Pye

DIARY DATES.

At Southern Highlands

- 24 May 08** John H, Peter H, Bill S - **Turn-A-Cube** (if we can all get there on the same day)
- 28 June 08** **Top-Turn.** Turn your own top and race it against other members. Prizes Galore. Fastest top made, ugliest top, longest running.
- 26 July 08** Andrew Gittoes (to be confirmed).

Other

- 3 - 4 May** Albury Wodonga Wood show
- 24-25 May 08** Canberra Woodcraft Inc. Finishing Wood, Exploring the Boundaries
A workshop with Terry Baker and Andrew Gittoes.
- 13-15 June** Sydney Working With Wood show
- 5-7 September** Canberra Working With Wood Show
- 12-14 September** Phillip Is Down Under Turn Around
Contact: Caroline Talbot 03 5956 7300
- 20 September** Surface Decoration Workshop, Blue Mountains Woodturners.
- 11-12 October** Woodturn 2008, Meadowbank TAFE
- 1-2 November** Southern Highlands Art Trail

March 2008 Meeting

This was a much smaller meeting than normal, perhaps every one was scared off by the 'hand-on' topic for the day. We had approx 20 members and 2 visitors.

Lunch was excellent as always and we had plenty of activity during the morning. Unfortunately, because I was working the table and demonstrating various pieces of work in the 'hands-on', I did not get any photographs of the actual day's activity.

We had a range of tools, which most members do not have themselves, such as the dremel, the pyrography machines, paints, carving tools, the Sorby texturing tool, chatter tools etc. Every one had an opportunity to try each machine or technique and have a go at something they may not be able to attack at home.

Perhaps we can begin buying the odd extra tool or two for use at the Hall.

Treasurer: We are back in funds again with our equipment levy back into a small credit and our overall funds back into a healthier position. \$2,604 in general funds and \$103 in the equipment fund.

Bill's Courses: any one interested in a May course. Let Bill know. Cost is now \$110 for 2 days of 7 hours of instruction. Lunch provided. See Bill.

Raffle: Once again Bill Shean won, followed by Bruce Everett and Freddie Robjent.

Southern Trade Supplies: Offering a 10% discount on all timber sales.

Pyrography Course: We can get Carolyn McNully down from the Blue Mountains to run a course across a day. Cost is \$75 with all material provided. Let Bill S know if you are interested. Article by her in the last Aust Woodworker.

AWARDS

From the Show and Tell presented to the March meeting the following nominations were made:

John Page Award:

Ron South 5 nominations Peter Herbert 1 nomination

Excellence Award

Ron South: Excavator in camphor laurel
Ron South: Bowl in camphor laurel
Bill Shean: Rosewood and brass 2 piece rectangular bowl

Black & White Sheep Association Demonstration - 19th April.

This turned out to be a very busy day. We had 8 members plus 2 partners there most of the day but only 1 lathe. Next time we need to take another lathe to keep every one occupied. Col Martin demonstrated in public for the first time ever and said how much he enjoyed the day. Ken Sullivan produces some 'wool' related articles for sale and did a motza and overall we managed to sell a few items, raise some interest from potential members and have a good day.



March Show & Tell

This was conducted by John Rossiter



Bruce Everett's pieces: Salt and Pepper grinders. Ceramic Mechanism. Tool made to cut the internal groove of the mechanism



Ron south: Camphor laurel excavator



RS: Low loader, radiate pine



RS: Camphor concrete truck



RS: Camphor laurel



RS: Camphor laurel



Peter Herbert: Unknown timber



PH: Unknown timber



PH: Dead finish



Fred Schffarczyk: bowl of eggs



FS: The egg bowl. Unknown timber



FS: Eggs and eggcups



FS: PNG Rosewood



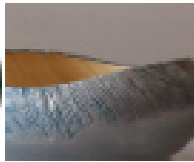
Bill Shean: Casuarina, pyrographed edge



BS: Rosewood & brass rod



BS:Tassie Myrtle



**Finishing Wood -
Exploring the boundaries**

Join us for this exciting workshop. Learn how to add value & interest to your work

Your guest lecturers and tutors will be

- *Andrew Gittoes*
- *Terry Baker*

**Sat. 24 and Sun. 25 May 2008
9 am to 4.30 pm**

**The Shed, Lions Youth Haven
Kambah Pool Road
Kambah, ACT**

Sydney Working with Wood Show Competition

Once again there will be a competition at the Working With Wood Show in June.

Last year, Max Donato, John Harris, Fred S and myself put pieces into the Show Competition. None of us did any good, but it was well worth the effort when we saw our pieces out on display.

Why not try a piece this year?

The competition entry forms are on the table and they show the dates by which you need to submit your entry. We can arrange for them to get into the Show, but you will have to get it here for some one to deliver.

Don't forget that Southern Highlands will be manning the Guild stand on Sunday 15th June. We also need to supply pieces to be placed on the Guild stand for display and sale. Rules for entry of display and sale items will be announced next month.

Club Shirts, Jumpers, Jackets :

See John Harris. You can have logo made which you sew onto your own shirt, or he can organize a shirt or jacket or jumper.

REMINDER: EDITOR NEEDED

'Woodchips' will need a new editor following the AGM's of the Guild and Southern Highlands this year in September.

See Bill.

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SURFACE DECORATION WORKSHOP TURNING, CARVING AND BEYOND

Organised by Blue Mountains Woodturners Club

What: This is a hands-on workshop where you can experiment with a wide variety of decorative techniques and apply them to turnings. Experienced people will help you learn new skills - wood burning, texturing, relief carving, chip carving, marquetry, chatterwork, inlaying, blacksmithing, painting, staining, resin work and more. We will also run woodturning demonstrations.

You are welcome to bring your own bowls, candlesticks, toys, etc to decorate.

Who 25 Nationally and internationally renowned workshop leaders.
Glenn Roberts - prize winning turner and writer for Australian Woodworker
Ernie Newman – turning teacher and international demonstrator
Lindsay Skinner – professional cabinet maker, turner and carver
Carolyn McCully – pyrographer and writer for Australian Woodworker
Anna Dawes – turning demonstrator in Australia and NZ
Annette Barlow – mural painter who works internationally
Andy Schmidt – sculptor, painter and turner
Geoff Delves – TAFE cabinet making teacher and marquetry expert
Mike Boyle – design teacher and architect
Robert Fry – prize winning sculptor and carver
Bill Shean – woodturner
And many more...

When Saturday, September 20th 2008, 10am to 4pm,

Where Blaxland High School, Coughlan Rd, Blaxland
[35 minutes from Strathfield along the M4].
Coughlan Rd runs left off the highway at the lights 1 km west of Glenbrook.

Cost \$15. Pay at the door. Free morning tea. Bring your own lunch or buy BBQ from us.

Praise for past hands-on workshops

“It was too cheap” Reg Gosper, Bungendore.

“A wonderful, catch-up, bounce-off everybody experience”, Anna Dawes, Oatlands.

“It was a fantastic day”, Aaron Ehrlich, Forestville.

“Extraordinary, fabulous, ridiculously good value” Peter Lloyd, Sydney.

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