



May 2008

WOODCHIPS

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

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Patrons: **Don & Bess Akrigg.**



The Next Meeting
Saturday 26 July, 10.00 am
At Charlton Hall.

BUNNINGS B-B-Q

Saturday 5th July
Help Needed

DIARY DATES.

At Southern Highlands

- 28 June 08** **Top-Turn.** Turn your own top and race it against other members.
Prizes Galore. Fastest top made, ugliest top, longest running.
- 29 June 08** **Guild Bi-Monthly Meeting,** Macarthur Region, Robert Townsend Hig
School, Campobelltown
- 26 July 08** **Andrew Gittoes,** Professional Turner from Goulburn
- 22 August 08** Mike Cassidy.
Guild Bi-Monthly meeting at SHW.
- 27 September 08** Max Donato
- 1-2 November** Southern Highlands Art Trail
Tudor House Market

Other

- 5-7 September** Canberra Working With Wood Show
Do we want a bus for the 6th?
- 12-14 September** Phillip Is Down Under Turn Around
Contact: Caroline Talbot 03 5956 7300
- 20 September** Surface Decoration Workshop, Blue Mountains Woodturners.
See Bill
- 11-12 October** Woodturn 2008, Meadowbank TAFE
Please book now.

May 2008 Meeting

The meeting was opened by John Powell with around 27 members present. John welcomed David Prentice as a new member. David is the TAS teacher at Bowral High School.

John advised us of the coming events, in particular the upcoming Sydney Working With Wood Show. He also reminded us of our upcoming foyer display in the Moss Vale Town Hall. Commencing 28th July with it being opened by the Mayor who will also present the Excellence Award for 2008. We need items for display. John thanked Bob Miller for his years of driving the bus to various events.

He announced that John and Pam Harris have decided to move to Canberra. John will still be booking our Saturday's so that he can come up each month.

Caps: John Harris presented a few samples of caps. \$16 with logo. Shirts, jackets, work smocks etc also available.

Art Trail: This will happen on the weekend of 1/2 November. Our hall will be one of the artist's studios that people will visit. We will need our best pieces on display. We will have a lathe operating. Need volunteers, pieces to display and a need to clean the hall before the weekend.

Library: We have a new cabinet to better display our books and videos. We also have a few new videos on offer.

Treasurer: Ian Pye advised that we are currently collecting annual subscriptions which need to be paid by 30 June. Current funds are \$2,761.38 of which the equipment fund has \$125.

Raffle: Won by Freddie Robjent, Ron South & Bill Bailey.

AWARDS

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

John Page Award:

Fred Robjent 1 nomination Peter Brett 3 nominations Ian Pye 1 nomination

Excellence Award

John Harris: Carved Red Gum Bowl
Ron South: Lidded bowl, PNG Rosewood
Ian Pye: Rectangular bowl
Bruce Everett: 3 footed Tassie Myrtle bowl

Main Activity:

The main activity for the day was Turn-A-Cube by John Harris, Peter Herbert, Bruce Everett and Bill Shean. We were each given a cube of the same wood with free reign as to what we did with it. It was interesting to see the differences that were produced from the same base point.

We found that the lathe working area was quite crowded due to the way we have had to re-arrange the lathes. We really need to rethink our arrangements. Also, I found the light was very poor while turning.

Never the less, we had a fun time with a fair bit of back chat and friendly interchange.

We produced the following:

- Bruce—a salt pig
- John—a lidded bowl
- Peter—changed his mind
- Bill—left it as a cube.



May Show & Tell



John Harris: Trial cube piece, Acme angle finder, Blackbutt Burl, Red Gum carved piece



John Harris: Mystery timber, Gidgee bowl, Rosewood Salt & Pepper, Coachwood Box



Ron South: Boat from a kit, Dump Truck, Tractor, Grader



Ron South: Camphor Laurel Bowl, PNG Rosewood Lidded Bowl

Ian Pye: Sally Wattle

Paul Crossman: Fence Post Vase



Fred Robjent: Fiddleback blackwood salt & pepper, Camphor Urn, Huon Genie Bottle, Huon Salt/Pepper Grinder

Max Donato: Mahogany vase, Train

May Show & Tell



Fred S: Alder bowl, PNG Rosewood bowl, Wenge picture frame, Laser engraved pen



Peter Herbert: Burl with brass filings, Camphor candle holder, Banksia Candle holder, Rectangular candle holder



Peter Brett: Scroll saw work x 2, Huon Box, Scroll saw piece



Peter Brett: Cedar bowl, cedar bowl, Silky Oak Bowl



Bruce Everett: Tassie Myrtle 3-footed bowl, Oasage Orange Pepper Grinder, Silky Oak bowl with Tapa cloth insert

Andrew Gittoes Demonstration July 26th

We have arranged for an all day demonstration by the professional turner, Andrew Gittoes.

Andrew is a well known turner and demonstrator who also teaches woodturning and surface texturing.

His demonstration will focus on what we can do rather than what he can do.

Cost for the day is \$20 including lunch.

Start at 10.00am and finish around 3.30pm

Sydney Working With Wood Show

We have some really good news from the SWWWS.

John Harris scored a second place in the toy making section with his low loader and then scored a third place in the woodturning section.

Congratulations John!!!!

Bunnings B-B-Q

Saturday 5th July. &.30am to 4.00pm

We need helpers to set up, to cook during the day, to clean and pack up. To turn. To sell raffle tickets. We need pieces to display. We need Eskys to keep thing cold.

What we make goes towards variable speed motors for the lathes. See Bill S or Ian P. **HELP!!!!!!!**

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.

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