



May 2008

# WOODCHIPS

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

Web site, [www.sydneywoodturners.com.au](http://www.sydneywoodturners.com.au)

Patrons: **Don & Bess Akrigg.**



**The Next Meeting**  
**Saturday 28 June, 10.00 am**  
**At Charlton Hall.**

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$25

Due by 30 June  
See Ian Pye

## DIARY DATES.

### At Southern Highlands

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>24 May 08</b>    | John H, Peter H, Bill S - <b>Turn-A-Cube</b> (if we can all get there on the same day)  |
| <b>28 June 08</b>   | <b>Top-Turn.</b> Turn your own top and race it against other members.<br>Prizes Galore. Fastest top made, ugliest top, longest running. |
| <b>26 July 08</b>   | Andrew Gittoes  |
| <b>22 August 08</b> | Mike Cassidy.<br>Guild Bi-Monthly meeting at SHW.   |
| <b>1-2 November</b> | Southern Highlands Art Trail<br>Tudor House Market  |

### Other

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| <b>13-15 June</b>      | Sydney Working With Wood show  |
| <b>5-7 September</b>   | Canberra Working With Wood Show  |
| <b>12-14 September</b> | Phillip Is Down Under Turn Around<br>Contact: Caroline Talbot 03 5956 7300 |
| <b>20 September</b>    | Surface Decoration Workshop, Blue Mountains Woodturners.                   |
| <b>11-12 October</b>   | Woodturn 2008, Meadowbank TAFE   |

## April 2008 Meeting

As I was not at the meeting, I have very little to include in Woodchips. No one took notes etc.

## AWARDS

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

### John Page Award:

Ron South      2 nominations      Peter Brett      1 nomination      Fred S      1 nomination  
Ian Pye      2 nominations

### Excellence Award

Peter Brett:      Pyrographed Bowl #3  
Peter Brett:      Pyrographed bowl #1  
Ron South:      Bowl in cedar  
Bill Shean:      Black heart sassafras rectangular lidded bowl

## ALBURY WODONGA WOODCRAFT SHOW

Two Members, Ian Pye and Fred S attended this show over the weekend of 3 and 4 May.

Ian reports that the show was successful and the local committee well pleased with the attendance and quality of exhibits. It was, of course not on the scale of the Canberra and Sydney shows with which we are so familiar. However, there were fifteen trade stalls, continuous demonstrations and some excellent exhibits.

The show was a combined effort of the Albury Wodonga Woodcraft group and the Australian Scroll Saw Association. The woodturning exhibits were not spectacular although there were some nice individual items. Mike Darlow would have found plenty of opportunity to comment on design aspects.

The show stoppers were the fretwork or scroll saw items, some magnificent intarsia and some excellent pyrography (the latter mainly by two local ladies). I hope my photographs do justice to the intricate workmanship of these items. If we ever get tired of turning, there are plenty of other woodie things to do but some that scroll sawing would test your patience.



Palm Cocky: Champion exhibit in Scroll Saw Show box



Eagle: Another intarsia item sold for \$2,200



Clocks: Fretwork items (scroll sawing)



Platypus: Nice simple item of scroll saw work



Horse: John Harris could handle this competition



Turning: The most interesting turned item in the show

**April Show & Tell**



Ron South's pieces: Truck, Car, Bowl in cedar



Fred Schffarczyk's pieces: Offcentre bowl, collaborative work with John Crisp, arborteched burl, matching bowls.



Ian Pye: Square bowl

IP:

Max Donato: Huon pine et al



Bill Shean: Jacaranda

BS: Collaborative with Anna Dawes

BS: Black heart sassafras

Peter Gerlach: Alaskan chestnut



Peter Brett's pieces: Pyrographed #1, #2, #3, #4

## 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

## Excellence Award Judging

This month marks the final month of Show and Tell for the 2008 Excellence Award.

All nominated pieces from past months plus those adjudged this month should be brought to the June meeting.

All members attending the June meeting will be able to nominate their chosen pieces for the Award.

All nominated pieces will be included in our cabinet display at the Moss Vale Town Hall in July and the Mayor will present the winner's certificate at the opening on 21st July.

## 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.

### 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.

## Committee

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