

Highlights of August Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

Our members were drifting in throughout the morning to a total of 22 ,19 stayed for lunch. Hands on was the order of the day. Lunch was expertly cooked by Freddy R and Crispy as his side kick. (Yes you guest it, sausages on a bun.) John Powell opened proceedings after lunch with normal business matters. Some discussion took place regards the Canberra WWW show.



Fred S conveyed a message from Peter Herbert and his possibility of moving again further west to follow his daughters move to Dalby. Peter expects to visit us in October. John Rossiter gave us a presentation of his adventure into a weeks learning to make a Windsor chair in Victoria . These chairs are made totally by hand not using any power tools at all ! The individual parts were made from wet Ash timber but the formed back support was made

from Claret Ash. John is to be congratulated on the chair he made and presented to us , a round of applause confirmed the groups admiration for a very difficult job well done .

Mike Darlow is back and gave us tips on turning and surface finish ,also " triangulation of forces " ! John Powell drew the raffle and show and tell was commenced by John Rossiter . The theme of to day's show and tell was candle holders and table lamps .These items were very well presented in quality and in numbers .



John Powell thanked the Cooks and Chris R for her Tea Cakes ,the close of the day was announced . Fred S

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What's Happening

- 26 September Ornamental Turners & AGM.
Nominations needed.
- 24 October Fred S/ Max / Jim Powell / Ian Pye / Roger
- 31 October—1 November Arts Trail.
- 28 November Peter Brett – Pyrography
Guild Bi-Monthly Meeting will be held at Southern Highlands
- 12 December Christmas Meeting. Hands On. Christmas Decorations



2009 Excellence Award, R South

Show & Tell - August Meeting Project for August was either a lamp or a candle stick



Byron Grant Candlestick in ginko & Picture frame.

Peter Jackson: Bowls in pine



Peter Jackson: Savoury dish and 2 bowls, candle holder, lamp and knitting needles in pine



Max Donato: Table in maple

Peter Brett: Candle holders in **Bill Bailey:** Candle holders in green ash



John Crisp: Candle holder in Pine & walnut stain

Bill Shean: Lidded bowl in Huon Pine, indexed decoration

Peter Gerlach: Candle holders sassafras



John Powell: Candle holder in camphor

Declan Powell: Riddick dagger and flail weapon in pine and maple

Fred Schffarczyk: Candle holders in spalted birch and apple

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President's Report

We have had another busy month with a lot of tidying up and sorting out being done in the shed as we get closer to the Arts Trail. I believe several of our members are doing a lot of work on the lathe to get plenty of stock to sell over that week-end. Remember you can have extra money for Christmas if you do well with your sales at the Arts Trail, and your club benefits too.



Bill Shean and John Harris had a great time at the Phillip Island Down Under Turnaround and also took delivery of the lathe with variable speed, and other motors and accessories which we purchased with our grant from the Wingecarribee Shire Council. These are now set up in the shed for everyone to use.

Our BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday, 19th, was our most successful yet. Beautiful Spring weather brought out lots of hungry people and we even had to go for extra supplies. A very big "Thank you" to all the willing helpers on the day, especially to our Events Organizer, Crispie, and to his able helper, Joyce, also to Jim Powell who did a great job demonstrating. We all agreed it was a most enjoyable day.

I telephoned Peter Herbert over the week-end. He is on the move again but will be at Buderim at least till after Xmas. His daughter has moved to Dalby and Peter has been to look for a house there but there is nothing with the most essential thing, – a shed. He is thinking about Bribie Island, or even the Southern Highlands. He said he does miss us.

Keep those chips flying, John.

Treasurer's Report

The Equipment Fund was increased by \$150 which came from sale of two spare motors \$100 and levies \$50. These increased the fund to \$1,253.74.

Other income and expenses were normal and we have a balance of funds amounting to \$3,005.32. Our balance other than the Equipment fund is \$1,751.58.

BUDGET FOR 2009 – 2010

Although the overall financial result for last year looks satisfactory, our regular sources of revenue less our general expenses shows that we were about \$800 in the red. This problem was masked by the Bunnings BBQ income and some windfall profits from other activities such as bus trips. We have also done well from raffles due to the

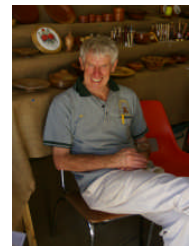
donation of prizes by John and Joyce Crisp.

In the present year we will be relying on some of the BBQ income to be used to cover regular expenses as needed but still hopefully providing some money for the Equipment Fund.

Depending on how the year progresses, we will need to consider how to curb expenditure or take the alternative of increasing fees. On present

Indications, our regular income could fall short of covering regular expenses by up to \$1,200

Ian Pye



Phillip Island Down Under Turnaround 2009

John Harris and I once again made the trip south for the Turnaround held at Phillip Island on the 2nd weekend in September every year. This was the 13th DownUnder the 8th that I have attended and I think the 4th for John.

We took one lathe and then picked up our new Guild lathe from Jim Carroll at the Turnaround. For some reason, John did not get much of a look in at using the new lathe. Some one seemed to have hogged it.

This year there were 74 lathes in operation. The most we have seen. It was a great weekend with lots of turning, lots of talking and lots of checking out what others were doing. Why not come in 2010. We are already booked!!! **Bill S**

A Woodturning Woodie in Twenty Quick Questions

Woodturner in question Ron South

Place of birth? I'm a true blue Highlander. Born in Bowral and raised in Welby. I lived in Welby for 18 years before moving up to Sydney to attend Teachers College.

Now residing? As a teacher I lived in various places around NSW but I settled in Cootamundra in 2003.

Occupation now or in previous life? I'm a retiree now, but my career was as a High School teacher specialising in the Industrial Arts teaching mainly Woodwork, Technical Drawing and Engineering Science.

Interest in turning began when/how? Initially at Teachers College and the school workshops, and then at home.

Have you had any turning tuition? There was tuition at the teachers College and also at the Sydney TAFE.

Do you have a workshop or area as such? I have a nicely adequate 6x9 metre colour bonded workshop in the backyard.

Do you have a lathe? Yes. I have a Technatool 1500 that I got from Trend Timbers fifteen years ago.

What other machinery do you have? Besides the lathe, I have a band saw, thicknesser, scroll saw, a drill press, sander, drop saw and all the other various hand held tools you find in a woodies workshop.

Preferred turning tool? No real preference – if I had to pick I would probably say the bowl gouge and skew chisel.

Favourite turning timber? Camphor Laurel.

Preferred Finish? I like spray lacquer but I mainly use Triple E and Shellawax.

Has your turning been influenced by anything/body? No, however I do get ideas from other people's work.

Do you have a preference in turning i.e. bowls spindle etc.?
Bowls.

Do you have a favourite piece that you have made? Not really.

What has been your most difficult/intricate/failed piece? A spinning wheel and also a bowl, which had a base, 12 offset stems and a halo top.

Is there any particular aspect of your turning you would like to improve? Yep. Everything.

Is there any particular project that you wish to accomplish at some time? A square formatted bowl or platter.

What do you like and/or dislike about woodturning? I like the challenge. The smell of the different timbers and I dislike the dust.

Is there a particular benefit you feel you have gained from the craft? There is a great deal of self-satisfaction in woodturning.

Do you have any other interests apart from woodturning? I guess that I have a lot of other interests. I'm into toy and model making, the Men's shed, church commitments, the Rural Fire service, photography, bushwalking, traveling and being with the family and grandkids.



Guild Equipment For Rent

A decision was reached by the Committee at the last Committee Meeting to make Guild equipment available to all members to rent and take home and use.

We have 4 mini lathes which can be transported in a car boot and which sit in the hall from week to week unused. No longer.

For the modest cost of \$10 per week, you may rent a lathe, 2 drive centres, a chuck and 4 tools.

Conditions:

1. Hire is from 12.01 pm Friday to 9.30am following Friday.
2. Lathe must be returned to hall 9.30am Friday. No excuses. Failure to do so will incur an additional week's fees plus loss of ability to borrow equipment again.
3. All equipment to be signed in/out by one of the Friday attendees.

Show and Tellcont



Graeme Webb: Lamp in PNG Rosewood and bowl in Myrtle



John Rossiter: Candle holder in myrtle



Fred Robjent:
Lamp in River Red
Gum



John Harris: Needle case in
NSW Rosewood



Bob Miller: Candle
holder in camphor



Fred Robjent:
Salt and pepper
grinders in BH
Sassafras



Bill Dinning: Platter in recycled oregon



Bob Miller: Carousel



Fred S: Candle holder in Apple and table lamp in Jarrah Burl



WANTED

John Harris is looking for a used and unneeded Sorby Texturing and Spiralling tool.

If anyone has one that is looking for a good home, he assures me he can offer love and attention to the right applicant.



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Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am –
4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

President: John Powell , 48 712 714

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Secretary: John Harris, 62 582 701

Treasurer: Ian Pye, 48 623 750

Guild Rep: Fred Schffarczyk, 48 894 316

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Sydneywoodturners.com.au**

Old Editions of Woodchips.

Did you know that our Woodchips can be found in full colour on the Guild's website.

From May 2006 to current date. Check it out.

Equipment

We now have a 'dremel' kit and a pyrography machine. Both available for borrowing.

Cost is that you add something to one of the kits, eg a burr or sanding mandrel, or something.

Library

Check it out.

Jimmy Clewes DVDs bought at the Show.

Book, videos and DVDs.

Small fee for a month's viewing or reading.

Presidents Challenge 2009

January: Plate or platter

February: Gavel

March: Inlay, colour, texture

April: Trembleur, hollow form

May: Lidded bowl

June: Sphere or scoop

July: Letter opener, knife

August: Lamp, candlestick

September: Segmented

work

October: Goblets

November: Pens

December: Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2009 meetings. This should also pro-

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.

Pay when ordering.

John Page & Excellence Awards

John Page Awards Nominations

June

Graeme Webb 3 nominations

Peter Brett 2 nominations

July

Byron Grant 3 nominations

August

Byron Grant 1 nomination

Bob Miller 1 Nomination

John Crisp 1 nomination

Excellence Award Nominations

There were no nomination for the June and July Show and Tell for the Excellence Award.

August

Max Donato Tilting Table

John Rossiter Windsor Chair

Peter Brett Carved candle holders in Aust Red Cedar

Fred S Table lamp in Jarrah Burl