

August, 2010

Highlights of July Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

Another glorious morning saw members and guests arriving in numbers totaling 32. John Powell opened the meeting after lunch by introducing some new members and guests .

Andrew Gittoes will be demonstrating for us on 28/08/10 starting 10 am sharp.

Ian proudly presented his Treasurers report announcing that our bottom line figures were in the black and we did not need to increase any charges at this time.

Our Council display will be officially opened by the Deputy Mayor on Friday evening 30/07/10 at 5 pm.

This years Christmas party luncheon is booked for the 11/12/10/ at the M/gong RSL Club at High Noon.

Canberra WWW Show includes a visit to the Residence of John and Pam Harris for their now famous afternoon tea , on the 05/09/10. The Bus will depart Harbison at 8 am.

Ken Cooper commenced demonstrating tool sharpening after lunch. He pointed out the importance of using a flat honing stone



for all straight cutting edge tools . Ken carries his stones resting on 10 mm sponge soaked with a 50/ 50 mixture of kero and oil in a box , his water stones travel in a plastic box on a moist sponge. The grinder is fitted with one gray and one white stone , 1-1/2 in wide wheel with specification 38A80H8VBE (YES) !

Ken several times labored the point " safety first always " use gog-



gles, face shield and sound check grinding wheels before mounting onto grinder. He then went into great detail of care and maintenance of grinders. He strongly promoted the use of Mike Darlow's jigs for correctly setting up tool rests on the grinder for bevel accuracy. The jigs design and their correct use can be found in Mike's DVD and books . Ken then demonstrated the art of sharpening across the range of tools we use . The value of using a leather strop to very ...cont p3

What's Happening

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| 28 August | Andrew Gittoes |
| 3-5 September | Canberra Working With Wood Show |
| | 5 September-Bus leaves Harbison at 8.00am. |
| 25 September | Hands On, Your Favourite Finish |
| | Annual General Meeting |
| 6-7 November | Southern Highlands Arts Trail |
| 21 November | Corbett Gardens Stall. |
| | Need volunteers and goods for sale |
| 11 December | Christmas Party. Mittagong RSL Club |



2010 Excellence Award
P Brett

Show & Tell - July Meeting

Project for July was a Cutting Board



Peter Jackson: Cutting boards in Pine



Bill Bailey: Cutting board in meranti



Graeme Webb: Bowl in Swamp Mahogany



Bob Miller: Vase in NT Kerosene Wood and Box in Golden Ash and Syd Blue Gum, Birdhouse in Blackwood, Osage, Kauri and Cypress



Ken Sullivan: Cheese board in Mountain Ash, Jarrah, Cedar



Max Donato: Box in River Red Gum



Bob Miller: Carousel



Fred Robjert: Birdhouse in BH Sassafras, Oak



Unknown: Bowl, English Oak

Show & Tell - July Meeting

Project for July was a cutting board.



Ken Cooper: Streptoherdron, unknown timber



Roger Wilson: Bowl in Rosewood



Keith Buchanan: Traction engine, pine



Col Hayman: Balls, Huon Pine & Radiata



Peter Brett: Needle Cases in Casuarina, Huon Pine & Macassar Ebony



Fred Schaffarczyk: Trivet & Knife in Fig & Myrtle



Don Greenhalgh: Barleycorn Table leg in Pine

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finely hone tools was next followed by steel bit sharpening . Wood chisels and scrapers also got a mention , there were lots more but

Show and tell had some very interesting and exiting exhibits but were over shadowed by Ken's incredible "Trembleur " and his also unbelievable jigsaw box ? that turned into several fantastic forms . This informative and memorable demo session was the best for some time.

John closed the meeting thanking our kitchen staff as usual . Fred S

President's Report

Congratulations to Peter Brett for winning the Excellence Award for 2010. Those candle sticks are wonderful, so stylish and elegant, and well deserving of the award. I should also like to congratulate John Rossiter whose Windsor chair came a very close second.



Those who came along to the opening of the display and presentation of the award by Acting Mayor Graham McLaughlan had a very pleasant evening, and I would like to thank the ladies who helped with the catering.

We have had quite a few enquiries from people who have seen the display about joining our group and purchasing items. The bird houses are popular, and the ladies like the ear ring holders. The cabinet needs

to be emptied on Friday 27 August, and items will be available for collection from Charlton Hall from that day.

We have paid the deposit for the Christmas buffet luncheon at the Mittagong RSL in the Alexandra Room, on 11 December, at a cost of \$39.50 per person.

There is to be an exhibition of Carvings, Wood Turnings and Sculptures by Richard Raffan and Terry Baker at the Sturt Gallery, Mittagong, from 12 September - 17 October. As members of the club, we have all been invited to the official opening on Sunday 12 September, at 11.00am.

Our AGM will be held prior to our regular monthly meeting in September.

Keep the chips flying,

John.

Treasurer's Report

We finished July with \$4,204.85, a healthy enough balance. Just a reminder to members who attend the workshop on Tuesdays and/or Fridays, the weekly charge is now \$2 payable whether you attend for one session or two.

The other change is that your membership and Equipment Levy will be collected together next year from April. One payment simplifies the bookwork and the earlier time for membership payments will enable us to get our payments in to the Guild by 30 June.

FINAL REMINDER....Current membership fees are now overdue.

Cheers, Ian



Arts Trail 6-7 November

The Arts Trail is fast approaching. We need goods for sale with lots of variety. Some of the things that we could do that we did not have last year are:

Honey dippers	Candle sticks and holder	Ear ring stands	Necklace and chain stands		
Bird houses	Wall hangings	Picture frames	Ring stands	Spurtles	Dibbers
Teaspoons	Butter knives	Lamps	Needle Cases	Cake knives	
Breadboards	Keyrings	Clocks	Pedestal bowls	Sugar bowls	

The Excellence Award Presentation and Opening of the Display

As mentioned in John's President's report, Acting Mayor McLachlan presented the Excellence Award at a function held in the Moss Vale Council Chambers and then opened the 'Treasures in Timber' Display.

This was our third year of both the Award and the presentation of our work in the Council display case, and once again, the work selected for the Excellence Award as well as that shown in the display case, was a great example of our craft.

The 2010 winner was Peter Brett for his carved duplicate candlesticks in Red Cedar. A worthy recipient and a outstanding majority vote from members for his lovely carved piece.

Following are some photos of the presentation, the display and the members and spouses present at the opening.



We have also managed to get some good press recently for the award and the display.



woodwork S.H.N. 6-8-10

Cast your eyes over crafty carvings

By Tahnae Goldsworthy

THE year-long efforts of the Southern Highland Woodies are on display in an exhibition titled *Treasures in Wood* at the Foyer Gallery, Wingecarribbee Council, until the end of August.

Peter Brett is one exhibitor who won the Excellence Award recently with his identical candlestick holders.

Each month the president of the group announces a challenge and each member creates a suitable piece.

The winner each month goes in the running for the Excellence Award started three years ago.

Mr Brett said it took quite a while to make both the candlesticks as it incorporated a lot of carving, something he hadn't had much experience with.

But he wouldn't use any other medium. "Timber is soft and quite tactile," he said.

"And it's just the smell of it and the feel of it. It's [the candle holders] something I think is elegant."

Fellow exhibitor Roger Wilson has three birdcage ornaments on display, which also came out of a monthly challenge - a Christmas decoration challenge.

"I had no idea so I Googled it and came up with a lot of pictures," Mr Wilson said.

So he put in his own variations and can now make one in just an hour.

"Just about every technique you learn in wood turning is used in the piece," he said.

"But the other good thing is you use up all the little scraps you would otherwise burn or throw out."

Treasures in Wood will continue at the Foyer Gallery until the end of August. There are 45 pieces on display with everything from bowls to toys, a paddlesteamer, excavator and clock.



WOODIES: Roger Wilson and Peter Brett share the weight of the excellence Award announced at the opening of the *Treasures in Wood* exhibition at the Foyer Gallery, Moss Vale.

The 2010-2011 Excellence Award has already started with items submitted in June and July.

What is going to be your special piece before Christmas?

Remember, we have a Dremel and a Woodburner for that special affect. Sorby texturing tool coming soon. Try some paint. Goldleaf.



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm
Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

President: John Powell , 48 712 714

Vice-Pres: Roger Wilson, 48 623 175

Secretary: Peter Brett, 48 713 104

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Old Editions of Woodchips.

Did you know that our Woodchips can be found in full colour on the Guild's web-site. I just sent the last few month's worth to go up on the web. So the missing editions should be there.

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Presidents Challenge 2010

January: Turned picture frame

February: Bowl with 3 feet

March: Pr duplicate candlesticks

April: Deep hollowed vessel

May: Bowl with "??"

June: Reassembled wall hanging

July: Cutting board

August: Cup, saucer and tea spoon

September: Dinner plate

October: Turned toy or game

November: Ernie Newman Doll

December: Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2010 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

**We're on the web
Sydneywoodturners.com.au**

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.

Library

Check it out.

Jimmy Clewes DVDs bought at the Show.

Book, videos and DVDs.

Small fee for a month's viewing or reading.

John Page & Excellence Awards

Got any ideas for 2011 President's Challenge?

John Page Awards Nominations

Nominations for **June** Show and Tell were:

Bob Miller 4 nominations

Graeme Webb 2 nominations

Max Donato 1 nomination

Excellence Award

Nominations for **June** Show and Tell were:

Graeme Webb: Bowl , Kwila & Silver

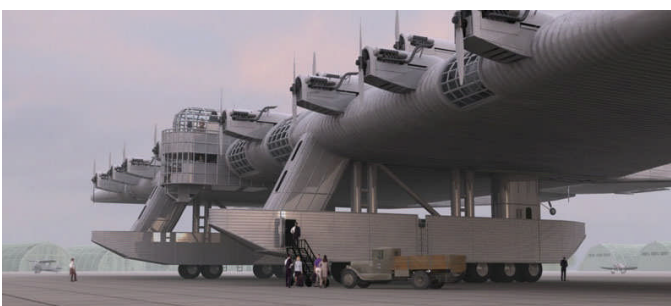
Bill Shean: Bowl, Tassie Blackwood

Bill Shean: Lidded Bowl, Rosewood & Huon Pine

John Harris: Bowl, Pin Oak

Incredible Aircraft

Peter Herbert sent these photos which he got off the web, supposedly of a giant Russian aircraft from WW2. Check the 21st Century luggage shown.



Roger Wilson pointed out that it was an artist's interpretation of the Kalinin K-9. See below:

