

# Highlights of September Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

## Woodchips

Members arrived slowly on this all important AGM election day. The lathes were kept busy and shavings were flying. Bill Dinning produced a novelty item namely a button 20 cm across and 30mm thick. Lunch was served at noon. Our President opened the meeting at 12.45 pm. John Powell mentioned that we had a good year , with an increase in members and many guest demonstrators. Special praise for Roger Wilson who organised thorough cleaning, repairs and painting of the kitchen and hall inside . Special thanks also for Graham Webb for driving the bus on our outings and Bill Shean for producing Woodchips plus many other activities. John went on to thank the committee for their efforts



during the year. Ian Pye read his very positive Treasurers Report. All positions were declared open by Desmond Kennard and a new committee voted in. John Powell opened the monthly meeting and called for volunteers to paint and repair the outside of the hall. We'll ask Winge-carribee Council for a donation to purchase a good band saw . John closed the meeting and proceeded to demonstrate the art of French polishing in detail. Ian Pye gave a talk and demo on the application of Triple E and Shellawax and Graham "volunteered" to do the show and tell segment . John Powell Cont p6.....



### What's Happening

- 23 October** John Harris & Bill Shean (and anyone else with an interesting chuck) Chucks and Chucking
- 6-7 November** Southern Highlands Arts Trail
- 21 November** Corbett Gardens Stall. Need volunteers and goods for sale
- 27 November** TBA Joan Armstrong—Rainbow of the Southern Highlands. Toys needed.
- 11 December** Christmas Party. Mittagong RSL Club





**Bill Dinning:** Platters, Oregon and Tuan



**Roger Wilson:** Bowl, Jacaranda



**Ian Pye:** Tetrahedon Bowl, Silky Oak



**John Crisp:** Pot Pourri bowls, Jacaranda & Silky Oak



**Peter Jackson:** Plates, Pine



**Graeme Webb:** Plate, Sugar Gum & Decoration



**Bill Bailey:** Plate, Pine



**Graeme Webb:** Bowl, PNG Rosewood



**Bob Miller:** Stand for clock, Listed

## 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:

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



**Bob Miller:** Clock



**Graeme Webb:** Bowl, Purpleheart



**Keith Buchanan:** Toy, Pine



**Bill Dinning:** Button, Blackwood



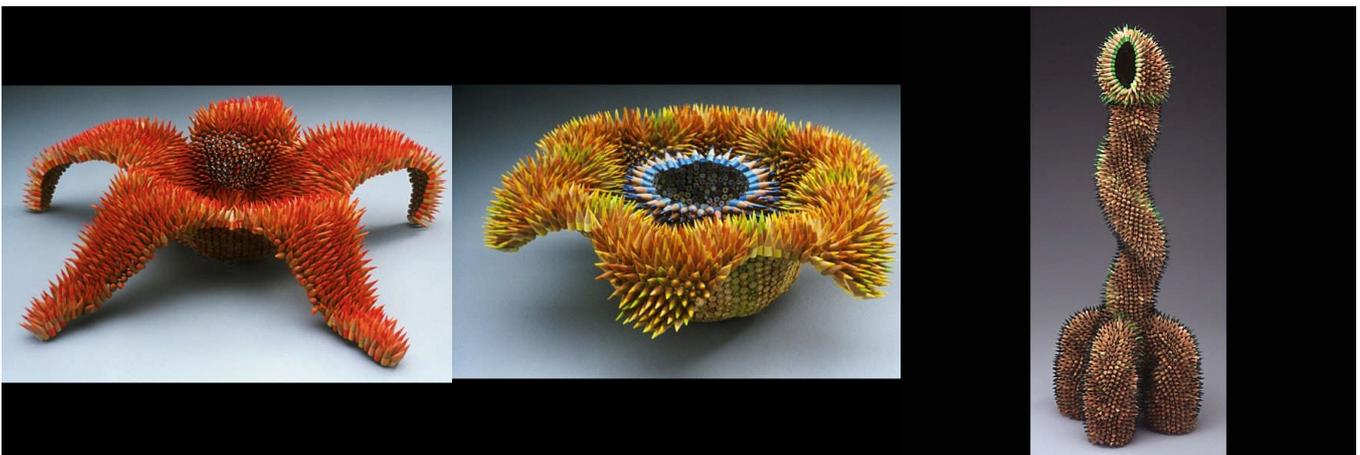
**Peter Brett:** Dinner Platter, Silky Oak & Bowl, Casuarina



**Roger Wilson:** Bowl, Japanese Incense Cedar

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**Just Pencils**      courtesy of Fred Schffarczyk



## President's Report

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### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

2010.

The Southern Highland Woodies Group has had a very successful year once again. The group continues to grow and we welcome all the new members and hope they will enjoy contributing to the club.

Andrew Gittoes, Ken Cooper, John Krook and Darrell Smith were some of our many popular outside demonstrators. Club members have also shown us some of their expertise and these days along with the hands-on days are much appreciated. These sessions and the sharing of our knowledge and experience all contribute to the rising standard of the work produced by our members.

A lot of work has been put into tidying up and improving our workshop and surrounds. The kitchen has been painted, a dust extractor has been installed and a shed built to house it, new shelves have been put up, and various tools and equipment purchased. We are very grateful for the effort put into organizing all this by Roger Wilson, our Vice-President. Also many thanks to his team of willing helpers. The workshop is open Tuesday and Friday mornings for turning and socializing sessions.

Graeme Webb has proved to be an excellent driver on our popular bus trips to the Working with Wood Shows in Sydney and Canberra. Thank you Graeme for this and also for the work you have done with the electrical stuff in the hall.

The Woodchips Editor Bill Shean has done another marvelous job this year. It is now being sent by email which has greatly reduced our costs so thanks again Bill.

Our annual events and awards have all gone well. Peter Brett was the worthy winner of the Excellence Award with a wonderful pair of turned and carved candlesticks, and Graeme



Webb's efforts won him the John Page Award. An example of his work can be seen in the circular frame containing the photo of John Page.

Due to the high standard of work being done by members we are making more sales at outside demonstrations and stalls such as Moss Vale Show, the Black and Coloured Sheep Association day at Robertson, Corbett Plaza Stalls, the Arts Trail and the Treasures in Timber Exhibition at the Council Chambers.

And now to the Committee. Our Secretary and long standing Treasurer are both standing down, so a special thank you to them for their hard work, and indeed to all the committee members. Without your willing contributions a successful club like ours would not exist.

I'd also like to thank the other members who have responsibilities. Max Donato for arranging the stalls in Corbett Plaza and dealing with the Council, Crispie and Joyce for the Bunnings BBQs and raffles, Fred Robjent for the Moss Vale Show arrangements, Bob Miller for being the doorman, all those who help in the kitchen and Judy Powell and Christine Robjent for the afternoon teas. Also thank you to John and Pam Harris for their efforts over the years. Added work commitments in Canberra have limited John's time, and it is difficult for them to attend on a regular basis so Pam has resigned as Librarian.

Everyone's efforts go a long way towards the smooth running and success of our group.

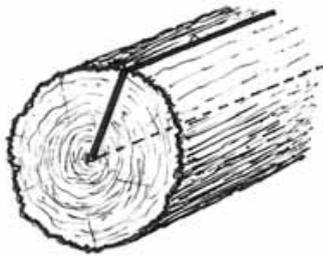
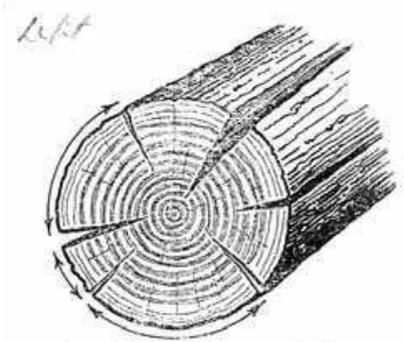
## SEASONING of GREEN TIMBER

Freshly cut (green) timber contains a large amount of water, held within the tube-like cells of which it is composed. Timber in log form shrinks due to the evaporation of this water (in the form of moisture or sap) from the wood cells. As the moisture content decreases, so the timber size decreases, some timbers shrinking more than others.

Shrinkage is inevitable during seasoning, and radial (towards the centre) splits occur quite rapidly along the lines of medullary rays. (Fig. 1.)

So in order to reduce stresses forming in the timber, and as a result splitting, try this method --

Make a relieving chainsaw cut from the bark to the pith, along the length of the log. (Fig. 2.) This is critical, as most shrinkage will take place in the direction of the growth rings.



Store the timber for a year or two in a well ventilated, dry place, out of direct sunlight and draughts. In contrast to Fig. 1. above, very little shrinkage will take place along the grain, so seal the ends to retard the drying process, and to reduce end wastage later.

Examine the end grain and decide where the remaining chainsaw cuts are to be made to yield the best results, i.e., bowl-blanks, or smaller items such as platters or spindles.

Not a foolproof method but worth a try, better than ending up with a log so badly split that it is of little use for wood-turning.

Courtesy: Turnabout  
Magazine of the Woodturners of the Hunter

## September Highlights ....cont

reminded us that Joan Armstrong will be collecting Ed: Thanks to Fred Schffarczyk for the text and Desmond Kennard for the photos of the September meeting.

Raffle was won by Fred H , Fred R , Roger W .  
Roger demonstrated .....

The new Committee:

President John Powell  
Vice President Roger Wilson  
Treasurer Les Dunn  
Secretary Ian Pye

S W G Committee members: John Powell, John Crisp, Fred S (Guild Rep)





**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:** Ian Pye, 48 623 750

**Treasurer:** Les Dunn, 48 611 754

**Guild Rep:** Fred Schffarczyk, 48 894 316

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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.

Got any ideas for 2011 President's Challenge?

**John Page & Excellence Awards**

**John Page Awards Nominations**

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

- Ian Pye** 1 nomination
- Paul Bruce** 3 nominations
- Peter Jackson** 1 nominations
- Col Hayman** 1 nomination

**Excellence Award**

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

- Graeme Webb:** Cup, saucer & spoon: Huon Pine
- John Crisp:** Lidded bowl: Eucalypt Burl
- Max Donato:** Music Box: Red Gum (larger one with flat lid)

**President's Challenge 2011**

I've not received any ideas for the 2011 challenges as yet. So here are some draft ideas to consider and let me know about:

- January:** Square turning
- February:** Spinning top
- March:** Lamp
- April:** Inside/outside turning
- May:** 2-piece Tool handle
- June:** Lidded bowl
- July:** Textured, carved or pyrographed turning
- August:** Board game
- September:** Picture frame
- October:** Candlestick
- November:** Christmas decoration
- December:** Surprise me!