

May, 2011



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips



2010
Excellence Award
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Highlights of April Meeting

John welcomed all to the meeting at 12.30 including two school boys visiting to see how we do woodturning. There was an Easter message from Peter Herbert and Jacko.

We are offering the old yellow Woodfast lathe for sale by tender to members. Tenders will be determined at the May meeting (lathe stand not included)

Our workshop improvements have progressed well thanks to Roger Wilson assisted by Peter Jackson, Fred Robjent and others. The lighting over lathes and over the Show and Tell area has been completed and the wiring connections made simpler and safer. A few small tasks are still under way.

Ron South talked to us about safety in the workshop and with our woodturning. Ron is a retired Wood Work teacher and has had plenty of experience with safety aspects especially where beginners are involved. He warned of the danger of thinking that we don't need safety protection just because we have been doing something for years, its never too late to learn. Ron also noted that the recent improvements have greatly improved the safety and comfort of the workshop.

Some safety instruction and a check sheet for new members are worth considering.

Mike Darlow was in good form and showed us how to make wooden funnels for a variety of uses including the usual

purpose of filling bottles but also for filling jam jars and getting loose screws and nails back into their jars in the workshop. Can't wait to try this out. Mike will welcome any suggestions for topics to be covered in his ten minute sessions...just let him know.

Raffle prizes were donated by John and Joyce Crisp and Bill Bailey. Prizes were won by Jim Powell, Fred Robjent and Bill Bailey

After the usual delightful cakes and slices for afternoon tea we resumed for Show and Tell conducted by Ian Pye. Ian indicated that the committee has prepared some information about the group's two wood work awards, the John Page Award and the Excellence Award and this was now displayed in the workshop.

Despite the fact that this meeting was held on the Easter weekend we had 21 in attendance and the lathes were busy from 9 am.

Courtesy Ian Pye

What's Happening

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| 28 May | Freddie S, Make a Wall Hanging in 2 or more woods |
| 17-19 June | Sydney Working With Wood Show, bus on Sunday |
| 25 June | Richard Raffan - 10.00am start. |
| 23 July | Hands-On, Team Bowl Making
Judging, 2011 Excellence Award |
| 27 August | Pyrography—Kerry Bunker,
Texturing/Carving—Harris/Shean |
| 24 September | AGM and
Jack Butler, goblets |
| 22 October | John Crisp, Indexing on the Lathe
Bill & JC—routing on the lathe |



Michael Hurley: Lidded bowl, leylandii



Roger Willson: Lidded bowl, Callitris, silky oak, red cedar



Max Donato: Ash Tray, unknown oak



Graeme Webb: Lidded bowls, pottery lid



Rees Bunker: Bowl, unknown lid



Jim Powell: Platter & pyrography & paint, cryptomeria



Alex Walker: Lidded bowl, leylandii



Col Hayman: Candlesticks (left) & Columar Candlestick (right), American Cedar



Fred Robjent: Left-Pot pouri bowl, Cyprus pine Centre-Bowl, Cryptomeria Right-Bowl, Myrtle burl



Fred Robjent: Bowl, Myrtle burl



John Crisp: Left-Segmented lidded bowl, Camphor laurel Right-Lidded bowl, Kwila



President's Report

This month we attended the Black and Coloured Sheep Associations day at Robertson. Takings for the day were over \$200. Thank you to all the members who contributed to the success of the day. Your help is always much appreciated.



welcome them all. May your time with the club be enjoyable, satisfying and helpful with your woodturning endeavours.

Roger, Peter Jackson, Fred Robjent, Bill Denning, Jim Powell and others are doing a great job on the hall maintenance with new additions every time you go in. These things all contribute to the wellbeing of the club and are helping to attract new members.

A reminder that there is a bus going to The Sydney Working With Wood Show on Sunday 19th June. We will leave at 8.00am from outside the main gates to HarbisonCare in Charlotte Street. The cost is \$20.00 and we have concession tickets for entry to the show for \$7.00. There are still seats available so please add your name to the list at the back of the hall if you would like to join us.

We have had four people join in the past few weeks and I would like to

In the meantime keep the chips flying,
John.

June Meeting

25 June

Richard Raffan

Start 10.00am sharp.

Cost: \$25

Show & Tellcont



Bill Bailey: Lidded Bowl, Black wattle & rosewood



Fred Robjent: Bowl & eggs, Huon pine



Bob Miller: Lidded bowl, Camphor laurel



Bob Miller: Clock 7 Stand, Leylandii



Ron South: Stage Coach, Tassie black-wood



Keith Buchanan: Easter Bunny & Egg, unknown

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(Affiliated with the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE BY 30 JUNE for membership from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

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Send this form and payment to: Membership Secretary, Southern Highlands Woodies Group Inc,

PO Box 336, Mittagong, 2575 :

or pay Treasurer at next meeting (bring this completed form)

The 2011 Moss Vale Show Report by John Harris

Well as usual the Moss Vale show was well attended by members again this year despite the wet conditions over the course of the 3 days.

The turning centre in our display area was packed for most of the time with the school kids on Friday, with plenty of curly questions for the demonstrators. This year for the school children, we decided to give the lucky ones the spinning tops that we made, and believe me, there was plenty of competition to acquire a top, and on a couple of occasions the teacher present was given the top,

to then hand out to the best behaved child on the day.

Two lucky children were given a pen each from Roger Wilson, and I am sure there was plenty of talk at the kitchen table when those two got home with their pens.

The President and his offsideer Byron Grant were kept busy at the door and cash register through out most of the weekend, Freddy R was kept busy with people calling in for a visit, and Freddy even made time to turn cont p6



Well it wouldn't be a proper day in Robertson if you didn't get some Robertson mist, and as expected the Robo mist was never far away all day, and a couple of times it was down right pouring, this usually happened at the most inconvenient time, like packing up, there was even a request to the Mayor of Robertson, Bill Bailey, for a bit of fine weather, but this must have fallen on deaf ears, as the mist continued.

Well as per previous years the woodies arrived early for the setting up of woodturning central, but this year there was a surprise for them, the year eleven kids from the Highlands Christian School were already set up with their BBQ and ready for business. So the woodies had to set up camp in a slightly different spot than we usually did.



John Powell took up position at the sales counter, while Peter Jackson and Roger Wilson got things ready outside. Shortly after John and Pam Harris arrived from Canberra, and unloaded, then it was gentleman, to your lathes.

Roger Wilson got Mick the fireman

Mike Darlow was due to give a 10 minute talk at the May meeting on tool handles. He regrets that due to Aliko having a birthday that weekend, he is unable to do so and apologises to all and will pick that topic up at a later meeting.



straight onto making some coasters for wine bottles, and then the visitors started flocking around the lathe to see the master and his apprentice at work.

Peter Jackson and Bill Bailey kept the crowds entertained with their skills at the lathe. As expected the ladies disappeared into the hall

to search for the elusive bargain that must be there some where, and also tried out the tea and coffee facilities, and reported that all was well in this department.

Having the kids with their BBQ right next door was an enormous advantage at lunch time or any time you felt the urge to eat, I'm just glad that smelling the cooking



doesn't make you gain weight.

Well thank you to all those involved your contribution is greatly appreciated, and to the ladies for allowing the men to have a great day out.

Remember that it won't be long before the Working With Wood Show is on in June and if you want to sell items at the show you had better get busy at the lathe.

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Moss Vale Show 2011cont

a few wine goblets as give away gifts.

Freddy S was there to help out with the demonstrating as well, we were even blessed with a visit from John and Joyce Crisp who had some great stories to tell, Garnett called to see us, and to show some of us the latest bullet pen he had made. Moss

Vale show prize winner, Alex Walker and his Mum and Dad, also called in to see how the show was going and the demonstrators and helpers.



Of course the ladies were there as well, Pam Harris, Fay Powell, Chrissie Robjent, all made sure the men were paying attention to the display stand as things were removed for sale.

Judy Powell sent Jimmy along with some of those fabulous slices that we all enjoy, and Jimmy was also kept busy with his demonstration projects that he had with him, and as you can see from the photo he worked up quite a sweat and had to remove his shirt.

I think you will find that again this year was well worth while from a sales point of view,

despite the rain, as well as getting our profile out there into the community, we were also asked to attend

the Albion Park Show, and this held in



January each year, so this will also need to be given some thought.

Well turners keep producing more of those fabulous items that we need to keep the sales tables full, because we all know that it doesn't take long for the next show to come around again.

Peter Gerlach was an enormous help with his vehicle, transporting the lathes and many sundry other necessary items that are needed to make the show the success that it is, as well as demonstrating his skills at the lathe.

Of course there is always a big thank you to all those involved with getting the show on the road, many of whom are usually in the background, but once again thank you one and all.

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position..

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?'

'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws.'

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.

'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain.

**God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;
God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!**

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

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Presidents Challenge 2011

- January:** Any face plate turning
- February:** Birdhouse
- March:** Bowl incorporating pottery
- April:** Lidded bowl
- May:** Candle stick
- June:** Anything using 2-3 woods
- July:** Box
- August:** 2-piece tool handle
- September:** Textured, Carved or Burnt
- October:** Goblet
- Nov:** Christmas ornament

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2011 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.
Note that the order may change as demonstrators are finalised.

John Page & Excellence Awards

John Page Awards Nominations

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

- Jim Powell** 1 nominations
- Bob Miller** 3 nominations
- Bill Shean** 1 Nomination
- John Crisp** 1 nomination

Excellence Award

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

- John Crisp:** Lidded bowl, rosewood and ceramic lid
- Bill Shean:** Lidded bowl, sheoak and ceramic lid
- John Harris:** Ear-ring stand

Good one !

The Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at

5:00 AM .' He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, 'It is 5:00 AM . Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece