

Highlights of October Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

Well as usual it was action stations at the October meeting, there was plenty of activity at the lathes as well as plenty of visitors to the tea-pot and kettle, there was an abundance of noise being generated in the kitchen as our resident chef was back at the helm, with his cheeky mate Freddy Robjent, along with a few helpers and plenty of members offering advice on all manner of things from cooking to woodturning, although some of our newer members haven't seen Crispy turn anything yet.

It should be noted here that there has been a few changes made to the running of the kitchen, we now have Mick the fireman as our supplies officer, this was deemed necessary as sometimes there has been such a rush for the wonderful cooking at lunch time, that there has been shortages, and some of the fair dinkum workers have been restricted in their intake, we hope this measure will overcome this situation!

Well the hooter went for lunch, and well, if you have ever seen a sack race, well this must run a pretty close second, the rush for the kitchen is much the same with plenty of jostling for position, elbows, even some members were keen to put their money in the tin so as not to miss out on the gastronomical delights that Crispy calls snags, once the excitement has subsided, there was time to admire the new fridge that we had purchased.

Roger Wilson indicated several new items of equipment which had been purchased and thanked John Crisp for constructing the new individual chuck holders for each lathe. These new kits hold a chuck, the appropriate chuck key and levers and a drive and tail stock so that a full set of

What's Happening

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| 26 November | John Harris, Earring, Ring & Chain Stands |
| 10 December | Christmas Meeting 12.000 noon. Spouses included. Names please for booking. |
| 28 January | Hands on Day |
| 25 February | Max Donato - Making His Sailboats |



President's Report

Well the Arts Trail is over for another year. I would like to thank all the willing helpers at the shed, those who sent items for sale, and the ladies who supplied goodies for us to have with our coffee. We had 109 visitors who spent about \$1400 so we didn't do too badly.

At our October meetings we voted to make Bill Shean an Honorary Member of the SH Woodies in recognition of his long, professional association with the Group and the contribution to the development of the expertise to our members. This means that the SHW Group will bear the cost of his annual membership of the Guild. Well done, Bill.

The winner of the John Page Award will be



announced at the November meeting.

A reminder that time is running out to get your names in for the Christmas Luncheon at the Mittagong RSL on Saturday, 10 December. The Club needs to have final numbers after the meeting on 26 November, so check with your social secretaries and get your bookings in. The cost is only \$40, a very reasonable cost for the great selection on the menu; see the menus in the shed.

As this is my last report for the year I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. May Santa be good to you, and may 2012 be prosperous, healthy and happy for everyone.

Keep those chips flying,

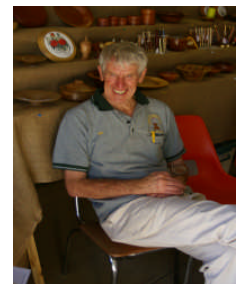
John.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for October:

Having received and banked our grant money of \$2300 from Wingecarribee Shire, our financial situation looks very healthy. Balance at the end of October was \$3557.48. Our equipment fund is still overspent by \$781.15 as we purchased another chuck, some texturing tools and several other items.

Our sales at the November Arts Trail were just under \$1,400...and 109 people visited the workshop.



equipment can be selected and taken to the lathe for easy use.

Of course with lunch out of the way it was time for our guest demonstrator/ inventor/ story teller/master chef, John Crisp to begin his demonstration on the much talked about but seldom seen subject of indexing.

On this occasion John Harris was called upon to assist the main man, John Crisp, by providing hands on experience and knowledge of the John Crisp indexing gadget. Others involved in the demonstration were, Ken Sullivan, who just happened to be in the right place for distributing actual work pieces to other members, and Roger Wilson, for rounding up and collecting all the bits once they had made their way to the back of the hall. I am sure that all who attended were absolutely brimming with information at the conclusion of the demo, as Mr Crisp is such a knowledgeable fellow, but one thing that perhaps should be mentioned here is that to make or create a seven sided piece then you will need to ask Crispy if he can make his indexing jig cope with holes at every 51.428571 degrees? Perhaps this could be one of the Presidents challenges for next year?

Show and tell was conducted by John

Harris and given the high caliber of work that Crispy went to with his demonstration, John Harris was placed in a position where he had to also lift his game, well what a task this show and tell gig is, there is always plenty of well turned pieces on show and this month Alex Walker has been particularly busy making and staining his latest creation, a yellow racer, which I am sure would be the envy of most lads who do not have one, other works that should be mentioned are Bill Baileys 3 turned goblets, Bill manages to bring a piece for show and tell each month, and it is not all that often that we see Crispy with something turned, but this month not only did he turn a goblet but he also managed to carve around the rim a series of elephants for decoration, there is just no limits to what Crispy is capable of, did I also mention that the goblet was made from pewter or something similar?

Thank you all for taking the time and making the effort to make this part of our meeting the success that it is.

So that just about sums up the meeting, one can only guess what things will be on show and tell for next month, but the best part is attending the meeting to find out and solve the mystery!

Show & Tell - October Meeting October project was a goblet



Peter Gerlach: Candle stick, bottle & unknown timber



Fred Robjent: (left) Bowl, Myrtle (right) Pot pourri, Cryptomeria



Peter Gerlach: Bowl, Ginko biloba



Freddy Robjent: Goblet, Dead finish



Roger Wilson: Goblet, Box Elder



Graeme Webb: Goblets, Camphor



John Wisby: Goblet, Vic Ash



Bob Miller: Goblet, NT Kerosene



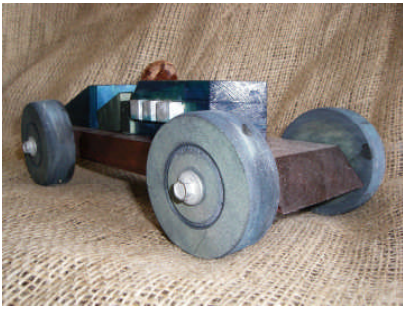
Bill Bailey: Goblets, Thuya, Cedar, Unknown



Ian Pye: (left) Hollow form, Acacia (right) Bowl, NG Rosewood



Show & Tell - October Meeting cont



Alex Walker: Yellow racer, Kwila, Pine



John Harris: (left) Boxes, Red Gum (right) Weedpot, Fence Post



John Harris: Bowl made in NZ Participation, Ancient Kauri, Guilders paint



John Harris: l to r: Boxes, Rimu



Lidded Bowl, Cedar, Rosewood



Pen & Business Card Holder



John Powell: Bowl, Black Maree

Arts Trail 2011

The Arts Trail is now well and truly over for 2011. Once again we saw a really good display from a number of members. We also saw quite a few members in attendance throughout the four days. At most times, we had more members than we did potential customers.

We had a lathe doing some demonstrations outside. At one stage, we had the three wise men- Max Donato, Jim Powell & Bill Dinning being



Question # 1??: How much does a house weigh?

Question # 2??: How much weight can a rural two - lane bridge hold???



Question # 3??: Would this be covered by home insurance, car insurance or does it come under roadside assistance???

Arts Trail 2011 ...cont

enthralled by the virtuosity of that doyen of demonstrators, John Harris. Unfortunately, the photo did not do them justice. Meanwhile, I was set up in side with a dremel, paint, carving machine and the pyrographer showing some decorating and texturing techniques.

While customers were slow in coming through, we had pretty consistent sales with most visitors buying something. Bargains were top of the list, so keep that in mind for next year.

Can I offer a personal thanks for all those who helped me with unloading and loading my boxes, I could not have done it without your assistance.





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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 & President's Challenge Awards from September Show & Tell

President's Challenge (John Page)

Jim Powell 2 votes

Alex Walker 1 vote

Graeme Webb 1 vote

Les Bell 1 vote

Excellence Award:

Fred Robjent large platter in pine

Mick Hurley bowl in Jacaranda