

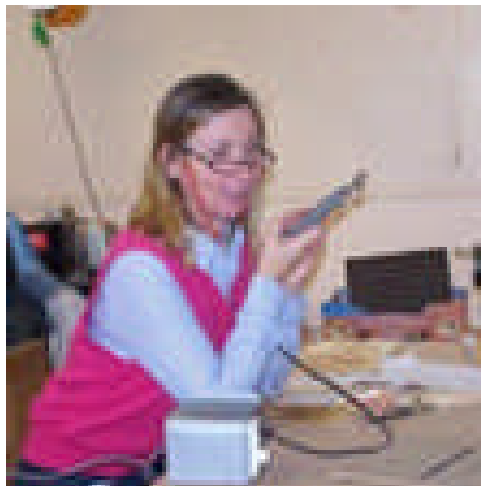
Highlights of August Meeting

by J Harris



Well it was a very pleasant day at the home of the Southern Highlands Woodies on Saturday the 27th August. There was plenty of activity in the morning with members busy finishing some of their turnings before the hooter signaled time for the feeding frenzy. It should be mentioned that the kitchen was extremely quiet, even with two chefs very busy preparing a veritable feast. The lack of noise was put down to the absence of our resident chef, culinary expert, story teller, inventor, manufacturer, stirrer and all round good bloke, John

Crisp, who just happened to be away on holidays at the time, and also part of the convoy of no confidence, truly a very busy man even away from the frying pan. However Freddy R and Jim Powell struggled on regardless, even without their fearless leader, the lads did very well and even achieved a few changes in the lunch time menu, however this did throw the writer of this report off course a bit.



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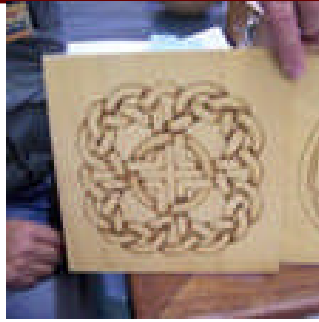
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What's Happening

- 24 September AGM and Jack Butler, goblets
- 22 October John Crisp, Indexing on the Lathe, routing on the lathe
- 5-6 & 12-13 November Arts Trail - see page
- 26 November John Harris, Earring, Ring & Chain Stands
- 10 December Christmas Meeting 12.00 noon. Spouses included.
Names please for booking.
- 28 January Hands on Day
- 25 February Max Donato - Making His Sailboats



We were privileged to have Kerry Bunker, a very fine pyrographer visit the hall and demonstrate her skills with pyrograph (wood burning thingy) and showed us how important it was to accurately trace your pattern onto the prepared surface, of course the surface has to be fully prepared prior to tracing and burning as there is no way of going back once you have started.

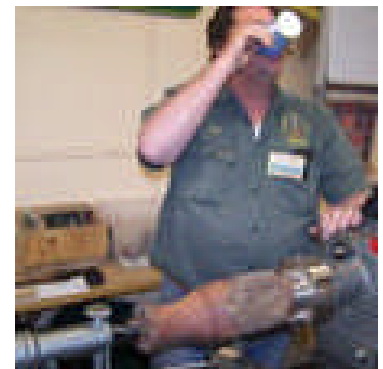


while you are making your bowl.

Due to the absence of Bill Shean, who is suffering from a bad back, caused by spending too much time in front of



the computer working instead of being in the shed turning, Roger Wilson was pressed into service as a demonstrator and he showed us this great little texturing tool from England and the many ways he likes to use it and the different effects it produces.

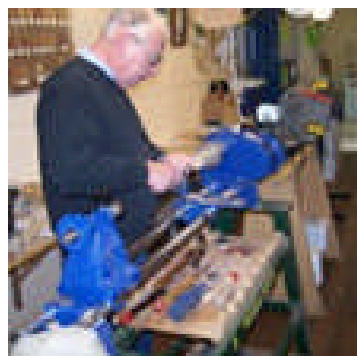


One other thing that Kerry pointed out that often gets over looked is the growth rings, as the winter growth rings are usually more dense than the summer growth rings and this may have an impact on the heat required for this area.

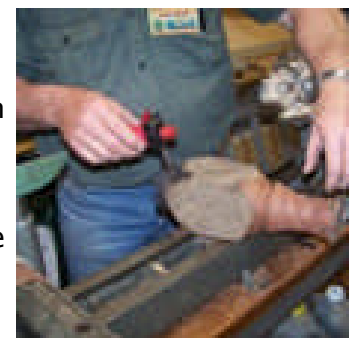


John Harris was also on demonstration duties, and started his segment off by showing members how to go about carving your turned bowls, using hand carving tools. And then he produced some previously carved bowls for the members to pass around and look at and ask questions if they have any, he then went onto demonstrate his texturing tool also known as the ten dollar tool, when

Mike Darlow presented his 10 minute tips segment in about 20 minutes and gave us a little recap on the hands on day, and some of the observations he made as the bowls were being turned, in particular the clearance angles for particular cuts that are needed



asked why it was called such a name the reply was that each time it was used on a bowl it increased the selling price of that bowl by ten dollars.



Then John demonstrated how to use pyrography to hide problem

President's Report

There were 21 happy travellers, plus our driver Graeme Webb, on the trip to the WWW Show in Canberra. We called at Bungendore to admire the excellent display of items for sale in the Wood Works Gallery, and many of us came away with lots of ideas and plans. It was then on to the WWW Show which was busier than last year, with a better roll up of exhibitors. Then it was time for the highlight of the trip, ----- Afternoon tea at Pam and John Harris' home. Pam had really excelled herself with lots of homemade goodies and we all came away feeling very contented. Several were so content, and so confident in Graeme's driving ability they slept most of the way home. All agreed it was a great day.

The display in the Council Foyer Cabinet



has been dismantled and the items returned to Charlton Hall. The cabinet has been booked again for the same time next year.

Talking about bookings, I have also booked the Mineral Springs Room at the Mittagong RSL Club for our Christmas Luncheon. Mark your calendars for Saturday, 10th December, 12noon to 4.00pm. Cost will be around the \$40 mark. Wives and partners very welcome. We had a wonderful time last year, and hope to have more members there this time.

Members will be sorry to hear that we have recently lost two members, Don Swinton and Michael Elphic, and we extend our sympathies to their families.

Keep those chips flying,

John.



areas that just will not sand or scrape to some reasonably satisfactory finish, he then produced a blow torch, and explained that Kerry was not allowed to take this home with her, and that this

method and style of pyrography was known as, pyrography on steroids, all those who were asleep up until this point were soon awakened by the gasps of horror at the thought of burning some recently completed piece, but as the demonstration continued on the members soon realized what a clever and easy way to get yourself out of a bind, and some vowed that they would try this method at home, some one asked how long you should apply the heat to the timber to obtain that fabulous black colour, and of course the answer to that is, "remove the heat

source just before your piece of turning erupts into a ball of flame", well that concludes the demonstration side of things, but the writer was also asked to conduct show and tell, at this point I informed the President that the fee payable for the day had just doubled. I was delighted with the number of pieces on show, the standard of the work was very high and is a credit to all who had their work out on display, members should be very proud of themselves and their improvements in their turning and finishing skills, how ever Freddy R is still proving difficult to convince that there are other finishes on the market other than "Liberon", at this point I should also like to mention the raffle winners and they are John Powell, Bill (lucky) Dinning and Dennis Moulag.

John Harris (at the Rugby with the Powells)

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get re-possessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

Arts Trail 2011

The Arts Trail this year will run across more than a single weekend. We will be hosting on the weekends of 5/6th & 12/13th November.

We will be setting up on Friday 4th Nov. On that day, the following Friday and on Tuesday the 8th, the Hall will not be open for woodturning activities. Cleaning and set up only! Once set up we will not be pulling the stands and display down until the last day.

So make sure you have all your goods ready for sale, a list of all your goods with a number for each item.

Below is the list that I published last year of things we were missing in 2009, think of which of these you can make between now and the

Honey dippers **Candle sticks and holder** **Ear ring stands** **Necklace and chain stands** **Bird houses**
Wall hangings **Picture frames** **Clocks** **Ring stands** **Spurtles** **Dibbers** **Teaspoons** **Butter**
knives **Lamps** **Needle Cases** **Cake knives** **Breadboards** **Keyrings** **Pedestal bowls** **Sugar**
bowls **Olive Forks** **Bread knives** **Heat Stands** **Pyrography Items** **Carved Items** **Toys** **Boxes**
Mirrors **Rolling Pins**



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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 June Show & Tell

No committee meeting was held in August, so all award nominations for August and July will be promulgated in October Woodchips.

New Tool

We have bought a new tool to add to the Club toolkit. It is a deep hollowing system called the Revolution by Crown. You will see it advertised in the current edition of Woodturning.

We have bought the cranked and straight tool shafts with six different shaped cutters.

These will fit into the Sorby armbrace using one of the Crisp-adaptors.

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