

Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

Our creed...

By Hand & Eye

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO THE GUILD



INSIDE: What can you expect to get from the Sydney Woodturners Guild. Some Guidelines for members, Details of facilities available, About regional groups, Structure and organisation, Safety and tips on woodturning.

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WELCOME TO THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

Welcome to the Sydney Woodturners Guild and I hope that your membership of the Guild will be a long and mutually profitable association.

This little booklet has been prepared to answer many of the questions that many new members ask about the Guild and is intended to guide you through the early days of Guild membership.

Some of the topics covered are:

Aims and Aspirations:

This is what the Guild is basically all about. Covered is how the Guild fulfils these aims.

The Structure of your Guild:

How you are represented on the committee and how you can help direct your Guild. What the Guild expects from you.

Regional Meetings:

Providing some basic information about each of the regional groups.

Safety and Woodturning:

Some of the hazards to avoid and what is expected as a member.

What the Guild does for me and my Region/Club:

How the Guild contributes to you and your region or club.

Woodturning gear & merchandising:

A short directory where to get your equipment and materials.

MEMBERSHIP

Be advised that even though you have joined at one particular region you are a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild (Inc.). This entitles you to attend any meeting or function of the Guild as a full member of the Guild with all the rights of that membership. This includes, but not limited to meetings of other regional groups. You will be welcomed at the meetings of other groups.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The cost of renewal of membership fees is reviewed from time to time and is currently \$35 per year for the Guild. Regions/Clubs often add to this to help cover their own expenses. Membership fees fall due on the 1st July each year. You will be supplied with a renewal reminder form at your club.

Your region/club will organise the forwarding of The Guild membership fee and paperwork to the Guild Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Your new membership card will then be forwarded to your region/club for you to pick up. . This membership card can be shown at some traders to obtain a discount on purchases.

You are a member of the Guild the moment you pay your fees and fill in the Membership Form even though you may not have a Guild membership number issued to you at this time.

If you joined after 1st April, you will not have to renew your membership until July the following year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Guild has a website with information including the Guild Constitution. Furthermore, the latest and some past issues of the Guild newsletter “By Hand & Eye” is available on this website. The address is:

<http://sydneywoodturners.com/>

Aims and Aspirations:

The Aim of the Guild is:

- 1) To promote the craft of hand woodturning.
- 2) To bring together individuals interested in woodturning.
- 3) To exchange woodturning ideas and knowledge among members through such avenues as:- Discussions, Seminars, Demonstrations, Recurring education and Competitions.
- 4) To encourage interest in woodturning through the display of woodturned articles at exhibitions, shows, fairs etc.
- 5) To inform members of availability of turning timbers and associated items, where possible arrange purchase at prices advantageous to members.
- 6) To seek a progressive influence on the design and techniques of woodturning.
- 7) To provide an environment for members to interact in such a way so as to avoid social isolation and develop new friendships.

STRUCTURE OF THE GUILD

The first formal meeting of the Sydney Woodturners Guild was held at the Woodturning Centre of the Sydney Technical College, Ultimo, on the 4th July 1983.

The emblem and creed were devised at that time to indicate that a “skilled hand” in conjunction with “a good eye” will be required to execute the shape

and form of the turned object as per the design or a variation thereof. It also reminds us that the final appearance of the object has to be “pleasing to the eye”.

The organisational structure of the Guild roughly follows the guidelines as laid down in the model rules for organisations. These basic rules were adopted when the Guild incorporated on 8th February 1989. The Guild’s Objectives and Rules are described in detail in our Constitution updated 2nd November 2009.

The Guild consists of a number of regions/clubs, each being an incorporated entity in their own right forming part of the umbrella organisation known as The Sydney Woodturners Guild. Each region/club is allowed 3 representatives who attend the Guild Executive Meeting every 2 months. At these meetings, various matters concerning the Guild are discussed and voted on.

Any member of any region/club is welcome to attend the Executive Meetings, but only 1 person from each region/club is permitted to vote. This is so that no one region/club can dominate the operation of the Guild. All Regions/Clubs are equal.

Page 2 of the “By Hand & Eye” newsletter lists the current contact details of your representative.

The Executive

The Guild is an Incorporated entity and is required to have elections for Guild Officers at a General Election each year. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in September each year.

A nomination form is usually provided with the June/July newsletter.

Regional/Club Representatives

The other members of the Executive Committee are the representatives. Each region/club of the Guild has up to 3 representatives on the committee. These representatives are nominated and elected by the membership at the

region/club meetings. Communication to and from the committee is via your representative.

The representative should be communicating to you the decisions and determinations of the Executive Committee. Your concerns should also be passed to the committee via your representative. It is your responsibility as a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild to support your representative and ensure that they represent your interests to the committee.

Regional/Club Convenors/Presidents

These are elected by the membership at the AGM of the region/club. They control and co-ordinate the conduct of the meetings. They are important members of a region/club and always have a lot to do. They may require help in the conduct of their duties and should be able to count on all members for support.

Other Regional/Club Officers

The regions/clubs determine what other officers they need to assist the regional/club convenor/president in the discharge of his/her duties. A Treasurer, Secretary and Public Officer is suggested.

You, the members

Your job is to treat all other members with respect and friendship and to provide support to others and especially new Guild members and particularly those who have been elected to office. You will also find that participation in Guild functions has its rewards.

Committee Appointments

These people include the Public Officer, Newsletter Editor, Special Events Co-Ordinator and Membership Secretary. They are invited to Committee Meetings and although they have a voice they are not elected and therefore have no vote in the determination of the Committee.

Why should I attend an Executive Meeting?

The Executive Meetings are held on the last Monday of every second month, i.e. January, March, May, July, September (AGM), and November. Meetings are held at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162. Meetings start at 6:30PM, (1830) and are generally finished by 9PM, (2100) at the latest.

You should attend at least once to see how the Guild Executive functions and to meet representatives from the other regions/clubs.

WHAT THE GUILD DOES FOR ME AND MY REGION/CLUB.

Membership: The Membership Secretary maintains the Guild and the Clubs' current membership. Membership numbers from the Guild are NOT reissued. Therefore, for example membership number 1 is not held by the oldest member, or the Guild President. It is only held by the original owner.

Insurance: The Guild by using the power of numbers ensures that members and Regions/Clubs get the best possible deal for insurance. Each year clubs or individuals say that they can get insurance cheaper. The Guild Secretary ALWAYS checks to ensure that we are getting the best deal possible. We usually find that we can get cheaper insurance, but you have to give something up, e.g. "Uninvited Guest Cover". This covers you if a thief breaks into your region/club to steal from you. They then injure themselves and sue you for leaving dangerous equipment around. Or you have to give up cover for carrying large amounts of cash from a market day, BBQ or other fund raiser etc. Or you have to give up Public Liability cover, it is assumed that no one wants to take that risk.

Region/Club Promotion: The Guild through the Royal Easter Show and The Timber and Working with Wood Show promotes ALL the regions/clubs. Anyone coming to the demonstrations and showing an interest in joining, or wanting to "give woodturning a go" is given a flyer and directed to the most appropriate club for the area that they live in. If a member of that club is present they are introduced, so they have a personal contact. We have the

Guild Events Coordinator to thank for these activities. Members also benefit from discounted entry tickets to some shows.

Also under this section are Web Services. A number of clubs have their own website, but the Guild also promotes the Clubs through its own website. Indeed clubs are welcome to have their own space on the Guild website. Our Web Administrator has made this offer a number of times.

Most recently promotion; has taken a new turn with Bankstown, Northern Beaches and Eastern Region trying out the offer of the Hobby Society. Bankstown report very good results. They also report that they redirect possible members to the club nearest to them if they wish to join the Guild.

Training: Regions/Clubs run their own woodturning courses. The Guild offers free to the Regions/Clubs “Train the Trainer” courses. These courses are run on an “as needed” basis and have been very well received.

Sale of Excess Product: The Guild through The Timber and Working with Wood Show enables members to sell their excess product. The Guild does take a small percentage, but the Guild has to pay for the space, electricity, truck etc. Profit for this is not our main objective, please remember that most of the membership you pay goes to insurance.

Promoting the Craft of Woodturning: This involves the Easter Show, where the Guild offers prizes in a number of categories devoted to woodturning and also contributes to the judging of turned artefacts. It also comes into the area of the Timber and Working with Wood Show where the incredible products of our members are on display and sale.

Promotion is also via the Web Services, the Newsletter, Art/Craft markets and some other areas.

Newsletter: Better known as the By Hand & Eye (BH&E).

In addition to the BH&E, I know that a number of clubs have their own newsletter/club magazine. This allows members to know what is happening within their own club. BH&E allows members to know what is happening in other parts of the Guild.

I would like to finish by saying that you should remember it is YOUR Guild, and you will only get out of it what you put into it. The volunteers are there to help and facilitate, but in the final analysis it is up to YOU to make it work.

REGIONAL/CLUB MEETINGS

The real strength of the Guild is in the Regional/Club meetings. This is a short list of the regions/clubs as a point of introduction. Being a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild you are entitled to attend any meeting on the calendar of any region/club.

Bankstown Region

Bankstown has their shed open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 0800 to 1430 approximately. They meet at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162.

Web Address:

http://www.chnc.org.au/sitebuilder/aboutus/knowledge/asset/files/68/flyer_woodturnerguild_201807.pdf

Southern Highlands Region

Their shed is in the grounds of Harbison Aged Care's facility 2 Charlotte Street, Burradoo, NSW. 2576.

The shed is open Tuesday 0900 to 1230, Friday 0900 to 1230 and Saturday 0900 to finish. The group holds their monthly meeting on 4th Saturday of the month from 1100 to 1630.

Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners

The club is located at the Narrabeen RSL Club, 116 Nareen Parade, North Narrabeen, 2101. The workshop is at the lower front section of the building and is available to members daily.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday sessions are set aside for learning, training, guidance and toy making. Open 0900.

Meetings and Demonstrations are held on the third Sunday of each month.

Menai Region Woodturners

Currently Menai Region meets at 2 locations. Firstly at Menai High School Wood room at 40 Gerald Road, Illawong, 2234, from 1800 to 2100 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Secondly at the Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, 30 Recreation Drive, Barden Ridge, 2234 (100 metres down on right from Golf Driving Range) from 1730 to 2030 on 4th Tuesday of the month.

There is no charge for Guild Member visitors.

Eastern Region

Eastern Region shed is at 169 Bilga Crescent, Malabar. 2036. The shed is open each Friday 1000 to 1400, and each Saturday from 1000 to 1600. These times can be extended if necessary.

The group holds their monthly meeting with a BBQ and Show and Tell on the first Sunday of the month from 1000. Cost is \$5 per person.

Web Address:

<http://woodturner.net.au/>

Macarthur Region Woodturners

MacArthur Region Woodturners meet on the last Sunday of each month from 0930 to 1430. They meet at Robert Townson High School in the Wood room, Shuttleworth Avenue, (enter off Spitfire Drive), Raby, 2566. No cost for visiting members.

SAFETY AND WOODTURNING

Woodturning can be a hazardous pass time. All members should adhere to their local Region/Club Health and Safety requirements.

If in doubt seek advice from your Region/Club Safety Officer or Region/Club Trainer.

Above all **“COMMON SENSE”** is to prevail **DO NOT** proceed until advice has been obtained.

NEWSLETTERS

The Guild provides a copy of “By Hand & Eye”, its official newsletter, to each member 6 times a year either as an electronic copy or as a hard copy to members who do not have computer facilities.

Items can be submitted to the editor by means of mail or email, (see last page of By Hand & Eye for email address). Mail should be addressed to: THE EDITOR, BY HAND & EYE, 6 MAITLAND AVENUE, KINGSFORD. NSW. 2032. Articles should be typed, but hand written items are also acceptable provided that names are clearly printed. Photos and drawings are welcome but for reason of copyright we cannot use articles and pictures from publications and published works.

We have used articles from other newsletters that we swap but such articles are acknowledged and reproduced in their entirety.

WOODTURNING GEAR and MERCHANDISING

This is by no means a complete list of merchants who supply woodturning products and timbers. However it does contain companies that have been found to be useful to members.

It should be noted that it is worthwhile for members to take their Membership Card when making purchases and ask if there is a discount for Guild Members.

WOODEZE:

Leigh Ferguson, 130 The Promenade, Sans Souci, 2219.

Telephone: 9539 4692.

www.wood-eze.com.au

Always ring before going. If he does not have what you want he will get it in usually.

TIMBERBITS:

203 Woodville Road, Villawood, 2163. Telephone: 9788 3383.

www.timberbits.com

Open Monday to Friday only. Good for various types of pen kits from \$4.00 to \$9.90. They sell a wide range of project kits, tools and other workshop requirements including machinery and smocks.

CARBATEC:

113 Station Rd, Auburn, 2144. Telephone: 9648 6446.

www.carbatec.com.au

Sell a wide range of Woodworking and Woodturning products including books and videos.

HARE & FORBES MACHINERY HOUSE:

Unit 1, 2 Windsor Road, Northmead, 2152. Telephone: 9890 9111.

www.machineryhouse.com.au/Home?Store=20

They carry a large range of machines and spare parts. They can also carry out machinery repairs.

HARDWARE FOR CREATIVE FINISHES:

PO Box 136, Dungog, NSW. 2420. Telephone: 4992 3068.

www.veneerinlay.com.au

This is good for all those special bits of hardware, screws, hinges, catches etc. to make the job special. They are also good for colour coded abrasive papers.

McJING TOOLS and HARDWARE:

454 Hume Highway. Yagoona, NSW. 2199. Telephone: 9709 8805.

www.mcjing.com.au

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 0930 to 1630, Saturday 0930 to 1230

They are good for tools and general hardware and some project kits.

TREND TIMBERS:

15 Railway Road, North Mulgrave, NSW, 2756. Telephone: 4577 5277.

www.trendtimbers.com.au

OPEN: Monday - Friday: 0800 - 1600

Saturday: 0800 - 1130

Sunday, long weekends and public holidays: CLOSED.

They carry a wide range of timbers, finishes, books and DVDs plus more as well as running classes.

ANAGOTE TIMBERS PTY LTD:

144 Renwick Street, Marrickville, NSW, 2204. Telephone: 9558 8444.

www.anagote.com

Monday to Friday, 0800 – 1600 and Saturday, 0900 – 1130

Suppliers of specialty timbers, for cabinet makers, furniture builders, joiners, boat builders, musical instrument makers, shop fitters, architects and restorers.

We hope that you have found this booklet helpful.

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