

BY HAND & EYE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

June 2024 / July 2024



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JULY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Welcome to the July edition of By Hand and Eye.

By the time you read this it will be just 2 months until the Guild AGM. The AGM is scheduled for Monday 30 September. It is held at the Chester Hill Girl Guide Hall in Waldron Road, Chester Hill from 6:30PM or 1830, if you prefer.

You will find the Notification of the AGM, Nomination Form and Proxy Forms in this edition of By Hand and Eye.

All paid up members of the Guild are welcome to attend, though under the Constitution only elected Representatives of the Regions / Clubs are allowed to vote. That does not stop you from expressing your opinion on any matter.

I sincerely hope that you will consider attending to meet the people who keep your Guild operating.

Until next time, to quote a previous Guild President "Keep the Lathes turning," and have fun.

Philip McLeod

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

WELFARE

Bankstown have advised of the passing of Hasso Constantin on Sunday 7 July 2024. Hasso served as the Guild President from 2013 to 2016. I know you all join with me in extending our sympathy to his family.

Bankstown have also advised that Kevin Santwyk is not well. Kevin is currently serving as their President. We all wish Kevin a speedy recovery.

David King, (Life Member of the Guild), is also unwell and undergoing tests to find out what is wrong. The Guild wishes him a speedy recovery.

Northern Beaches have advised of the passing of long time member Bruce Borthwick. The Guild extends its sympathy to his family.

Macarthur have advised of the passing of Marie Freeman OAM. She passed away on Mothers Day. The Guild extends its sympathy to her family. At the latest meeting of the Macarthur Woodturners club, they took a sombre moment to remember and honour the life and legacy of one of their founding members, Marie Freeman AO, who recently passed

away. Marie was a pillar of the community, a gifted woodturner, and a source of inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing her.

GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024.

Guild meetings take place at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162.

The Guild meets on the last Monday of every second month i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings start at 1830, (6:30PM) and finish at 2100, (9PM) at the latest.

All members of the Guild are welcome to attend, but only 1 elected representative can vote at these meetings. This is to ensure that no one region can “out vote” the smaller regions. Everyone has an equal say in how the Guild is run.

The following dates are significant for the Guild:

2024

Date TBA TIMBER, TOOLS and ARTISANS SHOW – Venue TBA

July 29 GUILD MEETING

August 4 Bankstown is 34 Years young

August 19 first formal Guild Meeting Sydney Tech College Ultimo.

September 17 Northern Beaches, (then Peninsula Region) is 31 Years young

September 30 **AGM and GUILD MEETING**

October 6 Daylight Saving Starts – Clocks forward 1 hour.

October 7 Labour Day

November 25 GUILD MEETING

2025

Macarthur Region will be 32 Years young first meeting held 1993

January 26 Australia Day

January 27 GUILD MEETING

[TBA Royal Easter Show Entries Close](#)

[TBA Deliver Item/s to the Show](#)

[TBA Arts and Crafts Preview](#)

March 15 Menai Region is 31 Years young

11 – 22 APRIL - ROYAL EASTER SHOW

March 31 GUILD MEETING

April 6 Daylight Saving Ends – Clocks back 1 hour.

April 12 Eastern Region is 19 Years young (meetings were held before this date. This is date of Incorporation).

April 16 Southern Highlands is 31 Years young

18 - 21 April EASTER

TBA Collect item/s from the Show.

April 25 ANZAC DAY

May 26 GUILD MEETING

Date TBA TIMBER, TOOLS and ARTISANS SHOW – Venue TBA

9 June Kings Birthday

June 30 GUILD MEMBERSHIPS DUE

July 4 Guild is 42 Years young founding meeting at George Hatfield's home.

July 28 GUILD MEETING

August 4 Bankstown is 35 Years young

August 19 first formal Guild Meeting Sydney Tech College Ultimo.

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October 7 Labour Day

November 24 GUILD MEETING

BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:

2024	2025	
19 JULY	17 JANUARY	18 JULY
20 SEPTEMBER	21 MARCH	19 SEPTEMBER
15 NOVEMBER	16 MAY	14 NOVEMBER

The last 3 missing editions are: Anything from **September 1983, 3/84 (May/June), 6/84 (November/December).**

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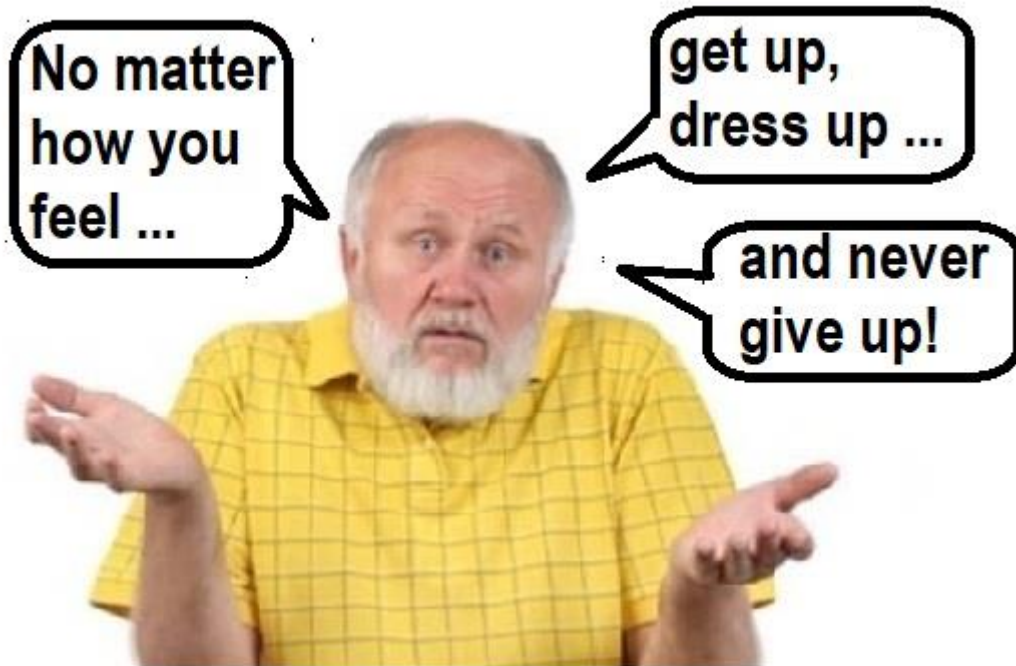
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HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.



A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some two-by-fours. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?"

The guy answers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."



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Look after your feet:

- See your doctor or a podiatrist, if you have painful or swollen feet, tingling or pins and needles in your feet, or if you have any changes in the shape of your feet (e.g. bunions).
- Ask a podiatrist, a physiotherapist or an occupational therapist for ways to improve circulation and reduce pain in the legs and feet.
- Foot and ankle strengthening exercises can help reduce your risk of falling.
- Wearing correctly fitting, supportive shoes can help reduce your risk of falling.

Choose the right fit shoes

Shopping tips:

- Make sure the sole is not slippery.
- Walk around in the shop to ensure that the shoes fit properly and the heels don't slip.
- Try both shoes on and buy for fit, not size.
- Feet tend to swell during the day, so try shoes on mid-afternoon, with usual socks or stockings and orthotics.
- Don't be pressured by sales staff – if the shoes aren't right, don't buy them.
- Ask your podiatrist about specialist shoe stores if you have trouble finding suitable shoes because of foot problems.

For further information:

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Web: www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au

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GUILD ITEMS FOR SALE.

Please see your Guild Representative for prices if you want any of these items.



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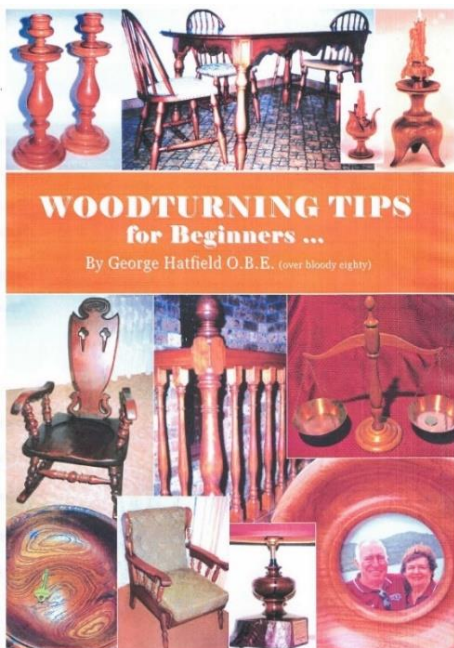


Guild Baseball Cap



Lapel Badge

If there is anything you, or your club wish to sell. Or something you are looking for let me know, I am happy to put it into By Hand and Eye.



This book is by George Hatfield, (Membership Number 2 and a Life Member of the Guild).

George wants to "Leave something on the shelf", so he put this together. It is aimed at beginners.

It is 47 pages and will sell through your Guild Representative for \$7, (very good value). Contact Philip McLeod 0418 267 096 or your Guild Representative if you want one.

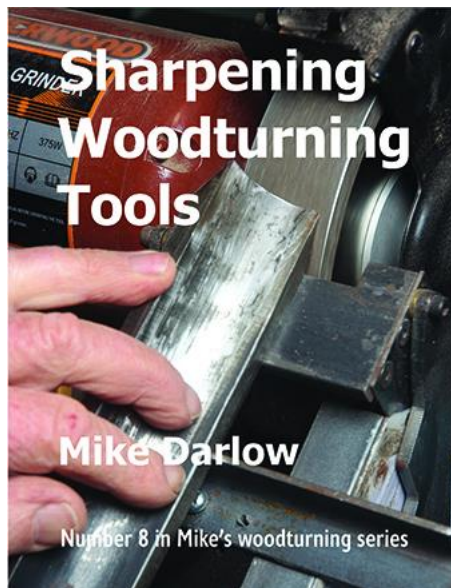
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Publication and buying

The introduction of YouTube has adversely affected the viability of conventionally publishing how-to books. Mike has therefore published *SWT* using Amazon's print-on-demand facilities.

To order:

- go to Amazon.com.au
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Mike's email address is mike@mikedarlow.com His website address is <https://mikedarlow.com>

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Saw bench, Carbatec contractors saw , \$50

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Dave King 0424 188 857

WOODTURNING QUIZ

(Answers will be published near the last page).

Acknowledgements

It would be impossible to name all the people who have helped with the quiz over the years, but I thank George Hatfield, Mike Darlow, Terry Martin, Mark Sfirri, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Stephen Hogbin, Simon Priem, Lindsay Skinner, Frank Bollins, Keith Smith, Dick Turner, Bernie Carveth, Col Herbert, Des Lane, Allan Game, Karen Blewden, David Laird, John Ewart, Bernie Axford, Dale Hageman, Richard Raffan, Vic Wood, Bonnie Klein, Robin Wood, Stuart King, Dale Nish, Steve Riley, Phil McNabb, Tony Garbellini and my father, Ernie Newman. Apologies to those I have missed. Ernie Newman.

Now to the Quiz:

1/ Can you identify this well known plantation timber? It is a pale yellow brown softwood native to north America. Because it is fast growing it's prominent growth rings are widely spaced. It is a relatively lightweight timber and easy to work. It's uses include general construction, furniture and paper. When preservatised it can be used externally.

2/ What causes burls (surface lumps on trees) to grow?

3/ What tool do professional spindle turners normally use to turn beads?

4/ What is a friction chuck, otherwise known as a jam fit chuck or press fit chuck?

5/ True or false? The self-centering scroll chuck was invented in the nineteenth century.

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AROUND THE REGIONS

FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 27th May via Zoom.

Your Guild currently has \$10,094.12 available to it.

There was no report from the Membership Secretary.

There was some discussion about the minimum age that can be accepted for people to be a member of the Guild. Under the terms of the insurance there is no minimum age. It was decided that each Region / Club should determine its own policy on minimum age. It was pointed out that:

1. Anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor, and therefore a parent must sign the membership application form.
2. Anyone instructing a minor should have a Working With Children Check done. Apply on line as a volunteer, (cost is \$0.00), attend Service NSW to prove your identity. You will in due course receive your check number.
3. It is desirable that anyone in the area with a minor should also have a check done.
4. Regions / Clubs to decide if a parent should be present when the youth member attends the Region / Club meeting or activities.

The Timber Tools and Artisans Show, no change at this time.

Tony Ney has advised that in future Royal Easter Shows Class 287 Platters and Bowls will have to have a minimum size of not less than 300mm and must involve at least 90% turning. There was not adequate time to discuss this and it will be discussed at the next Guild meeting.

Next Guild Meeting will be via Zoom 1830 on Monday 29 July 2024.

Region / Club Membership Secretaries please note that until further notice new memberships, or members renewing paperwork should go to Ken Morgan (swgmembershipsec@gmail.com) , cc'd Ian Cocks (ian.cocks@gmail.com).

Members and regions / clubs are reminded that if you are meeting out of normal times, or at different places or doing activities PLEASE let the Secretary know. A large part of your membership is for insurance, but it ONLY WORKS if the secretary knows about what is happening. An email or phone call is all that is required.

FROM THE EDITOR – When taking photographs for inclusion in the BH&E please try to put the item on a white, or light coloured background with as much natural light as possible. This will make it come out better in the newsletter. Thank you.

Please remember: If you send me something for BH&E I will print it. Email: phlpmcld@gmail.com

NEW TEMPORARY SEGMENT, GUILD COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE.

MICHAEL ADAMIETZ – SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REPRESENTATIVE



Michael is a man of many talents and interests i.e raising rare cattle. He is shown above with his latest 'woolly beast'. Michael is in the high viz jacket!

Michael is a great supporter of the Guild, he must be, he travels to Sydney from the Southern Highlands to attend the Guild meetings every two months.

He is also a very good turner, often being asked to review and assess the work of his fellow club members at their "Show and Tell".

THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. is to be held at the Chester Hill Guide Hall, Waldron Road Chester Hill on Monday 30th September 2024 commencing at 6:30pm, for the purpose of electing Office Bearers for the ensuring year as per the Rules of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Each of whom is to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild under rule 15.

(Those nominated require a 50% majority of the members voting, either in person or by proxy, to be in favour, to be elected)

Dated this 21th July 2024



Ian Cocks

Secretary

(Each financial member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy, by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting, in respect of which the proxy is appointed. No one member may hold more than 5 proxies)

THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

Nomination and Acceptance Form

Elections to be held on Monday 30th September 2024 at the Girl Guide Hall,
Waldron Road Chester Hill

We the undersigned wish to nominate:

.....

For the Position of.....

Signed.....

Signed.....

I will accept the Nomination for the Position of:

.....

Rules state:

Rule 15 (1) Nominations of candidates for election as an Office Bearer of the
Association:

1. Must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Guild and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination) and
2. Must be delivered to the Secretary of the Guild at least 21 Days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place. (4th September 2023)

The Positions for election are;

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer

SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

Appointment of Proxy

I

(Full Name)

Of

(Address)

Being a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

Hereby appoint

(Full Name)

Of.....

(Address)

Being a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 25th September 2023 at the Girl Guide Hall, Waldron Road Chester Hill from 6:30pm and at any adjournment of that meeting.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER APPOINTING PROXY

..... Date.....

NOTE: Only Guild members may appoint another Guild member to be their Proxy

NOTE: This form must be presented to the Secretary on or before 6:30pm 30/9/2024

MENAI REGION.

Guild Report 27th May 2024:

Menai advise that they are going well. They have a new very keen member who has come from the attached Men's Shed.

Show and Tell June 2024: This month's theme "Platter".



Bill Black - Camphor Laurel
EEE & Shellawax Finish



Graeme Stokes – Camphor Laurel
Lacquer finish.



Paul Ibbotson – Camphor Laurel



Michael Bouchard – Camphor Laurel
With resin inlay, spray finish.



Keith Allen – Ash and Camphor
Laurel, oil finish.



Tony Ney – Camphor Laurel
Canola Oil finish.



Norm Lewis – Mountain Ash and Australian Red Cedar.



Arthur Walker – Ash and Spotted Gum
Acrylic paint and spray Lacquer.



Markus Pekert – Lemon Scented Gum, EEE finish.



Bob Thompson – Canola Oil finish.

Show and Tell April 2024: Theme “No Show and Tell”.

NORTHERN BEACHES.

Guild Report 27th May 2024:

The article that they submitted for the Northern Beaches Observer has been published. Alex Bendelli will forward a soft copy to all the Guild Reps.

On 17 July they will be interviewed by Northern Beaches local radio station.

Anna Dawes will be demonstrating at their workshop in the near future.

Show and Tell March 2024 “Easter”.

BANKSTOWN REGION.

Guild Report 27th May 2024:

Bankstown are going OK, but they do need more members. They have had one new member join them.

Show and Tell July 2024:



Ted Batty – Jacaranda hollow form.



An Mai – Wattle branch.



An Mai – Jacaranda branch.



An Mai – Gum off cut not wasted.



An Mai – Pine, Oak, Cypress, Rosewood segmented Goblet.



An Mai – Jacaranda finial ebonised.



An Mai – Gum off cut not wasted.



An Mai – Floating pens made from Cypress Pine.



An Mai – Pen and stand, pen from Cypress Pine.

MACARTHUR REGION.

Guild Report 27th May 2024:

At the latest meeting of the Macarthur Woodturners club, members showcased an impressive array of woodturned pieces, demonstrating their skill, creativity, and dedication to the craft. The event highlighted the diverse talents within the club, with many pieces having received accolades at recent shows. Below is a detailed account of the show and tell segment.

Macarthur have had 4 to 5 new members join them, all ladies which they think is nice to see.

Otherwise they are still going well.



Merv was celebrated for his exceptional achievement at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where he received the highest honor: The Standard of Excellence. His award-winning piece was a meticulously crafted segmented punch bowl accompanied by six identical goblets, made primarily with Acacia, one of the wattles. The five big logs of Acacia used in the piece came from Callan Park about 13 years ago. The outer edge of the lid featured Doral, a Tasmanian olive wood purchased at a wood show. This complex work showcased Merv's advanced skill in segmentation and finishing, setting a high bar for the club.

Show and Tell May 2024:

Unfortunately there are no photographs with the email I received, but following my policy I will print what I am sent. (The Editor).

Mary, a new member who has been turning for less than a year, impressed the club with her range of creations. She presented a rosewood earring holder with indexed holes, spindle-turned and finished with shellawax. This piece earned her second place at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, a remarkable achievement for a newcomer.

Additionally, Mary displayed a mixed timber earring holder with a finial made of silky oak and gum, finished with glow, illustrating her growing interest in gluing and mixed timber turning. She also brought in a large white cedar goblet with bead detailing, finished with shellawax. This goblet won first place at the Camden Show, marking Mary's first competition victory and highlighting her rapid progress in woodturning.

Denis, like Mary, is a recent addition to the Macarthur Woodturners and has quickly made a name for himself. His jacaranda bowl with twin stained beads and inlaid gum nuts won first place at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Denis also presented a silky oak bowl and platter lid, finished with glow, signifying his completion of the club's training program. His dedication and swift advancement in the craft were evident in his outstanding work.

Steve showcased a remarkable hollow form made from a banksia root ball, with a privet cap and queen ebony finial, finished with wipe-on poly. This piece was particularly challenging due to the embedded brick and stone within the root ball, remnants from its excavation. Steve had to cold chisel out the embedded brick,

showcasing his out of the box thinking and can do attitude. This effort was recognized with a Highly Commended award at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Additionally, Steve presented a figure-matched box with a finial made of spalted banksia, liquid amber (also known as sweet gum) and queen ebony, finished with glow. These pieces exemplified Steve's attention to detail and his ability to work with challenging materials to create beautiful and functional art. He is also the club's trainer and wood whisperer, who has guided many of the club's members on their woodturning journeys, included Denis, Mary and Lee. He's very proud of the work done by the trainees under his guidance.

George showcased a bowl that won second place at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and was subsequently sold to a collector. This piece underscored his ability to create high-demand, award-winning works that appeal to both judges and collectors alike.

Erich shared several unique pieces, starting with a camphor laurel bowl left with a natural edge and finished with 3-4 coats of Danish oil. This piece had historical club value, as the wood was a gift from Steve several years ago at a monthly meeting. Erich also displayed an ironbark vase with layered strips of basswood and a box made from ironbark salvaged from a broken goblet, featuring a white oak finial. These works highlighted Erich's ability to repurpose materials creatively.

Lee presented a challenging burl bowl, mounted with a paper joint and faceplate. Despite the difficulty in turning this tough wood, the result was impressive. He also showcased a red cedar bowl, the second core of a blank series (the first of which was submitted to the Camden Show) finished with shellawax.

Lee also submitted his fabulous Jacaranda hollow form, contrasted with queen ebony finial to the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The piece was skilfully crafted and admired by show goers. Additionally, Lee displayed a pair of pears and apples made of banksia and white cedar, finished with spray poly and paste wax, respectively, demonstrating his versatility in turning different forms and finishes.

John exhibited two pieces made from camphor laurel: a stained bowl that his wife particularly admires and a goblet with captive rings. These items demonstrated his proficiency with camphor laurel and his ability to create functional and decorative pieces that are cherished by his family.

Geoff's contributions included a large bowl made from African walnut, timber originally belonging to the late John Jewel. This piece, described as the worst piece of African walnut, was challenging to turn but ultimately won first place at the Camden Show. Finished with sanding sealer, Triple E, and glow, this heavy bowl showcased Geoff's determination and skill and his belief that even the ugliest and nastiest piece of wood can be transformed into show winning beauty.

He also presented a live edge end grain bowl made from camphor laurel, which won second place at the Camden Show. Geoff's ability to transform difficult pieces of wood into award-winning works was particularly inspiring.

EASTERN REGION.

Guild Report 27th May 2024:

Update on picking up Lathe and Bandsaw – The Leadbeater Lathe and bigger bandsaw have still not been picked up. The group has organised a trailer and people to effect the pickup on a day when the weather is fine and everyone can be available.

Treasurer's Report: George Xylas informed the group that we have \$2358.15 in the bank, and approximately \$200 in Petty Cash.

Guild Report: It has come to light that the Guild Insurance covers youths up to 16 years of age. There was some discussion about the implications of this. The Guild Representative suggested that we not recruit any members in this youth category until it has been discussed at the next Guild meeting at the end of May.

Kooloora Community Centre: There is a Volunteers Recognition Day at Kooloora. We would like as many people as possible to attend.

The Mayor of Randwick has expressed a wish to see the shed. Therefore, a clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday 11 May. It was pointed out if she sees it in the current state we might be asked to leave. We would like as many people as possible to attend to help. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK". If we lose the shed there is nowhere else for us to go. Waverley Mens Shed are currently looking for new premises. We do not want to be in that position.

The bench that used to have the Record Lathe on it is to be made available to the Gardeners. Phil McLeod is to write to Andre' at Kooloora to let him know that this will be possible.

General Business:

Melvyn Dickson purchased timber from Among The Trees for use by beginners at the club. This came to \$69. Proposed that he be reimbursed for this expenditure.

Proposed Bridey Martin, Seconded Nina Kyte.

PASSED

Proposal to buy a bed extension for the Hafco WL14, (not the Vicmarc – it cannot be extended). Phil McLeod will investigate and report back to the group.

Phil McLeod checked the First Aid Box in the shed. All out of date items have been removed and new items installed in their place. Phil asked to be reimbursed \$30.86 for these items. Proposed Dominic Sidoti, Seconded Joshua Newman PASSED

Antonio has purchased Jackets, Coffee and other items for the group. The total amount came to \$335. Proposed he be reimbursed Bridey Martin, Seconded Steve Rutherford.

PASSED

It was noted that people have been incorrectly sharpening tools, particularly Bowl Gouges, Spindle Gouges and Roughing Gouges. If you do not know how to use the jig to sharpen these tools, ASK SOMEONE. Mel or George Xylas would be the best people. It is not rocket science, but you need to use the correct technique.

Next Meeting: June 2 at 10.00 am General Meeting followed by a BBQ

Show and Tell May 2024:



Phil McLeod – Novelty Pens

Bullit, Jet Aircraft, Propeller

Aircraft and Locomotive.



Antonio Imperato – Vases various

timbers.



Joshua Newman – Bowl, timber

Unknown probably Pine of some

Sort.



Bill Papalexiou – Bud Vase from

Lanewood.



Mel Dickson – Pepper Grinders made from

Sassafras and Mountain Ash.

Steve Rutherford also showed a couple of timber soft hammers and a Lidded Box made from a recycled Table top. Unfortunately the photo seems to have been lost.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

Guild Report from 27th May 2024 Newsletter:

Just a short report for the month of May as we have enjoyed business as usual and the onset of the 'cool' weather that the Southern Highlands is known for.

The workshop remains open on Wednesday and Friday mornings with a consistent attendance. Peter Gerlach is back to sharpening the tools after a short time off due to illness. Thanks to Peter for his continuing workshop support.

Our social media account has been seeing consistent attention. We currently have 78 followers. This uptick in visibility is helping with our online and social profile.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cheque net account balance end May was \$2,734.89.

Total Funds end May \$13,447.57.

This represents a small decrease from last month due to higher expenditure and demonstration fee.

Gerald di Corpo

Simon Begg will be demonstrating his German Ring Turning in the not too distant future.

May Show and Tell:

Michael Adamietz reviewed and assessed the merits of the items submitted for the Challenge. Most of the work was from the lathe of Ian Pye who 'challenged' more Woodies to provide examples of their turning for the next meeting.



Simon Begg demonstrated the art of German Ring Turning (Reifendrehen) for our May meeting.

The following is taken from the ubiquitous Wikipedia:

The technique of German ring turning (Reifendrehen) is a 200 year old technique that traditionally was used for the production of toys.

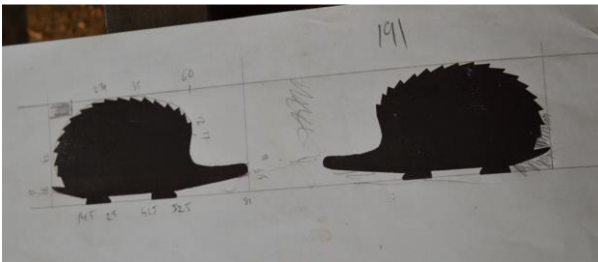
Reifendrehen is a unique type of toy manufacture using wood turning techniques that were developed in the Ore Mountains in the vicinity of the town of Seiffen in Germany and continues there to the present day. The process produces small animals and other figures or even little wooden houses in outline, that are used as toys or to decorate Christmas pyramids or Nativity scenes. The animals and figures (Reifentiere and Reifenfiguren) so produced are an inherent part of Ore Mountain folk art.

Production

In the process known as Reifendrehen (literally “tyre turning” or “hoop turning”) a suitable piece of wood, as far as possible free of splits, is worked on a special wood lathe to produce a wooden ring with a diameter of about 30 to 50 centimetres, the cross-section of which forms the outline of the desired figure. Small slices are then sawn or split off the ring with a sharp knife. These are used as the raw material from which the finished figures are made by carving and painting.

The technique of Reifendrehen, which demands great experience and skill, emerged around 1800. It enabled, during the 19th century, the efficient mass production of wooden figures, because it was faster and cheaper than pure woodcarving by hand.

Today part of the exhibition at the Ore Mountain Toy Museum in Seiffen is dedicated to the craft of the turners - the Reifendreher - who make these toys. In addition, there are several visitor workshops in the region around Seiffen.



1. The echidna in profile.



2. Using a spacer on the faceplate.



3. Simon checks for square.



4. Simon uses a pattern gauge to check on the shape of the echidna.



5. Looking Good!



6. Simon releases the 'beast' (echidna).



Some other profiles that are possible.

Show and Tell July 2024 “Any Spindle Turned Item”.



Michael is holding an example of spindle turning from Frank Garcon which features Frank's innovative use of shellac made into a putty to fill and 'hero' a natural crack in the timber.



Frank's Garcon's hat stand or wig stand and Michael's pear.



Frank's Garcon's banksia lamp stand.



Mike Darlow's pocket watch stand.



Ian Pye's stand



A selection of Peter Gerlach's jigs



more jigs



Peter Gerlach's
Nutmeg Grinder.



Mike Darlow's matching Candle
Holders.



Assembled items for the meeting.

GUILD AFILIATES CALENDER OF EVENTS

BANKSTOWN REGION

Bankstown Region has their shed open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 0800 to approximately 1430.

They meet at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday (By Arrangement)
9 am – 12.30 pm	9 am – 12.30 pm	

Moss Vale Showground, 16 Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale NSW. 2577.

Monthly meeting 4th Saturday of month 11.00am -4.30pm

Committee (meets monthly at time as advised)

The AGM was held on 28th September. The following positions were filled as indicated.

President: Martin Nadas 4862 2268

Vice Pres: Steve Walker

Secretary: Michael Adamietz 0456 856 080

Treasurer: Gerald di Corpo

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES WOODTURNERS

**The Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners are located at the
Girl Guide Hall, Forrester Avenue, Forrester, 2087. (near the Scout Hall).**

"The woodturning workshop is open Tuesdays & Fridays from 0930.

Saturdays from 0830 for sessions that include learning, guidance and toy making.

**A special teaching session may be held on Wednesday evenings dependent on the
number of attendees"**

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

Starting at 9AM.

Secretary: Jenny Talbot 02 9451 6140

MENAI REGION WOODTURNERS.

Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range) 5:30PM to 8:30PM
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

EASTERN REGION CALENDAR DATES.

Shed Openings are at 169 Bilga Crescent, Malabar.

Our Shed is open Saturday from 1000 to 1500, and Thursday from 1000 to 1400, can be extended if necessary.

The group meets on the first Sunday of the month for an administrative meeting, BBQ lunch and "Show and Tell".

MACARTHUR REGION WOODTURNERS

The Macarthur Region Woodturners meet on the last Sunday of each month.

From 9:30AM to 2:30PM.

At the Robert Townson High School, Shuttleworth Avenue, (enter off Spitfire Drive), Raby.
2566.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1/ Pinus radiata, otherwise known as Radiata Pine or Monterey Pine.

2/ Burls are formed when a tree protects an injury to the cambium layer (just under the bark) by growing over the damaged area. Commonly this would be due to a limb breaking near the trunk or because of fungal or bacterial damage to the bark.

3/ For a proficient spindle turner the skew chisel is the fastest tool for turning beads and leaves the smoothest finish. If lack of space makes access difficult, a detail gouge may be used.

4/ Friction chucks are homemade timber chucks commonly used in faceplate turning. For example, a small spigot may be turned on the base of a bowl and then fitted into a friction chuck with a recess which matches the spigot so that the inside of the bowl can be hollowed. The recess may be as shallow as a few mm but the sides of recess and spigot must be parallel to the lathe bed and the fit must be tight. The spigot should not "bottom" in the recess and the chuck should be shaped so that large work has support around the perimeter.

5/ True. James Dundas introduced the self-centering scroll chuck in 1842.

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