

BY HAND & EYE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

December 2024 / January 2025



REPLICA GUILD CANDLE STICK SHOWING THE TWO POSSIBLE CONFIGURATIONS

The Guild acknowledges and thanks George Hatfield for allowing the use of his Candlestick as the Guild's Logo.

NEWS FLASH: Due to repair work Guild meetings will not be held at the Guide hall Chester Hill. A new venue will be advised shortly.

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JANUARY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Welcome to the January 2025 edition of By Hand and Eye.

By now all the affiliated regions / clubs should be moving towards meeting the requirements of the ATO in regard to Not for Profit Organisations.

If your region / club has not started the process, please see that they do so. I would hate to see one of our groups get into trouble over something that the Guild has warned about.

2025 looks to be a year when some things that have been in negotiation or the pipeline for some time will come to fruition.

Namely, firstly the requirement to comply with the ATO requirements to continue as a Charity or Not For Profit organisation. We all owe Bill Black a vote of thanks for all the work that he has put into this.

Secondly, our ability, for the first time to sell some of your wonderful work at the Royal Easter Show. Please take the opportunity to support this initiative. It has taken a lot of work and negotiation to get this over the line. A great vote of thanks to David King and Tony Ney.

Related to this is the need for demonstrators at the Easter Show. As always you do not need to be a great turner to demonstrate. Basically, you are entertaining the kids and parents. I promise no one will think anything bad of you. I can guarantee that if you are not great at the start of the day, you will be at the end of the day.

So please think about helping and entering something into the competitions.

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

Philip McLeod

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

WELFARE

It is with great sadness that Eastern has to report the passing of our long time member and friend Sven Wallin. Sven was with the club for many years. After the passing of his wife he moved to Lauriston NSW to be closer to his son and family. Sven passed quietly on 7 January 2025. His son said that he always like to wear his club polo shirt. We have lost one of the true gentlemen of this world.

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:

2025

Macarthur Region will be 32 Years young first meeting held 1993

January 26 Australia Day

January 27 FIRST GUILD MEETING for 2025

[February 5 Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts Entries Close](#)

March 15 Menai Region is 31 Years young

[March 29-29 \(9am to 3pm\) Deliver Item/s to the Show](#)

March 31 GUILD MEETING

[April 9 \(6 to 9pm\) Arts and Crafts Preview](#)

11 – 22 APRIL - ROYAL EASTER SHOW

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 Royal Easter 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.

September 17 Northern Beaches, (then Peninsula Region) is 32 Years young

September 29 **AGM and GUILD MEETING**

October 5 Daylight Saving Starts – Clocks forward 1 hour.

October 7 Labour Day

November 24 LAST GUILD MEETING for 2025

BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:

2025		2026	
17 JANUARY	18 JULY	17 JANUARY	18 JULY
21 MARCH	19 SEPTEMBER	21 MARCH	19 SEPTEMBER
16 MAY	14 NOVEMBER	16 MAY	14 NOVEMBER

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

So, please check with friends, under beds, in old boxes and see if you have any of these old copies.

THE EDITOR

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HELP NEEDED FOR SMALL MANUFACTURER



[Would anyone be interested in making some furniture legs? They will end up being painted. I have a small business in Botany, www.bobinekottomans.com.au, making ottomans and footstools.](http://www.bobinekottomans.com.au)

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Presentation and Demonstration by Mike Darlow. *Reprinted from Southern Highlands Newsletter*

Table Lamps

Homes without a resident turner will usually contain far fewer wooden bowls than table lamps. In this this article I'll therefore discuss the design and production of table lamps with turned wood bases in the following order:

☒History; Design; Components; Turning; Boring and Drilling; Assembling and Finishing.

History

Electrically powered table lamps were preceded by rush lights, candles, oil lamps and gas lights. The first electric light bulb was invented in 1840. Further development, especially by Thomas Edison and Joseph Swan, led to the adoption of incandescent-filament light bulbs late in the 19th century. Light bulbs with more long-lasting tungsten filaments were invented in 1912. LED (light-emitting diode) bulbs became the norm early in the 21st-century.

Design

Browse through interior design magazines and you'll be surprised how aesthetically and functionally poor many of the table lamps pictured are. Typical shortcomings are:

☒The purpose isn't clear. Is the lamp for background lighting or for reading? Many table lamps are far too short to allow reading

☒The design doesn't look "quite right", commonly because the shade is the wrong size and/or shape. Shades may be light in substance, but they have visual mass. Also, lamps will look top heavy if there's insufficient visual mass at the bottom of the base.

The secret of producing successful table lamps is therefore thorough pre-production design and specification of the lamp base, the shade, and the fittings such as the lamp-holder and any stem which raises the lamp-holder above the base. You should also be certain that you can obtain or have in hand all the components before starting to turn.

Where the diameter of a turned component will be small and therefore weak, it should be reinforced with a metal tube or nipple. Separate components can be joined using spigot-into-socket joints or threaded on a tube. Take care that the diameters and lengths of holes and spigots are accurately specified so that spigot-into-socket fits are compatible.

Components

Table lamps typically have the following components:

☒The lamp base which can be one-piece or assembled from two or more turned components.

☒A lamp-holder.

☒Nipples, ferrules and other fastenings and connectors.

☒A shade.

☒Wiring and switching.

Figure 1 shows five lamp-holders made in England and Australia (where I live) and illustrates that lamp-holders are available in different sizes, switched and un-switched, in different materials (usually plastic or brass), for different bulb sizes, for bayonet and screw bulbs, and with or without earth connections. There should be similar products available in North America and elsewhere.



Figure 1 The two-plastic lamp-holders are Australian. The three brass holders were made by S. Lilley & Son Ltd in Birmingham, England.

A selection of nipples etc is shown here in Figure 2. In Europe and Australasia these usually have 10 x 1 mm threads. A hand die or tap can be used to thread metal

Bespoke shades typically cost more than ready-made shades which tend to be cylindrical or near cylindrical because they're cheaper to manufacture. However, coolie hat shaped shades (see figure x) are preferred for many lamp-base designs. If ordering a bespoke shade, you'll need to specify the top and bottom diameters, and either the vertical height or the length, down the sloping outside.

Switching may be inline and/or in the lamp-holder. You may be able to source the wiring with plugs and with or



without inline switches already incorporated as shown.

Turning

The turned wooden components are usually spindle turnings, or faceplate turnings which have transverse grain but no major hollows. If your lamp has a bottom turned from a disk cut from a plank or similar, prefer quarter-cut stock. Whether quarter-cut or not, ensure that the bottom part is fully seasoned, or the lamp will start to rock as its bottom's moisture content changes.

Typically, all base parts will require drilling and/or boring. Some preparatory turning may be required before a long axial hole is bored, but for the subsequent finish-turning, mount the part between centres using the ends of the bored hole (figures 5). The hole through which the wire exits the base will be drilled after finish turning.

Boring and drilling

Long-hole boring is commonly needed and is comprehensively explained on pages 181 and 182 of my 1999 book *Woodturning Methods*.

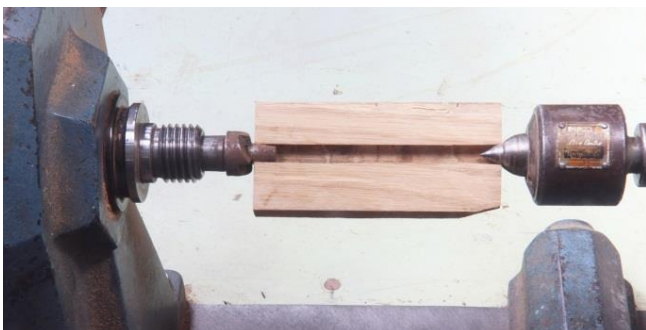


Figure 5: Mounting between centres for finish-turning using the drive centre Figure 6.



Figure 6: Centres for long-hole boring. Left, tail centre; a live hollow middle, a dead hollow tail centre; right a drive centre with an enlarged centre pin.



Three long-hole boring augers.



The tip of a traditional pattern long-hole-boring auger. These were manufactured in a range of diameters.



The tungsten carbide tip of a gun drill. Compressed air exits through the hole in the tip and blasts the chips back down the flute of the steel shaft. Gun drills are preferred if you're going to produce large numbers of lamps.

Alas there is no such thing as a self-centring drill. Drills and augers intended for long hole boring should be steered by their tips being a tight fit within the hole they have just bored. It's therefore essential to start a hole in true axial alignment, and not allow the hole to become oversize. Therefore, clear the chips frequently. If you don't, not only might the drill jam, but the compacted chips will enlarge the diameter of the hole being bored which will allow the drill tip to wander offline.

Boring halfway from each end will minimize problems if the drill does wander a little from truly axial; it also ensures that at each end of the part the hole will be axial.

There are several methods to hold the right-hand end of part to be bored:

If your lathe's tailstock ram is hollow and has a No. 2 morse taper hollow use a suitable hollow, live or dead, centre. The tip of the auger/drill must however be a neat fit in the centres through hole if the bored hole is to be axially aligned.

If a correctly sized hollow tail centre is not available or your tailstock's ram isn't hollow, use a live boring tailstock. It's then best to use a twist drill mounted in the lathe's tailstock ram to bore a pilot hole of the correct diameter into the right-hand end of the part. The length of the pilot hole should be about double the length of the tip of the auger. Because I bore with a gun drill with a tip diameter of 9.1 mm so that I can screw a nipple with a 10 x 1 mm external thread directly into the bored hole, I favour this method. Metal engineering specialist suppliers typically carry a much greater range of drill diameters than wood-workers suppliers. The left-hand end can be held before being bored with a drive centre or with a scroll chuck.

Assembling

It's usually better to paint or polish components before finally assembling the lamp so that applying polishing materials, sanding and any buffing can be done in the lathe with it running at appropriate speeds.

Felt can be stuck on the bottom. Self-adhesive felt is available in sheet or ready-cut disks.

Bases can be leaded, but this is rarely necessary if the lamp doesn't look too top heavy.

You may find that if you are going to sell table lamps, they have to be checked and approved by a qualified electrician.

Conclusion

I'll conclude by showing just two of my lamp designs.



Two Lamps.



Long Hole Boring.



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The varicella zoster virus gets into your body, either through Chickenpox infection or immunization, it then moves into nerves where it sits quietly for the rest of your life. The immune system keeps it at bay.

When the immune system is weakened (as is common with ageing), sometimes the virus “wakes up” and travels along nerve fibres to your skin, causing a painful rash that may appear as a stripe of blisters on the torso or face causing shingles (also called herpes zoster). The pain can persist even after the rash is long gone (this is called post-herpetic neuralgia). Treatments include pain relief and antiviral medication.

A shingles vaccine as an adult can reduce the risk of developing shingles, see your doctor. It is FREE for over 70's!!

FALLS PREVENTION - Medications

If you take anticoagulant medicines (blood thinners), always see your doctor if you have a fall. You may be at risk of severe injury and bleeding.

- Some medications can make you dizzy or drowsy and may increase your risk of a fall.
- If you start taking a new medicine, change brands, take multiple medicines, or change your normal dose, the chance of experiencing side-effects increases. Talk to your doctor if you are concerned.
- Certain over-the-counter medications may react with your prescription medicines and cause problems.
- Medicines for anxiety, depression or sleep difficulties make falls more likely.

What you can do

- Do not take anyone else's prescribed medication.
- Read medication labels in good light and follow the instructions carefully.
- Do not use out-of-date medications. Return them to your pharmacist.
- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist regularly to review your medications, including any herbs or supplements.
- Ask your pharmacist about packaging your medications in a dosette box or Webster pack to help you manage them.
- Have an up-to-date list of your medications. A medication card can be useful.

People who take four or more medications a day are at increased risk of falling

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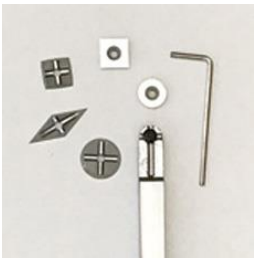


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GUILD ITEMS FOR SALE.

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



Guild Cloth Patch



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.

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/ Which of the following are softwoods: Balsa, Poplar, Camphor Laurel, Meranti?
- 2/ Many turners grind their skew chisels and gouges at 25 degrees (the included angle of the bevels) for general work but vary the angle if doing a lot of work with hard timbers. In this case should the grinding angle be closer to 20 or 30 degrees?
- 3/ What is a finial?
- 4/ What is the name of the lathe chuck most commonly used to hold drill bits?
- 5/ Woodturning is the hobby of which former Australian prime minister?

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AROUND THE REGIONS

FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 25th November.

Your Guild currently has \$8,381.44 available to it. Transaction Account sheet attached.

Membership Secretary – There are currently 193 paid up members of The Sydney Woodturners Guild.

From 1st January 2025 Guild membership fees will increase from the current \$35 per year to \$45 per year.

A document was provided by the Federal Member for Macarthur about the requirements for Not-for-Profit organisations. This information has been available for some time, and we were supposed to receive a letter about it. The Guild and Regions / Clubs have not received any correspondence at this date. The Guild Secretary will investigate and find out why.

Royal Easter Show – We need 4 people to turn on each of 12 days. Ideally each region/club should do 2 days, though it is noted that for smaller groups this might be a stretch. Attached are the forms to put your name down. Note – you will not have to turn all the time. You get free entry to the show and if you can carpool free parking for the day.

You will be able to sell any items you want at the show. David is worried that we may not have enough stuff to sell for the 12 days. You do not have to be there to sell your stuff, but you will need to submit a list of things to David. You will also have to organise to get the stuff there and get any unsold items returned to you. **NOTE – DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, SELLING PENS IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME – THE GUILD IS WORKING ON A SOLUTION AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED.**

Please note 10% of the sale price will be deducted to cover the cost of the card machine and as a small donation to The RAS for giving us the site for free.

Next Guild Meeting will be at TBA starting at 1830 on Monday 3 February 2025. This is due to a clash with the Australia Day long weekend.

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

[ROYAL EASTER SHOW CLASSES,
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CLASS 287 - Platters/Bowls. Any turned item which can be used as or resembles a platter or bowl. Item must NOT have a cover or lid and turned from one piece of timber, either solid or laminated but not segmented. The item can

be embellished in any way, but the Judge must be satisfied that the piece shows 100% turning. Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20

CLASS 288 - Segmented Woodwork. One article made up of numerous pieces of various timbers. These items can be vessels, bowls, platters, or any other wooden pieces, and the final shape shall be achieved by woodturning. Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20

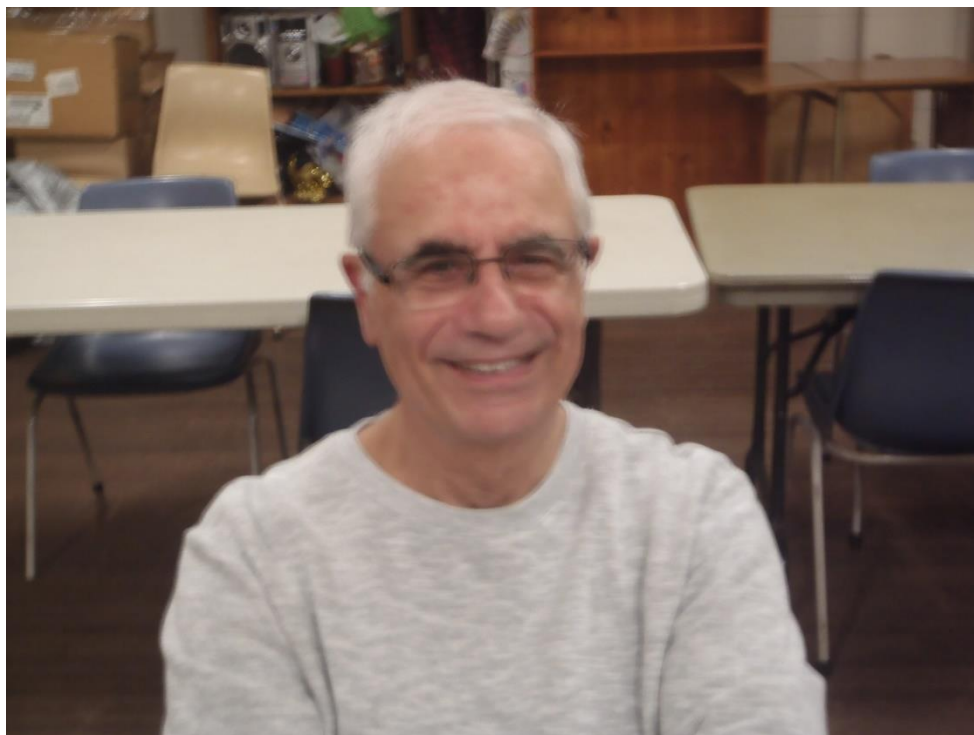
CLASS 289 - Innovative. Entries in this Class must be at least 80% turned and be turnings which by design and/or construction are unique, and do not fit easily into any of the above categories. Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20

CLASS 290 - Novice Face plate turning. Open to all wood turners who have not won a first, second or third prize in any Sydney Royal Easter Show section of wood turning. The Exhibit must be turned with the grain of the timber at 90 degrees to the bed of the lathe. Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

CLASS 291 - Novice Spindle turning. Open to all wood turners who have not won a first, second or third prize in any Sydney Royal Easter Show section of wood turning. The Exhibit must be turned with the grain of the timber running parallel to the bed of the lathe. Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

NEW TEMPORARY SEGMENT, GUILD COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE.

Better Known as the Rogues Gallery.



Alexander Bendeli Guild Representative from Northern Beaches.

Alexander commenced his professional career as an electronics engineer after graduating from UNSW in 1969. He later attained a Master of Engineering in 1976. In 2001 he decided to enroll at the Lidcombe TAFE for the three-year woodturning course and attained the Certificate in 2003 under the tutelage of George Hatfield and others.

Alex started tinkering with tools at the age of 14 and has been the consummate handyman since then. He joined the Sydney Woodturners Guild in 2000 and has been an active member, including being a Guild regional representative for twenty years. He contributed several articles to the Guild's newsletter "By Hand & Eye" as well as the regular column "Portrait of a Woodturner". He has had woodturning articles published on topics such as handy tips, tool reviews and a book review. Various articles were also printed in the Australian Woodworker magazine covering similar topics. Alex wrote a "Seniors" article published in the local community magazine for local news and promoting activities around the municipality. Alex also initiated and participated with another SNBW member for a 35 minute interview at the studio of Radio Northern Beaches (88.7 & 90.3 FM) to promote our club and activities.

Being the Guild's vice-president for several terms, Alex participated in Guild activities such as the Wood turn workshops and the Working with Wood show and managed to receive a prize for a pyrographed turned platter. He was part of the organizing team for the WWW show for a number of years and the main organizer of Wood turn 2008. As a member of the Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners, Alex **attended and** participated with his colleagues in the Blue Mountains woodturning challenge, the "Open Studio" days in the Northern Beaches area, several Bunnings sausage sizzles and market stalls when held. He attempts to visit the various Guild regions and has judged a few "Show & Tell" sessions. Currently, Alex is the vice - president of the SNBW and rostered as a workshop supervisor every Tuesday and 2nd Saturday every month.

Alex takes on challenging (definitely non-profitable!) commissioned woodturning tasks whenever time permits, and the opportunity arises.

A. Bendeli 2 Oct 2024

MENAI REGION.

Guild Report 25th November 2024:

Menai advise that they are going well. They have been helping the Men's Shed by making toys for their Christmas Charity and running Woodturning Training Courses. Their Christmas Party will be 10 December. They have qualified as a charity, though they still have an issue with their ABN.

Show and Tell November 2024: This month's theme "Coin Boxes".

NORTHERN BEACHES.

Guild Report 25th November 2024:

Northern Beaches Christmas Party was held at Forresterville RSL. They are demonstrating at Bunnings on 5 December, and for the first time they will be able to sell some of their items. They have a Bunnings BBQ on 7 December. Their wood bank is now established. The toy makers have made 250 toys for needy children. They will close from 14 December 2024 to 27 January 2025 inclusive.

Show and Tell March 2024 "Easter".

BANKSTOWN REGION.

Guild Report 25th November 2024:

Bankstown The Girl Guide Hall that they operate out of needs major repairs. The council is undertaking these repairs and renovations. Currently the ceiling has been repaired. However, the next phase is to renovate the toilets and floor. This will mean that they have to temporarily move out and store their equipment. Their last day will be 20 December and they are hoping to return at the end of February.

Show and Tell July 2024:

Information supplied by David King. Phone number listed at the front of this newsletter. Contact him for more information. FOR THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO ENTER THE COMPETITION/S.

Woodwork competitions Blacktown Show March 2025

All entries must have been completed within the last 18 months unless stated.

Class

- 76. Wood Turning** – Novice turned Article -Novice is limited to 2 years' experience and must not have entered competitions before.
- 77. Wood Turning** - Open Turned Bowl, turned lidded box, turned Platter, segmented turned bowls, Laminated Bowls
- 78. Wood turning** - Spindle work, wooden Walking stick, Pens and pencils (pen or pencils must be capable of producing writing)
- 79. Woodwork Carving** -Carving Any Article Free Form.
Carved wooden Walking stick
Entry must have been Carved and completed in the last 24 months
- 80. Woodwork** - Non-turned Wooden Box, clocks,
Laminated platter/cutting board
- 81. Ornamental Wood Turning** - Wooden items created on a Rose Engine
or Ornamental Lathe
- 82. WoodWork** - Band saw Box , Scroll saw work, Clocks
- 83. Woodwork** - Wooden toy, or any wooden article **not** included in the above classes.
- 84. Woodwork** - People with disabilities - All forms of woodwork accepted

Blacktown Council Awards \$50.00

Best Exhibit Class 76 to 84

Sponsor Awards \$50.00

Best Exhibit Class 76

Cumberland Woodworkers Inc

Best Exhibit Class 83 -84

Pain & Waller Solicitors

Tool Tools Entries Raffle : Receive One raffle ticket for each entry listed on your entry form

MACARTHUR REGION.

Guild Report 25th November 2024:

Macarthur Have done a Bunnings BBQ where they made over \$1500. This was mainly due to them having access to an EFTPOST machine. They are doing a demonstration day at Bunnings on 5 December. Their Christmas Party will be held on 7 December. They will be closed from 24 December to early February.

Show and Tell August 2024:

Show and Tell September 2024:

EASTERN REGION.

Guild Report 25th November 2024:

Eastern Region – Mel Dickson has been away on holiday and Joshua Newman has been filling the position of Secretary during the last couple of months.

Treasurer's Report: George Xylas informed the group that we have \$2578.22 in the bank, and approximately \$200 in Petty Cash.

Guild Report: Nothing to report during the month of November.

Kooloora Community Centre: Kooloora asked the woodturners to keep in mind that they have children in the area during the week. If we could ensure that any timber is stacked away securely it would be appreciated. The group was invited to attend the Kooloora Christmas Party.

General Business:

The group decided to wait until Joshua checks with a Tax Agent before moving on the ATO changes recommended by Bill Black.

The group decided to start by bringing the Eastern Region Constitution up to date. Phil McLeod did some initial work on it. Joshua will complete the work and once finally approved by the group will submit it to Fair Trading.

The Christmas Party will not be held at the shed as in past years. It will be held at a venue to be advised in early December.

After some discussion it was noted that often the shed is open until 1700 on Saturdays. The Guild should be advised of this and the appropriate changes made in By Hand and Eye.

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Show and Tell October 2024:

Show and Tell November 2024:

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

Guild Report from 25th November 2024 Newsletter:

Southern Highlands are continuing over the Christmas break. They made \$1918.00 during the Southern Highlands Arts Trail due primarily to having an EFPOST machine available.

Show and Tell September 2024: “Christmas Ornaments”

This was run by Ian Pye. Following Peter’s September demonstration he provided a forest of his trees. Syd produced stunning “inside-out-turned” droplets. The challenge is knowing what to turn when and how!!!



**Too Large to bring to Show and Tell.
Kumiko book-case
by Syd Dunford. Where does he find the time ????**

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, Forrestville Avenue, Forrestville, 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 1700, 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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Philip McLeod 0418 267 096

QUIZ ANSWERS

1/ They are all hardwoods. Hardwoods have vessels or pores which can be seen if the end grain is cut cleanly with a sharp razor blade. A low powered magnifying glass may be necessary. Hardwoods evolved after softwoods and have a more complex structure.

2/ Hard timbers quickly damage tools ground at 20 degrees so a 30 degree angle is preferable.

3/ Finials are detailed (usually pointed) attachments to furniture but unlike knobs they are not used as handles. Sometimes they disguise holes and sometimes they are solely decorative. Large finials were frequently added to the tops of gables on federation style houses.

4/ Lathe drilling is often done with a Jacobs chuck. This was a brand name which is now widely applied to all chucks of this type. They are usually mounted on a morse tapered arbor which allows them to be used in the headstock and tailstock. They may also be used to securely hold small slender work. If a Jacobs chuck is not available, drill bits may be held in a self-centering chuck. When the timber is mounted in a chuck, small drill bits may be held in a hand drill, hand vise, pliers or even by hand. It is an advantage to make a clean lead-in hole with a skew chisel to guide the drill to the centre of the work. If the drill bit starts to bounce in the hole it will run off line so the lead-in should be enlarged and the drill presented again.

5/ Malcolm Fraser.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

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