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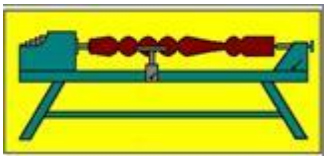


Presidential Words

For December 2017

Dear Members,

Christmas Exhibition 25 & 26 November
We had a lot going against us on the weekend we held our Exhibition at Mt Coot-tha. The First Ashes Cricket Test Match was on at The Gabba, a State Election was held on the Saturday, our planned advertisement regarding the exhibition did not appear in the Friday's Courier Mail, and the Summer heat and humidity returned. Under the circumstances we did fairly well. You will find more information about our Mt Coot-tha Exhibition in this edition of Turning Talk. My personal thanks to all our hardworking members who worked across the weekend.

Working Bee at Pine Street
We will be holding a working bee on Friday 8 December from 8am - 12pm, to prepare for the Christmas Party, and clean up after 6 months of dusty woodturning.

Tuesday 12 December
As this is our last open workshop for the year we will be having a special morning tea for all members attending. *There will be no afternoon training session on the 12th for members, as we will be organising the hall for the evening Christmas Party*.

Hamper Raffles
We are having 3 Hamper Raffles at our Christmas Party as usual. Members can donate items for the Hamper by bringing them along to Pine Street until the morning of 12 December. Bob McGeechan is organising this, so speak to Bob about what he needs to make each Hamper extra special.

Christmas Party
This event will be held on Tuesday 12 December from 6.30pm onwards. The cost is $20.00 per person. We need to know numbers ASAP so we can order the food for the night. There are still a few spots left. If you want to attend, you need to act quickly. If you also want to participate in Secret Santa, you will need to bring a wrapped gift to the value of $15.00.

Start Back Date
The first Open Workshop of 2018 will be on Tuesday 9 January.

As this will be my last Presidential Words I would like to thank my Committee for their hard work and vision for our Society, and to thank all members for their support over the last 10 years since I returned to the WSQ Management Committee, first as Secretary and then as President.

On behalf of our Committee I would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018.

Rob McKee
President (for just a little while longer)

Diary and Looking Ahead at WSQ
December 2017 and Beyond

	Date	*Day of Month*	*Session Title*	*Convenors*	*Times*
	1 Dec	1st Friday	Toy and Open Workshop Toy Group Open Workshop	Peter Churchward	8.00am – 3.00pm
	5 Dec	1st Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	John Sheppard & Bob McGeechan	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
	7 Dec	1st Thursday	WSQ Safety & Workshop Induction for New Members		9.00am – 12noon
	8 Dec	2nd Friday	Clean-up Working Bee	December Only	8.00am - Noon
	9 Dec	2nd Saturday	Management Meeting		9.00am – Noon
	12 Dec	2nd Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Lyndon Prescott Not in December Not in December	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Premises Closed Until Tuesday 9 January 2018	14 Dec	2nd Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - $25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
	16 Dec	3rd Saturday	WSQ Monthly Forum/ Show and Tell		9.00am – Noon
	19 Dec	3rd Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	John Sheppard & Bob McGeechan Rob McKee (Former DVA Team members welcome) John Sheppard	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm –3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
	23 Dec	4th Saturday	WSQ Demonstration	No Demonstration in December	9.00am – Noon
	26 Dec	4th Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Rob McKee Rob McKee (Former DVA Team members welcome) Allan Dickson	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
	28 Dec	4th Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - $25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
	N/A	5th Tuesday - Only if one falls in the month	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Rob McKee Rob McKee Rob McKee	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Future Events and Important Dates	
Friday 8 December	Clean-up Working Bee - from 8am to Noon
Tuesday 12 December	WSQ Christmas Party - from 6:30pm - Cost $20 per person
Friday 15 December to Tuesday 9 January 2018	Christmas Close Down
Tuesday 9 January 2018	WSQ Premises Reopens After Christmas Holidays – 8:00am

New Member

Only one new member has joined in the last month. The new member is:

- **Brian Edwards**

Please make him welcome when you meet him at WSQ Hall.

Alwyn Clark
WSQ Membership Secretary

Treasurer's Report

A summary of our financial position at the end of October is:

Receipts	
Memberships	$1,188
Meeting Income	$1,098
Store Sales	$891
Grant Income	$1,267
Sundry Income	$341
	$4,785
Less Payments	
Workshop Expenses	$705
Newsletter & Office Expenses	$106
Cleaning	$480
Insurance	$1,291
Store Purchases	$1,097
Repairs & Maintenance	$505
Equipment Purchases	$974
Other Expenses	$222
	$5,305
Cash Deficit	($595)
Cash at Bank	$31,178

The grant was received from the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund to acquire a replacement air filtration unit for the workshop. The cost of the unit is partially represented by the Equipment Expenses figure, with the remainder paid in November.

Our major activity in November was the Mt Coot-tha Exhibition. A quick summary of the event is:

Sales	$12,612
Raffle	$1,049
Café	$780
Net Profit	$2,787

The charity table was more successful than in previous years, resulting in a donation to Hummingbird House of $500. This was accumulated from both exhibitions and the open day this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the charity table.

John Reed
Treasurer

Library Displays

	NORTHSIDE	SOUTHSIDE
December	N/A	N/A
January	Toowong	N/A
February	Kenmore	Mt Gravatt

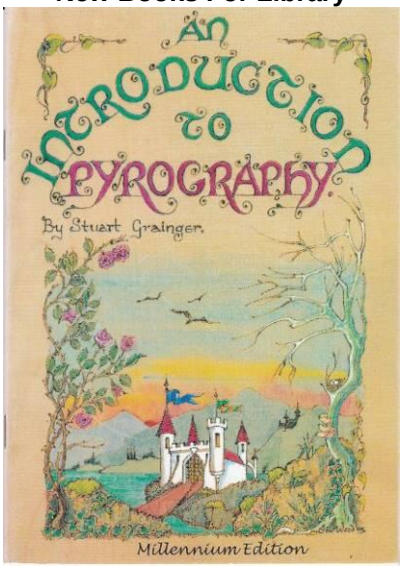
Many thanks to all those people who have loaned items for display. If you are willing to offer some of your pieces for display, Sandy and John would be pleased to talk to you.

John Byrne
WSQ Member

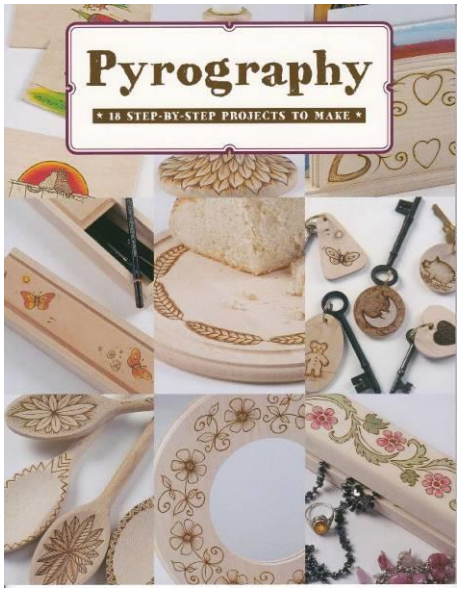
Sandy May
WSQ Member

Library News

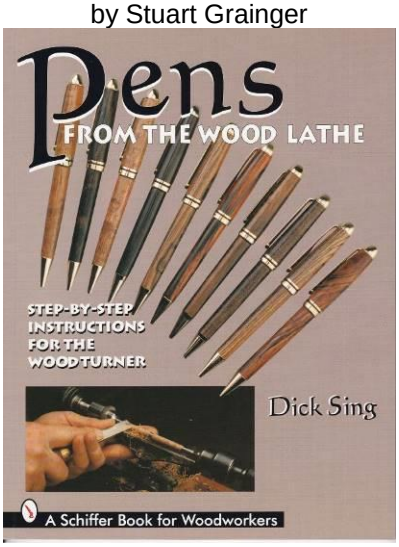
New Books For Library



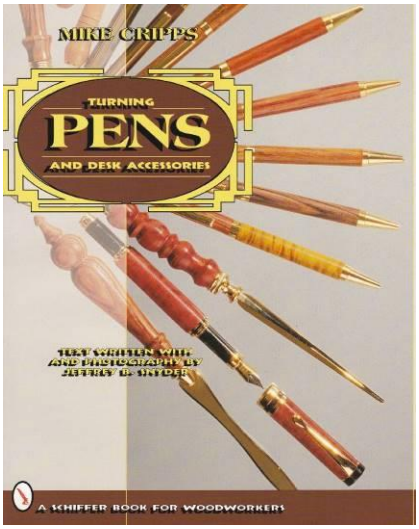
An Introduction to Pyrography
by Stuart Grainger



Pyrography 18 Step-By-Step Projects to Make



Pens from the Wood Lathe
By Dick Sing



Turning Pens and Desk Accessories
By Mike Cripps.

Alwyn Clark
Librarian

Update Your Medical Records

For those of you that have provided WSQ with your medical records, it is now time to update them, if there has been any change in your history or medication.

As you are aware, they are only to be accessed in the case of an emergency involving you at Pine Street.

These documents are stored in sealed envelopes, in a clearly marked grey metal box, on the bench just outside the Library door, near the defibrillator.

All members who attend Pine Street on a regular or irregular basis are encouraged to complete the Medical Records Form, and ensure they are regularly updated as your circumstances change.

If there are any concerns, please contact either Alwyn Clark or myself.

Bob Kennedy
Management Committee Member

What's in a Name?

The Design Forum is on the third Saturday of the month. Perhaps we should rename it "The getting of wisdom". Or perhaps "The sharing of information". or simply "Show and tell session"- Whatever.

I've been to a few, but last Saturday was something special. There were only a handful of us there. Pity. I got so much shared knowledge, tips, tricks, innovation and ideas.

We started with a design of a fabulous coloured Jacaranda vessel. Tall on delicate feet. Our participant texted the photo to his colleague on the other side of the world and a short time later back came a vision of a penguin. I didn't see it initially but when confronted with the two views side by side the connection was obvious.

We got to see some exotic hardwood timber entwined by Liana vine, leaving its imprint into the timber which intertwined with it. We discussed finishes, sanding grits, process and a range of oils and other finishes.

The Hardwood and Liana Vine

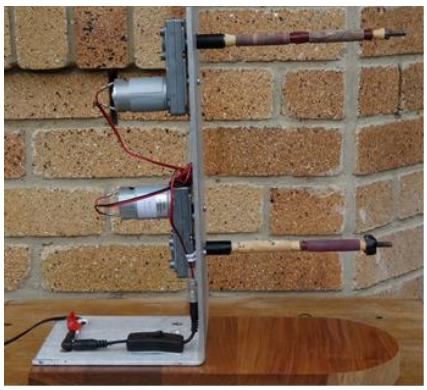
We then looked at a range of bowls on stems. The name for this design is 'compote'. You learn something new every day. The elements of form were discussed. There was observation on what worked, what didn't, how to fix, and other options. There was a bowl with silver beads as a rim and we learned the tricks and traps associated.

A Group of Compotes

The Bowl with Silver Beads

We then saw examples of practical kitchenware. Outstanding quality in simple design and construction. These commanded a good price, as the attention to detail was obvious.

The concept of marketing was discussed at length and were shown some innovative means for rotating pens to apply finish, and the options available for presentation boxes. These boxes transformed a really good pen into an outstanding presentation set, in a not very expensive really good presentation case sourced from the internet. It increased the saleability price by at least a factor of six.



Pen Finishing Device

Pen and Letter Opener in Presentation Box

I spent a couple of hours, both then and after, distilling information that would have required hundreds of hours of reading and research. If you don't have a pressing commitment on the third Saturday of the month do yourself a favour and make the effort to come along. Stay tuned, the event may be re-scheduled.

Why were you not there? Is it that the name of the event doesn't conjure up just what is on offer? It's a bloody shame that all this wit, wisdom, knowledge and experience is not shared more widely. Just one valuable point is worth the price of the ticket. I really make an effort to attend as many as I can. You should too.

Maurie Page
WSQ Member

Mt Coot-tha Exhibition 2017

Here are some images from the Exhibition.

Ikebana Display at the Entrance

The Hall in Action

The Sales Desk in Action

Some of Jim Thallon's Excellent Pieces

The Toy Group Display

Rob McKee demonstrates to some Visitors

Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

Mt Coot-tha Exhibition Raffle

Well folks, it's over for another year.

From me, many thanks to all of our members who donated such wonderful prizes for the raffle. They are:

Len Mengel	Dan Woodward	Sandy May	Ian Symes
Lee Wilson	Rob McKee	Albert Takken	Richard Symes
Terry Martin	Phil Harris	Charlie Edwards	Lyndon Prescott
Brian Creese	Alan Loxton	Andrew Bruce	

I would like to wish Len Mengel a speedy recovery from his recent accident.

Many thanks also to Steven Auer, Alwyn Clark, Albert Takken and John Francis for their help selling raffle tickets.

And a big thank you to all the people who bought tickets, and the prize winners for their support of WSQ.

A very big thank you to Mike Dodson for his kind donation of confetti for the raffle table once again.

The prizes and the winners are listed below:

	Prizes	Winners
1.	Large Bowl – Forest Red Gum	Barry Pares
2.	Chilean Myrtle Vase	Bronwyn (WSQ member)
3.	Large Black Wattle Vase	Di Cage
4.	Leather Handbag	Shan Wilson
5.	Red Gum Bowl	I Lincoln
6.	New Guinea Rosewood Burl Bowl	Julie Ann Lee
7.	Lidded Container with Finial	Helen
8.	Camphor Laurel Compote	Pat Armstrong
9.	Maple Compote	Toni Dowd (WSQ member)
10.	Silky Oak Bowl	Irene
11.	Small Blackwood Bowl	Dorothy McMillan
12.	Set of 4 Tea Light Holders and 2 Candle Sticks	Ken Mathews
13.	Acrylic Rifle Pen	Toni Dowd (WSQ member)
14.	Purple Heart Pen	Phil Harris (WSQ member)
15.	Ebony Pen	John Benson
16.	Albizia Bowl	Trevor
17.	Lilly Pilly Bowl	David Bradley
18.	Claret Ash Vase	Alan Loxton (WSQ member)
19.	Chilean Myrtle Vase	Joy Cook

Paul Tierney
Management Committee Member

Toy Group

I would like to wish all WSQ members and their family and friends a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

My thanks go to the members of our toy group Col, Terry, Barry, Toni, and Lily for their hard work and dedication during the year, without which we could not have achieved the results we aimed for.

My thanks also to our departing president Rob McKee and our Management Committee who have supported our group throughout the year.

As always, my thanks to the WSQ members who donated items for our timber supply people this year.

Our group also would welcome any new members to join us next year to help continue our efforts to help children receive Xmas toys.

Regards

Peter Churchward
Toy Group Convenor.

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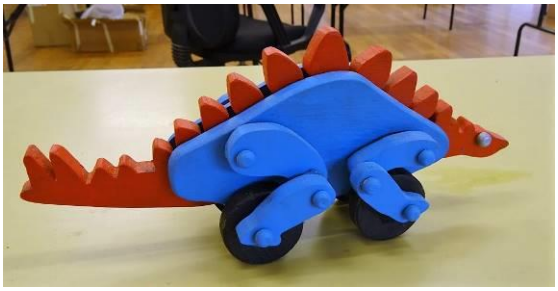
Some images of the toys produced by the Toy Group are included below. Congratulations on your wonderful efforts.



Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

Letters to the Editor

From: Eileen and Garth Forster
[mailto:eileenandgarth@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Robert Mc kee; Brian Creese
Subject: Camphor Laurel available at Taringa

Rob, Brian,

Could either of you please circulate the following notice to WSQ members.

Thanks
Garth Forster

There is recently felled camphor laurel available as short sections of log at Taringa. The sections vary in diameter from about 200 mm to 450 mm in diameter. The larger diameter pieces are mostly 500 – 600 mm long. There are very large diameter pieces there too but those have been cut across grain into discs about 150 mm thick.

The timber is about 40 m from the closest vehicle access but there is a hand trolley available on site for the next few days.

Anyone interested in collecting some or all of this timber should contact Denis on 3871 3783 to arrange collection and to find out the closest vehicle access point.

Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

Management Committee for 2018

At the Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 the following members were reappointed to the positions they held in 2017. There were no nominations for the position of President, so this position remains vacant into the near future. The Management Committee will consider members who they consider may be suitable for the position, and will encourage one of them to "volunteer" to take on the role. Hopefully, the situation can be resolved early in 2018.

Position	Successful Nominee
President	Vacant
Vice President	Kevin Kruger
Secretary	Lyn Woodward
Treasurer	John Reed
Committee Members	Alwyn Clark Brian Creese Michael Dodson Geoff Holbeck Bob Kennedy Paul Tierney Reg Weber

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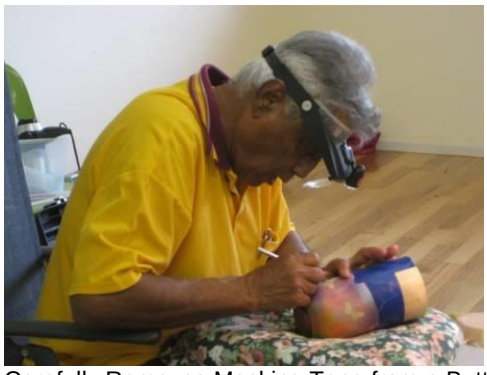
From the Archives
Ben Guha's Demonstration in 2012

On the morning of Saturday 28 January 2012 Ben Guha conducted a demonstration entitled "Embellishing Your Turned Items". Forty members and visitors attended the session.

Ben had prepared a thin walled vessel to use for the demonstration. He described and demonstrated how he goes about marking out the proposed design on the vessel. He discussed the various types of masking tape he used, and the care with which must be taken with it. It was clear to all in attendance that the type of work Ben does requires a great deal of attention to detail, patience, and artistic ability.



Ben Carefully Removes Masking Tape from a Butterfly Image

Ben discussed airbrushing, including the equipment and paints he uses, and the techniques he uses to achieve different effects on the item being decorated. He demonstrated these on the vessel he used for the session.

Ben Airbrushing the Butterfly Image

Ben discussed the equipment and techniques he uses to do decorative piercing on his vessels. He demonstrated his skill in this area.

Ben discussed and demonstrated a simple method for transferring images to the object being decorated. This tip was very well received by those present.

Ben Demonstrating his Piercing Skills

By the time the session concluded Ben had only been able to decorate a small portion of the vessel.

The Vessel at the end of the Demonstration

The demonstration was very interesting and informative, and was enjoyed by all those who attended. This was Ben's first formal demonstration!. I'm sure it will not be his last. Well done Ben.

The Completed Demonstration Vessel

Geoff Holbeck
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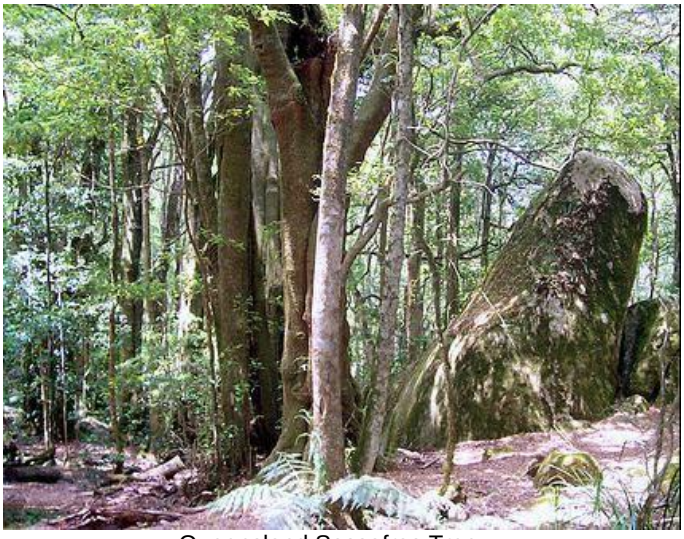
Tree of the Month
Sassafras, Queensland


Queensland Sassafras Tree

Botanical name*: Doryphora sassafras & Daphnandra. micrantha.*
Note: *Doryphora aromotica, Daphnandra dielsii & Daphnandra repandula* are similar in properties. These species grow further into northern Queensland rainforests.
Other common names: Socket Sassafras, Canary Sassafras, Golden Deal, Golden Sassafras, Net Sassafras, Northern Grey Sassafras, Satinwood, Scentless Sassafras.

Family name: Monimiaceae.

Distribution: Medium to large hardwoods in coastal rainforests from Central New South Wales to southern Queensland.

Colour: Heartwood is grey-brown to greenish-yellow. The sapwood is lighter in colour but not readily distinguishable.

The timber: Fine and even texture and straight grained - almost featureless.

Mechanical properties: *Doryphora spp* kiln dry to about 600kgs/m^3 (40lbs/ft^3) and *Daphnandra spp* .to about 650kgs/m^3 (43lbs/ft^3). This places both timbers into the medium rating of properties. The heartwood of both is only sufficiently durable for interior work. Sapwood is not Lyctid borer susceptible.

Working properties: Fairly easy to work, Nails, screws and glues without difficulty and comes to a smooth uniform finish.

Uses: Furniture, turnery.

Availability: Limited as much of the standing stock is now in conservation areas.

Related species: *Daphnandra tenuipes*- Socket Sassafras.

Doryphora sassafras Timber

Doryphora aromotica Timber

Sassafras Platter by Sandy May

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