



NORTHERN WOODTURNERS CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Welcome to the New Year and I trust everyone had a merry Christmas with lots of woodturning presents to keep you occupied for the forthcoming year.

Our monthly meeting was of limited interest as it took a while to get the television setup in operation and some members left early. Nevertheless the remaining members enjoyed a You Tube video and have provided a solution for improved operations next time.

New members, (those joining since 1st July 2017) may be interested in our latest scheme whereby established members will bring in a small quantity of wood to be used as "starter packs" and be given to the newcomers. If you can assist please liaise with Gordon or me and we will arrange it.

We have a sales day organised with Lakeside Retirement Village in Roxburgh Park on 24th March. It is only a four hour exhibition so please join in by submitting a few items and possibly assisting on the day.

A BBQ fund raiser will be held at Bunnings Thomastown on 7th April. Volunteers would be welcomed in manning the stall on the day. A list will appear on the notice board of volunteers. This is our opportunity to raise funds for the club to purchase new equipment and pay the bills. Perhaps we could purchase one of those newfangled 3D printers and make replacement bits and pieces for a couple of our members. (Hope Laurie Taylor and Graeme Matthews are recovering well from their operations).

Kilmore Art Expo. Will be held on 13th-15th April and is an opportunity to sell your excess woodturned items. Once again volunteers are essential for the Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday roster. You do not need to be an expert in woodturning to assist – just have a willingness to talk with customers and keep a keen eye on the items for sale.

Jon Simpson, previously with the Norwich Woodturning Club in England, was our contact with our “sister club” arrangement. He has since left and joined another club. He will be visiting our club in September this year, would love to meet us and do a small demonstration. We have readily agreed and look forward to meeting Jon and his wife Bronwyn.

Following the success of auctions in previous years we plan to have another in June of this year. Members can nominate whether 100% of the sales goes to the club or a percentage only with their individual items. Please contact Gordon or me for further details.

Best wishes,
Alan

CLUB MEETING ON THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2018 AT 9:00 AM
THE MONTHLY PROJECT IS A CLOCK NECKLACE
PETER LUCAS WILL TALK ON MAKING FOUNTAIN PENS IN HIS STYLES

Items for the Newsletter

Items of interest to our members are welcome to be placed in the newsletter. It can be a review of something you received for Christmas or you bought recently. A short article that would be of interest to other members.

Christmas Lunch Survey

Our Christmas lunch was held at the Excelsior in December. We had a small attendance; the room was full to capacity and the noise level prevented many conversations. To try to improve attendance and find a more suitable venue the Committee has decided to ask the Members for their views so we may make a more popular decision for this year.

Some of the things to consider:

- December is hectic for most people. Do we have to have a Christmas activity? Would it be better to have a social function at another time – say July?
- Does it have to be a weekend? We do not have any idea how many people would be affected if we had it on a weekday.
- Do people prefer a lunch or dinner? We are conscious of our age demographic and understand night driving may be an issue.
- Do you want an inside or outside venue?
- Is cost an important factor? What is your maximum spend on food?
- Please suggest some venues that we can view.

Please let Beryl know your thoughts by a note or email. The cutoff for feedback is the end of February and a summary will be given at the March meeting. Please take this opportunity to comment as we would like to increase the social interaction within the Club.

Safety Tips

We encourage our members to take care of their personal safety.

In the clubroom we have two room filters that are on during all workshop sessions. We have face shields and safety glasses. Near the bandsaw there is a pair of ear muffs and push sticks to help you to be safe using the bandsaw.



For cleaning the workshop, we have two cyclonic units with the vacuum cleaners. We recommend a breathing mask for your protection. There are many choices of varying quality from paper or cloth to powered full face shield.

Anyone with dust allergy issues or a respiratory problem like Asthma should protect themselves before you have permanent damage to your body.

Abrasives - Mind your Ps – don't have to worry about 2s

Part of an article on abrasives in the Australian Woodworker (Feb 2018) gives a reminder about the grades of abrasive papers. Those starting with P adhere to the European standard. When there is no P, the paper conforms to the US standard. Unfortunately, the two standards are different, particularly grades higher than 180. Mixing grades when sanding your latest masterpiece could end up with you going backwards e.g. P400 is equivalent to 320.

For details The Sandpaper Man has a comparison chart on their website

www.thesandpaperman.com.au

You need to scroll down to the bottom of the home page to find the link to the comparison chart.

In the Magazines

In the winter issue (No. 313) of Woodturning

Winter in the UK that is – as my sister informed me the other day, they had a temperature more than 40C less than ours! This is 13th magazine we receive each year. There is a couple of repeat items from past years, but nonetheless useful if you are a relatively new turner and a contentious one about whether or not you should wear gloves when turning – well it depends... The Kit and Tools section describes “the amazing doughnut chuck” – with a price range from around \$250 to \$350+ I can imagine some enterprising members making their own – in fact we have seen versions of it in a couple of demonstrations over the years.

Techniques: Replacement finials; Hawaiian style bowl repairs; Turning a tool handle on four axes (one for Todd?); Turning long and thin; Should you wear gloves when turning? beads and coves for decoration; leaf-shaped bowls

Projects: Illuminated castle; Block-effect bowl (something different); Birdhouse ornament; Sewing tape measure (as made by a number of our members over the last 20 years!! – the pattern is in the library)

In the January issue of Woodturning

Some useful tips for beginners this month – and good reminders for the more experienced in the Techniques section. “Beyond basic pens” will be interesting for those just learning, but there have been similar articles in other books and magazines. There is also a good safety reminder about wearing rings and jewelry.

Techniques: Turning a handled cup from a single piece of wood; 18 top woodturning tips; Growing beyond the basic kit pen; Important concepts you can learn from a machinist; Joined four-poster bed posts; Adding surface texture to turned work

Projects: Presentation gavel; Decorating a bowl using indexing; Triangular section twisting sculpture; Salt and pepper mills; Salt cellar with magnetic hinge.

“Putting a price on it” will be of interest to some. There are also the usual reviews and featured artists.

Show N Tell



This month's project was an off centre item. Beryl Watling showed this bowl last year but it was unfinished. It is now finished with nitro cellulose lacquer.



Lionel Hart has made this vase from Red Gum and finished it with nitro cellulose lacquer.



Graham Skinner has made this pin cushion and lidded box. The wood is unknown (the most prevalent species) and the finish is Danish Oil.



Alan Arnup has made this slimline pen in Cypress Pine. It features the new Australiana band. The finish is Glow.



Joe Van Koeverden has made this hollow form from Gidgee. The tea pot stands are unknown wood and all items have been finished with Livos oil.

For Sale

I have had an enquiry from a gentleman in Macleod who wishes to sell some of his wood turning tools. The prices are quite reasonable and might be of interest to some of our new members. I will leave a drawing of the tools at the hall for your perusal.

His name is Brian and he can be contacted on his mobile phone on 0425 777 665 A text might be best.

- 7/8 inch curved edge Skew Chisel. Approx. 6mm thick. 150 Jahre Spannage. With a 12 inch handle. Price \$70.00
- 1 1/2 inch curved edge Skew Chisel. Approx. 7mm thick. Robert Sorby H.S.S. With a 12 inch handle. Price \$70.00
- 1 inch Roughing Gouge. Boral, (P&N). Price \$80.00
- 5/8 Flat Parting Tool. Approx. 5mm thick Marples. Price \$60.00
- 3/4 inch Shallow Gouge Marples. Price \$70.00
- 1/2 inch Shallow Gouge Marples. \$60.00

Calendar for 2017-2018

| Meeting days | | | Suggested Project |
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| Sat. 17 th February | Peter Lucas, Fountain Pen | | Clock Necklace |
| Sat. 17 th March | Lionel Hart Demonstrate the Vacuum chuck unit | | Spice Rack |
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| Sat. 21 st April | | | Kitchen Item |
| Sat. 19 th May | | | A Special pen |
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| Sat. 16 th June | | | Laminated piece |
| Sat. 21 st July | Annual meeting | | Bowl with feet |

The calendar is subject to change as needed.

- 7th April 2018, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Session Times

Our weekly hands on session times are:

Tuesday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Wednesday, 8:00 am – Noon
Thursday, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Monthly Meeting on the third Saturday of the Month, 9:00 am, Except December

We appreciate the opportunity from Bunnings to raise funds at their stores.
They support us so please support them.

