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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Our September meeting was well attended and once again with enthusiasm and the anticipation of what was to come. Little did they know that Buttons, Toggles and Pins were the order of the day. A competition uniting each faction of the Guild involving the Monthly meeting, Thursday workshop and Monday critic night, culminating in Items for the Upmarket on the 21st of November.

The idea was embraced by the members after David Scott did a presentation of his buttons and showed how his chucks were made for finishing.

For those who have made these Items for the **competition** please bring them along on the 24th

The closing time has been extended until the Thursday 12th of November before the “upmarket.” If time is short because you are involved in making toys for the “Harold Irving Toy Appeal” Just make a single item here and there between jobs.

Mounting them on a card would be appreciated for easier handling and allowing for the woods description

Woodturning truly is a diverse occupation, this has been proven once again by our friend and visiting demonstrator Cliff Walsh, who showed us how a ‘Rose Engine’ is mastered for embellishing turned items. Whilst we are not going to rush out and purchase one of these very expensive machines, Cliff has shown how he manufactured one of his own and it works a treat!

“Go to Whoa” Open Forum Series no.1 on ‘Safety in the work shop’ got off to a good start with Geoff Easton describing his mishaps in the workshop through being tired, and how handy it is to have a ‘First Aid Kit’ at hand.

Our next 15 min forum, No 2 ,will be ‘ Obtaining Wood’. Put your ideas forth as the best place to replenish your stock.

The Christmas party Roast Spit is well in hand. With the club subsidising the event it will cost \$15.00 per head. Please put your names on the list provided and leave a deposit of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 a Couple.

My apologies for not having badges for our new members, however this gives us the opportunity to re-supply anyone who needs a replacement badge. The cost will be approximately \$10.60 each

In the coming year, the committee is looking into having an ‘Open Day’ should the Guild members sanction the idea. The plan is to have it on the 27th of March 2010.

Quote of the day: ‘Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.’ Aristotle.

See you at our next meeting on October 24th.

Your Lady President – Dianna Bermingham

SHOW & TELL



MEMBER	ITEM	MATERIAL
Rick Gilks	Knitting Nancy	Pine & Red Gum
Geoff Easton	Sculpture	Red Gum
Anne Munro	Pepper Grinder	Red Gum
Val Dalsanto	Platter Bowl Bowl	Red Gum & Oak Coastal Banksia Red Gum
Reg Johnson	Spindle turned item	
Ray Smith	Lidded container Lidded Container 3 Two piece pens	Red Gum Wattle
Dianna Bermingham	Button Toggle Pin	

Keep up the Show and Tell standard at the next meeting on 24th October.

DEMONSTRATOR *Cliff WALSH*

Cliff demonstrated how he made and uses his Rose engine for decorative turning. Adjustments he has incorporated can vary the heights of the cutters, their variance from centre and depth of cuts.

This enables Cliff to decorate turned items with an endless variety of circles and cuts. The accuracy of the machine and the care in which Cliff has made it enables him to come up with outstanding pieces.



The small electric motor Cliff uses to drive the cutters comes from a sewing machine and connects with a narrow plastic type belt. This belt can be cut to the length needed and joined by gently heating the ends before holding together – remembering that heated plastic can hold its heat and stick to fingers.



President Dianna is challenging members to make buttons, toggles and pins which are featuring in the fashion world. David Scott produced some samples of a method of producing buttons by gluing together different coloured timbers and making a backing piece with a hole drilled through it which can be glued on the back so that they can be sewn on to material.

Dianna would like members to bring entries for the competition at the next meeting to find:

- Best single item
- Best set of four
- Best set of six
- Most unusual Design

BE IN IT !!!!

The demonstrator at our meeting on 24th October will be BOB MORRISON who will show us how he makes some of his miniatures and two ways of putting together a Kaleidoscope.

TOY APPEAL

The Annual Harold Irving Christmas Toy Appeal will be held again this year with the recipients being Eastern Relief and the Salvation Army. **This has been a Guild highlight for many years.**

Members are again asked to assist by making high quality toys for all ages or make a donation of toys.

These will be presented to the recipients at the meeting on November 28th.

[Are you able to help and attend?](#)

The Nunawading library has display cases where craft groups display things for a month and sell items. The committee has asked for the opportunity to use this facility in the early months of next year. If we are successful we will be able to publicise the Guild and members may be able to sell some of their pieces there.

Eltham & District Woodworkers are holding an Exhibition on 7th-8th November at the Eltham Community Centre at the corner of Pitt St. and Main Road Eltham.

TOM'S MONDAY MUTTERINGS

Terrier was absent so Voracious took the chair but when Lady Di arrived he meekly accepted that she would chair the meeting. Raucoius started proceedings by producing some rope pegs. Of course, Voracious insisted that he got splinters off the pegs. Michael "Leprechaun" produced a pendant with some off-centre turning, next came Scotty 'of the Antarctic' with his wooden disc on a wire ring and a huge off centre turned pedestal of Peppercorn. Voracious produced his bribe, a packet of white chocolate TimTams. Mal followed with a bowl of a type of cypress pine which may be Arizonous or similar. Ray Dennis had buttons and a pendant. Voracious produced a scroll sawn fawn, a tulip and a small osage orange vessel. Lady Di was last with her buttons

THURSDAY HAPPENINGS

The regular attendees at Thursday afternoon sessions have vigorous discussions about how and what things should be done.

One member asked for suggestions on what shaped bowl should be made with his valuable piece of Huon Pine.

Some thought the wood was so valuable a bowl made from it should be made to hold as much as it could and not waste wood. Some thought a pleasing shape should be made regardless of what it could hold.

The final decision : if you are going to make something from a valuable piece of timber it would be wise to have a trial run with a similar shaped piece of cheap pine wood to decide a pleasing result.

UP 'MARKET 109 Quality crafts at affordable prices

The Koonung Community Cottage is organising Upmarket 109, a market where the various groups who meet at the Cottage will have an opportunity to sell items which they have made.

The Market is to be held on Saturday 21st November from 9.00am to 3pm.

We have been allocated a trestle table in one of the Cottage's three rooms.

Details which we have to follow:

- a. Set up is from 9.00am.
- b. Pack up is after 3.00pm.
- c. Stall holders are to provide a suitable table cloth, preferably floor length.
- d. Only two persons to be manning a stall at one time.
- e. Stall holders must ensure that displays do not project outside the designated space.
- f. Stall holders must provide the buyer some means of contact in case of product fault. This could mean labeling goods individually, labeling bags or providing a business card. This need only include a name and phone number.

Our committee has decided:

Items offered for sale must be of a high standard.

Items must include a tag or sticker indicating the price and phone number of the maker.

It would be preferable to have the items brought in some type of box/container that could be given to a purchaser.

The display and the choice of items for display will be solely at the discretion of the two persons manning the stall at any time.

A list of sales will be kept and a 20% commission paid to the Guild.

Members must bring their own items for sale and collect them at the conclusion of the market.

At the October meeting a roster will be sent around asking for volunteers to assist Ray Smith in the operation of the stall.

A reminder to those who have not already done so.

The Annual Subscription of \$35 is now overdue.

You know you are living in 2009 when:

You accidentally enter your password into the microwave.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach a family of 3.

Your reason for not getting in touch with friends and family is that they don't have an e-mail address.

You get up in the morning and go on line before having your coffee.

You pull up in your driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.