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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Last month was one of those special times when one of our own members, Ken Wright, demonstrated one of the many special abilities he has developed. He showed how he accurately turned a finial following a pattern which he placed for us to see. We were spellbound (and silent for the entire demo). There is a report of this demo in this news letter.

Show and tell was admirably conducted by Reg Johnson. Thank you Reg.

Koonung WTG will be demonstrating the noble art of woodturning at Schwerkolt Cottage on 14th September as we have done for many years. At the next meeting we will organise times for members to demonstrate and for transport of equipment there and back.

We all welcome Amanda Birch to our Guild. She has taken up woodturning following one of our demonstrations.

We wish David McKittrick a steady recovery after a bout in hospital.

Our support goes to our esteemed Vice-President, Di Bermingham, who has been required to return temporarily to New Zealand to assist her parents.

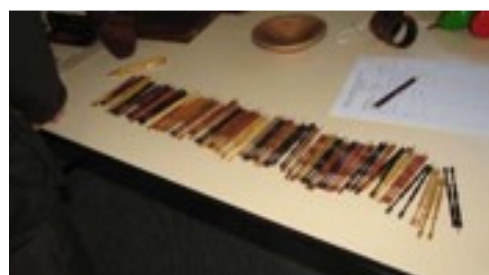
Our Annual meeting will be held this month. See the notice in this Talking Turning. Many committee members are willing to continue to serve. Several members who have served for many years feel that they would like to retire and be replaced by newer members.

For the August meeting we have a demonstration to inspire all whether newcomers or old hands. David Scott will demonstrate turning four pieces at once. David turns those slightly rounded vases we saw at Show and Tell. He has devised a chuck which you really have to see to understand. He is also very generous in sharing his knowledge and understanding of wood. Do not miss this one! Arthur

MEETING AUGUST 23RD DO NOT FORGET SHOW and TELL

SHOW and TELL July

Members Name	Item	Material	
Reg. Johnson	2 off-centre boxes	Scrounged	
Rick Gilks	Soccer ball	Sydney blue gum and jarrah	
Ron Dunston	3 vase	Red gum	
Tom Beswick	Pen Bowl	Osage orange Blood wood	
Anne Munro	Pen set Pen drawer	Ossage orange Huon pine	
Alan Thompson	Toys	Pine and MDF	
Ken Wraight	Lidded box	Blackwood and ancient kanooka	
		Lace bobbins	Various woods
Michael O'Callaghan	Pen	Hairy oak	





July Demonstration

At our July meeting, Ken Wraight demonstrated how to turn a finial and a base on which to mount it. The finial was to be a small diameter piece similar in some respects to a lace bobbin.

During the demonstration Ken provided numerous tips on how to hold the various turning tools to get the best control and hence the best results. He holds the tools against his body and moves his legs rather than his arms to control movement of the tool along the workpiece. He also holds the tool rest while turning.

For the detailed work on the finial he used a small, long-nose spindle gouge and then a small skew for the final cut to get a better, crisper finish. To avoid the problem of a workpiece running up onto the tool and snapping, he rolls the gouge as he cuts so that it ends up on top of the workpiece, preventing the workpiece from running up onto the tool.

For very small beads Ken said he “cheats” by using a fluted parting tool. This gives a good result and reduces the time taken to shape the bead. Even when using these small tools he still holds them against his body to get better control of the tool, especially when making decorations on an item such as a finial or a lace bobbin.

To sand Ken reduced the lathe speed as he finds that the sandpaper lasts longer. His tip here was that if the paper gets hot, it and the turned item are being spoiled. He used cloth paper for longer workpiece sections as it lasts longer but uses a paper backed sandpaper on decorative sections as it is easier to fold the paper to get into small beads and coves and other crevices. A useful tip at this stage is to hold the workpiece lightly while sanding. This stops dust coming around the workpiece and clogging the sandpaper, the paper lasts longer and you get a better finish. He then finished the finial with Triple E and Shellwax.

To turn the stand for the finial, Ken turned a spigot on the blank. The diameter of the spigot was such that the jaws of the chuck were almost fully closed when clamping the workpiece. This provides a much better grip than if the spigot diameter is larger and only held by the points of the chuck jaws.

He then needed to drill a hole in the end of the workpiece. His advice at this point was that when drilling a hole in a turned item it is better to slide the tailstock towards the workpiece until the drill starts to cut and then lock the tailstock in place and advance the drill bit using the tailstock handle in the usual way. This approach results in a lower tendency for the drill bit to run off-centre in the workpiece.

To get the general shape of the base Ken used a bowl gouge with a short bevel and long side wings. Again he used the tool well over on its side and took light cuts as this allowed him a better view of the tool while still giving a good finish. Once he had achieved the desired shape he also finished the base with Shellwax and Triple E.

Many thanks, Ken, for an excellent demonstration.

John Osborne

DEMONSTRATION at SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

The Annual open day at Schwerkolt Cottage will be held on Sunday 14th September this year. Guild members are invited to attend and demonstrate. Assistance in transporting the lathes and other equipment to and from the cottage will be appreciated. This is always an enjoyable day so join in.

UPMARKET 109

The Koonung Community Cottage is organizing a boutique craft market at the Cottage to be held on Saturday 15th November 2008. Koonung Woodturners Guild has accepted an invitation to participate and has applied for a stall where members can display and sell their woodturning items. Items to be displayed must be of a high quality and hand made by the owner. Commercially made and second-hand items are not permitted. This will be a good opportunity for members to let the public see their work and to make a few dollars.

TIMBER

Paul Hayward has access to the timber of a spruce tree which is to be felled. If you are interested in the wood Contact Paul at 9801 6846

ANNE'S WEBSITES by Anne Munro

The Koonung Woodturners' Guild website is up and running.

<http://home.vicnet.au/~woodturn/>

It is very basic at this stage with some work still to be done. I would like member feedback to help with revision.

<http://www.youtube.com/> When you go there you will see an empty box with 'search' beside it. Simply type in woodturning and up will come many pages of woodturning videos. You can simply choose which ones you wish to view. However two warnings. Firstly if you have a dial up connection it will be VERY VERY VERY slow and secondly if you have a broadband connection you will find that downloading various videos uses up a lot of your monthly instalment from your server. So I would not suggest that you view every one of them in one month.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual general meeting of the Koonung Woodturning Guild Inc. will be held on Saturday 23rd. August at 9.15am. in the Koonung Cottage Meeting Room Blackburn North.

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- a. to confirm the minutes of the last previous meeting:
- b. to receive from the Committee reports upon the operations of the Guild during the last previous year:
- c. to elect officers of the association and the ordinary members of the committee:
- d. to elect a Public Officer of the Association until the next annual general meeting:
- e. to consider any other business which the Chairman of the Annual general Meeting, in his discretion considers to be business properly brought forward.