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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2012

It was pleasing to see the participation in the "ducks" project. Are we going to see some for next Show and Tell? Special thanks to those who started the turning at each lathe.



The Whitehorse sustainability Officer has selected our Guild to make the awards' trophies for the Whitehorse Sustainability Awards which will be held on 29th March 2012 at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre. The competition aims to promote creativity through recycling. Our committee has accepted the challenge to make these trophies. They will need to be about 25-30cm in height, made from recycled red gum, similar in appearance but not necessarily identical. When a plan is decided upon members will be asked to assist by making one.

Our other challenge is to have a successful Open Day on 24th March. The proposal includes a gallery display in the meeting room of the best of members' items. Alongside each will be a number so the visitors can indicate which three they would buy if money was not important. From their returns one will be drawn randomly for a lucky prize. These results will enable members to see public preferences. There will be a raffle for four items.

The aim is to have two lathes being used throughout the day to demonstrate wood turning. It is suggested that members aim to produce an item of some difficulty but with some appeal.

A stall will be set up for members to sell items- items of a very good standard.

Sausages will be cooked and tea, coffee and cakes available.

There will be several visiting craft people.

To carry out these, full commitment from members is sought. On a roster to be sent around next meeting you will be asked to indicate when you will be available – this may include more than one position. "Flyers" are available to promote the day.

To promote excellence in woodturning the Monday night and Show and Tell sessions are vital but these will only be of assistance if members produce and bring items. Are you trying to accept and meet challenges?

The demonstrator at our next meeting is well worth looking forward to, our own member JohnMcBrinn.

How are Exhibition items coming on – at least 50% of members should have at least one item. Hope to see you 9.00am on February 25th

SHOW & TELL led by MAX LEHMANN



Val's pots inspired by the article attached. Vase has scalloped the top edge. Nice touch with the flowers.



Mahogany fiddleback gum container by Ray Smith. Unfortunately the wood has moved, impacting the lid fit.

John McBrinn is now into bending wood... another Springett challenge, a "ribbon streptohedron". Square cut paper joints are a key criteria.

The lovely Pen is by Tom Beswick



Set of salt & pepper grinders made from celery top. Crafted by Joe Walker

"Space craft" lidded box and laburnum vase by Val Dalsanto.



Rick Gilks 'work in progress'. A series of angled rings made on the attached faceplate jig. We look forward to the end result.



Unfortunately some other items were claimed before the editor could finish photographing them. These included a redgum bowl with natural holes by Graeme Mills and some older items by Reg Johnson including a cute hat with a steamed rim.

JANUARY MEETING "HANDS ON" ACTIVITY

President Ray provided the members with an interesting challenge, making 'DUCKS WITH CHARACTER'. This required our skills to make egg shaped head & body, use of bandsaw for feet and beak, small scale work for the legs and accurate drilling for assembly. Everyone got into the swing of making one of the many components and had some great sharing of ideas along the way. The photos below give a sense of the activity.



GUILD RAFFLE

A number of items have been donated to the Guild by Pop's Shed, Carba-tec and Woodsmith Pty Ltd. The Committee has organised that these items be raffled as a fundraiser. The raffle will be drawn at the April meeting. See Jim Pagonis to purchase your tickets. "Ya gotta be in it to win".

- First Prize ..\$100 voucher from Pop's Shed
- Second prize ...Sawtooth Bit Set (16 piece)
- Third prize ...Skilton sander and discs suit drill
- Fourth & Fifth prizes ...Woodworker pencil kit WP5000
- Sixth prize ...Ludwig x4 clamp
- Seventh prize ...Chinese scissors (set of 4)
- Eighth & Ninth prizes ...Rustins danish oil
- Tenth prize ... Casual Bracers Aust
- Eleventh prize ... Titebond Wood Glue
- Twelfth prize ...Pocket screw drivers
- Thirteenth prize ...Paint pyramids

WOODWORKING SHOWS

A couple of up coming shows that members may be interested in attending;

GOLBURN VALLEY WOODTURNING & WOODWORKING CRAFT SHOW.

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March (Labour Day weekend) at Eastbank, Welsford St Shepparton. Large range of turned and general woodwork items for sale as well as many skill demonstrations. Entry \$7

Further info ring Len Taylor 03 5823 2430 or Bill Clark 03 5821 6734 or check website www.woodturnersgv.com

BALLARAT WOODWORKERS GUILD CRAFT SHOW.

Saturday 31st March & Sunday 1st April at Wendouree Sports & Events Centre, Norman St, Wendouree

Exhibition and sales of woodwork items, including turned articles. Entry \$5

Further info contact Chris Pearce 03 5337 6898

THURSDAY REPORT

A keen group is regularly attending Thursday sessions. As well as much joking and "woody" talking, the turning skills are being steadily improved.

Graeme M. has mastered end grain evacuation, Tim has recently completed his best item, Gary and John O 2 had accepted the challenge and frustration of making a carriage clock, Val hm. yes Val is experimenting with complicated geometrical shapes. John O 2 is pushing the pack with his finish and CAD computer plans.

Why not join them? 1.00pm. to 3.00 pm. Thursdays.

WHITEHORSE SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

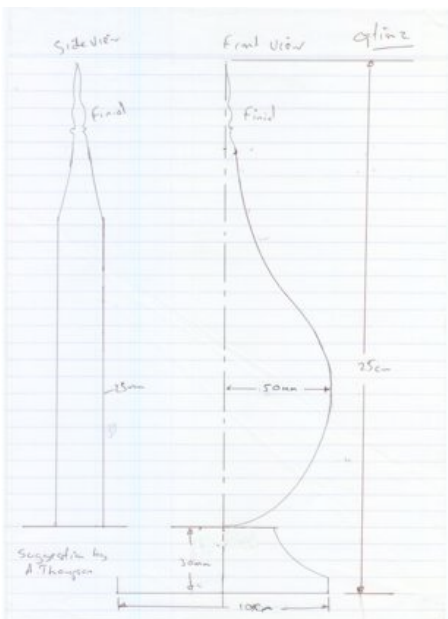
As discussed by Ray Smith in his Presidents Report, we have been requested by Council to make 15 trophies for their Recycling Sustainability Awards. A few of our members have submitted design ideas and prototypes of some of these are shown below. Mal Jacksons design has been selected. We are looking for sufficient interested members to take up the challenge and make one item each. At the meeting on the 25th, a detailed drawing and recycled redgum wood will be provided to those who are willing to have a go.



Design by Ian Absolom



Ray Smiths version of Ian's idea



from Alan Thompson



Design by Mal Jackson (Rays prototype)