



Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Mission Statement: "Promote woodturning as a creative skill for all ages"

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August Demo

Multiple demos scheduled for this meeting with 5 members showing their skills allowing you to wander around and watch whatever you want. Take this opportunity to treat yourselves to a smorgasbord of woodturning skills. By the way, don't forget to bring along your work of art to be included in this month's "Show and Tell".

CLUB SURVEY

Members are being asked to let the committee know what they want from the club and what direction the club should be following. Please take the opportunity to pass on your ideas and suggestions, the club needs them.

Equipment Auction

The equipment kindly donated to the club by Les Carter will be auctioned at the club meeting on 4 August. It will be a silent auction with the start and stop times to be announced at the meeting. The main items are:

Hafco Woodmaster lathe model WL-18, swivel head, variable speed 37 cm base, on a stand and quite a few accessories including a spare motor.
Hafco 'Special' 12 speed drill press with many jigs.
Box of drill bits.
Skilsaw 500W 40 mm power saw.

Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone. These cost \$18 per lesson which goes to the Club. If you'd like some lessons please talk to Allan Game on 4739 1028 or Jan Pennell on 0417 400 268.

Ernie Newman also has vacancies in Tuesday lessons. No experience is needed. The classes run from 9 till 1 on Tuesdays at 87 St Johns Rd Blaxland. The cost is \$15 per day which goes to the Blue Mountains Woodturners.

This course covers all aspects of woodturning.

Ernie has taught woodturning in 9 countries as well as teaching the TAFE trade woodturning course. Contact:

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Presidents Report - August 2018



I would first like to thank Bill and Jan for taking over my duties while I was away for eight weeks in the United Kingdom. You both did a great job! While I was away I visited the Lake District, North Wales, the Cotswolds, Cornwall and London. The only woodturning I saw on my travels was at an old woodturning factory which is now a working museum in the southern Lake District. In its day, it produced millions of cotton reels and tool handles for the textile industry. Many of

these products came to Australia.



Last month we had two of our members demonstrate for us. John Mulquin showed us how to turn a hat on the lathe and Katherine Gorrie decorated some of John's miniature wood-turned hats. John showed exceptional skills in turning a hat to a very thin tolerance, and Katherine showed us her creative skills with paints and pyrography. Thanks John and Katherine for teaching us these skills and for your time and efforts.



On Thursday 12th July we had a visit from our local member, Susan Templeman. We had invited her so that she could see how we were going with our Armistice Centenary Project. She spent about one hour with us looking at plans, models and posts being turned. She left suitably impressed. Thanks to all who are working on this project. You are doing a great job. Please keep the wood-turned poppies coming. We still need lots.

We have had approval from Blue Mountains City Council for a heavy-duty air conditioner to be installed into the machine room and it hopefully should be installed before our next meeting.

Our committee is currently in the process of writing a Safety Policy which will help keep us up to date with government Workplace, Health and Safety requirements. The Safety Policy will make our Centre a much safer place for all. We are also investigating the cost of insurance cover for our members. We have a Record mini lathe for sale. It is going for \$100. Contact Jan if you are interested.

At next month's meeting, we will be having a Workshop Day. Five different demonstrations will be happening at the same time. The idea is that you can move about and see them all, or just see the ones that interest you most. Des Tuck will be demonstrating Scroll-sawing techniques, Klaus Pohl – Tool Sharpening methods, Des Lane - Woodturning skills, Glen Baker will be demonstrating how to do Plastic Welding and Jan Pennell - Pyrography. Come along as it should be a great learning time. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Keep Turning,

Andy

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Hi again,

I have put this in a separate message to make it easier to forward.

At the meeting on Saturday I picked up three blanks to have a go at turning poppies for the Armistice Day project. I have turned 15 poppies from the three blanks (one was a long piece). Hopefully I have remembered all the verbal changes, and not missed any in the meetings I have missed:

- No need for pretty finishing and a bit rough is OK
- Plain bowl inside - no need for the lump in the sketch
- Base 20mm x 15mm

I also have not done any petals yet - I have a bandsaw and could easily do petals if I had a photo of the preferred petal shape.

So the crunch is that I am prepared to do more, but can't get down to the Thursday sessions to pick up more wood. My thought was that someone else from up this way might be able to drop some blanks off, or that I could arrange to meet someone at the Lawson Shed?

There is no rush as I will be away for the next week. I am not sure how many more I could do, but I would hope that I could maintain a steady rate in odd spare moments over the next few months.

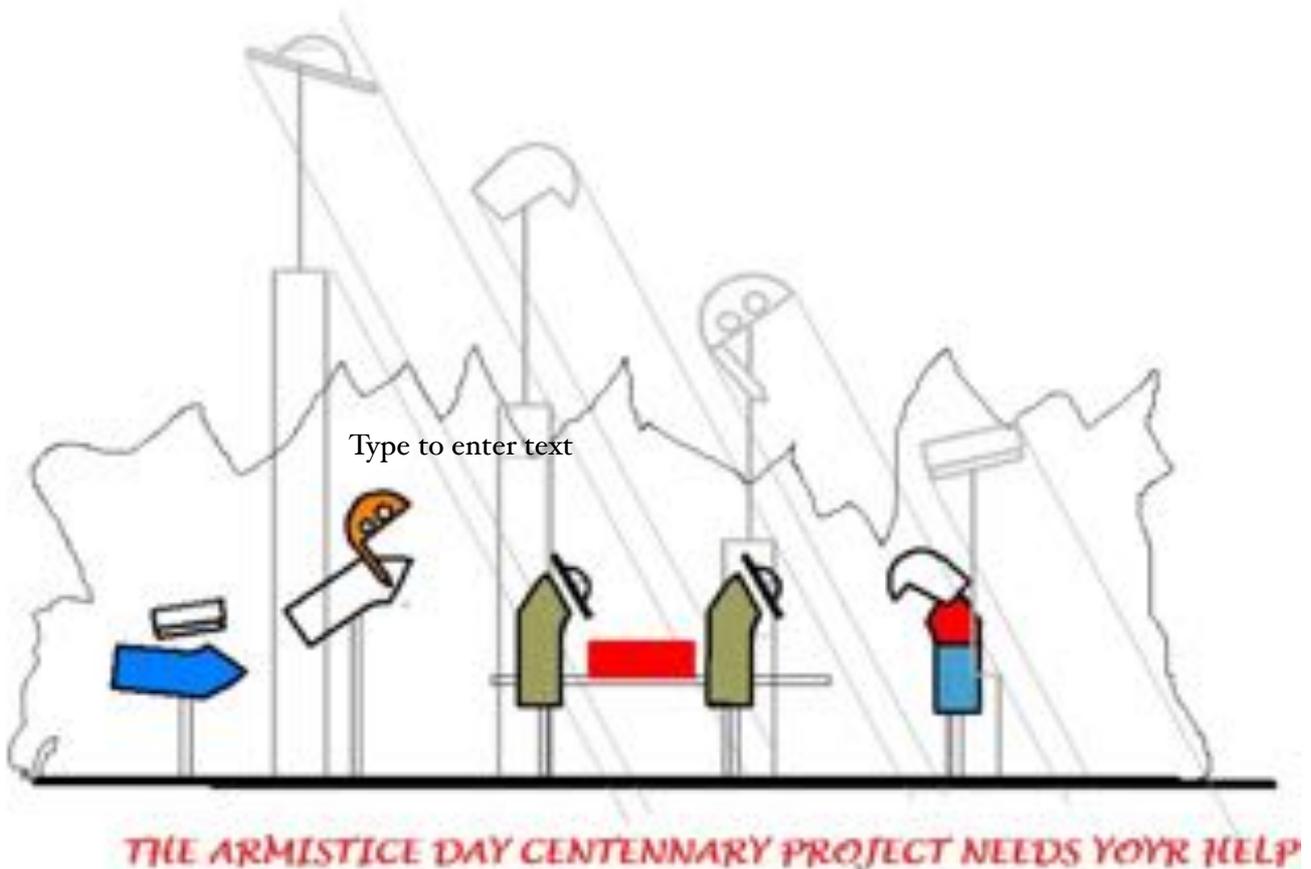
Bruce Ward

Wentworth Falls

0407 614 193 (I will possibly be out of mobile range from Sunday to Wednesday (on an isolated farm).



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NEWS FLASH

The project is progressing and has been acknowledged by federal member Susan Templeman. Now the project needs your help to ensure a successful outcome.

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Armistice Centenary Project

Progress Report



There is a lot more to do. Ask how you can contribute.



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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	4/08/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	9/08/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	11/08/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	16/08/18	Open Day	
Thursday	23/08/18	Open Day	
Saturday	25/08/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	30/08/18	Open Day	
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm