



Turning Chatter



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Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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Blue Mountains Woodies, Christmas Farewell 2023 & Toys to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal & Jan Pannell memories.



Our last Saturday monthly meeting day on the 2nd December 2023 was a very memorable meeting. A few special guests arrived from days gone by to gather with our current members to remember Jan and her service to the club along with those other long standing members who had also passed away during the course of the year.

It was also a celebration of the completion of the clubs toy making year when the ceremonial handing over of the toys was made to the Springwood branch of the Salvation Army for use in their Christmas appeal.

We also celebrated the year with a Christmas lunch and get together to herald the new year. The club house proved ideal for all those fairly informal activities coming together and we trust everyone is ready to commence the new year activities with a monthly club meeting on Saturday, February 3rd 2024. The 1st Saturday of the month.

Happy Turning.



If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties until a new welfare offer is appointed please contact John H Mulquin.



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Presidents Report February 2024

Greetings dear friends, Happy New Year to you all and your families. We look back over past 12 months, we had some very good activities and enjoyed by all.

We also had to say goodbye to Two good friends, Barry and Jan who will sadly missed, their skills are gone forever. Also we pray for Steve and Sue who lost their precious son Sam. Having to say goodbye is never easy and the pain does last forever, yes it does reduce but never goes away and at times it will come back and hit you. Always remember to use our departed friends names that are very important.

We have had two new members becoming active members of our club which is wonderful. Steve Ward has become a great asset to club full of strength and vitality, we need to keep encouraging him and Sue who has jumped in to help.

It's a New Year and new start. It's time to put some coal, lots more coal to get the boilers working again, think there are a few ashes there. I have come to the conclusion over the last Two years that I do not know what the club is here for, has it any real reason to exist, what does it achieve. This I cannot answer, I would love to have an answer. A lot of our "new members" join the club to get real cheap lessons from Ernie and Alan and that gives no real input into growing the club. The lessons are great, thanks Alan and Ernie and it does bring money into the club. But has no positive effect on the club.

So it's time to pull out ones fingers as the Duke told the British Nation many years ago. Ok we make toys which are great. Also a couple of small projects. Thanks to Jan's generous donation to our club we now have clock kits, pen kits, salt and pepper kits, these we can make on Thursday and be able to sell them at our fairs etc. This way we can up skill our turning techniques, which is very important when we do displays in public.

So if we want to be a group of wood turners, let's share together our wood turning skills and do a Donald Trump. "Make our woodturning skills great again". We are here to help each other in wood turning.

If we cannot do these things it may be time to pick up our tools and end the club as it is now. That would be sad but it may become a reality.

Let's look at bringing in top turners to run a workshop as it did in years past, be challenged, and push your skills. This will cost, we do have some money so let's use some of it to make us better creative turners.

Clive's main Job is to make Thursday be a productive, interesting day to build up our skills. Organizing demonstrators and publicity will be in the hands of Steve Ward with the help of Sue his loving wife, but they are under increased load caring for Sam's family

It appears that we are getting a treasurer and this will reduce the workload of John Turner who has worked very hard over the years to keep this club going. Yes it is all ours club so we need help in running it.

The big task we have, and I mean WE is to sort out Jan's many tools, I would like it done in a fair and just way. The tools we do not need as a club, (and if we do take tools for the club we need to insure that we need them and will use them. Not gather more dust and take up space). We also need a fair price on tools. We are not giving away our tools, but WE are SELLING JANS TOOLS. Which is a very generous gift to us, we need to appreciate her generosity and give her gear a true value. Not a \$10 for a tool worth \$60. Yes I have sold Tools at very low price, this not good thing on my behalf. Sadly when we do these sorts of things it does not bring out the best of things in people behavior. But such is life.

WE, yes WE will need to continue to slowly work through Jan's things, in the end WE, yes WE, yes US will need to tidy up all the left over's and this will cost tip fees etc. That's why WE need to sell for a just price to cover our expenses. At the end of February what is not sold and it is a good bit of gear shall be stored at Lawson Shed.

Now a better note we are having Joe back for our demo on the 3rd February, Joe does amazing things with metal and will demo doing some casting. So it will be an amazing day. If you have any suggestion of demonstrators let Steve know.

So let's work together to bring our club to life by the next AGM. Otherwise drastic things may need to happen.

Happy turning

John H Mulquin President. 21/01/24

TWO-PART PENS

Ernie Newman

Preparation

These tips apply to Timberbits Slimline pen kits [shown] but also to many others Medium to hard wood is ideal.

Cut wood about 14x14mm and 1-2mm longer than the tubes.

Drill 6.8 to 6.9mm diameter holes on drill press and vise or use the lathe as follows:

Mark each end with an awl, use tailstock to drill part way, reverse and push blank fully onto drill bit to ensure hole is straight

Rough across metal tubes with coarse abrasive – can use lathe mandrel at slow speed

Glue tubes into the wood with CA glue or epoxy. Wear gloves.

Put glue along the tubes and twist as you push into the wood to spread glue.

Remove waste and square ends with sanding disk and barrel trimmer on lathe.

A table aligned at 90 degrees to the sanding disk may facilitate accurate sanding.

Voids at the ends? Add CA glue and sand waste before glue sets.

Turn blanks on a mandrel. The pen can be larger in diameter than the spacers.

The shape may be cylindrical, cigar-shaped, asymmetrical...

Chamfer the ends if the diameter is larger than the spacers.

Sand hard species to 1000 grit [0000 steel wool] and burnish [or use EEE]

Apply 2 coats of oil - Ubeat buffing oil dries almost immediately on the lathe and protects EEE wax- Can use Danish oil off the lathe then stand pen on nail to dry

Protect eyes when finishing on the lathe

Unprotected wax finishes may get dirty with normal pen use.

Assembly

Insert the nib into the turned blank using a vise with soft jaws [leather or soft wood].

Insert the gold-coloured end [closest to v-shaped valley] of the threaded tube into the turned blank opposite the nib using a vise – the lathe may be used as a vise.

Half of the v-shaped valley should remain visible.

Screw the refill into the thread as far as possible.

Check it sits inside the nib when the metal barrel is rotated clockwise and exposed when the barrel is rotated anti-clockwise.

Attach the clip with the short pin [about 9mm long] using a vise.

Place the O ring over the refill.

Align the grain with the pen in open or closed position and push the two turned blanks together by hand.

If the nib or clip pin are loose, they can be fastened with CA glue but don't glue the O ring on the top of the pen or it will be difficult to replace the refill.

To replace the refill, pull the two blanks apart by hand taking care to retain the O ring.

Other materials

Impregnate dried corn cob with glue or resin - pen at bottom of image.

Fill voids in Banksia pods, wood, bone, metal... with resin.

For resin see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVABWgmQ74g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPPrOuGdTBg>



Club Uniform

The information re the clubs uniform is now on file in the library.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish.

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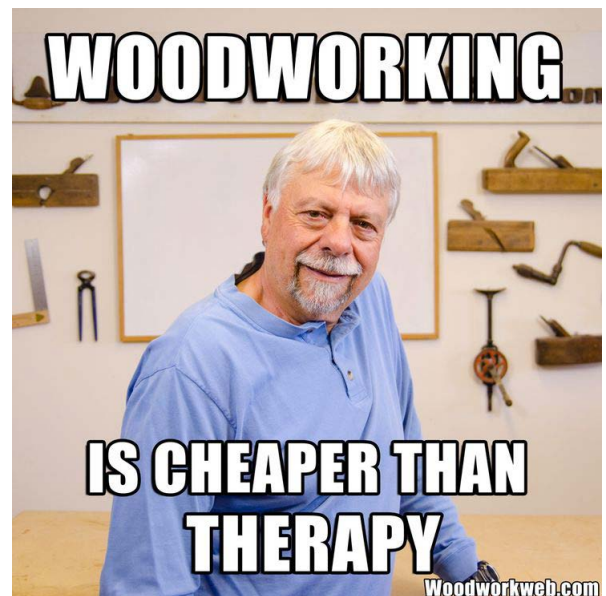
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WOOD TURNERS EVENT DIARY

3rd February - The Return of Joe
4th/5th May - Leura Harvest Festival TBA
7th September - Springwood
Foundation Day
7th September - Club AGM TBA
5th October - Leura Spring Festival TBA
11th November - Remembrance Day
Whitten Park
7th December 2024 - Christmas Party
Toy Presentation



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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	01/02/24	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Saturday	03/02/24	Meeting	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	08/02/24	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	15/02/24	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	22/02/24	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	29/02/24	Open day	9.30am Onwards