



Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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Blue Mountains Woodturner Inc. presented this bowl to Mamre Anglican school in appreciation for the drill press they donated to our club.

The bowl was turned by John Mulquin and the block of claret ash was donated by Darrell.

The design is a copy of a 10th Century Russian bowl from Novgorod area near St Peter's and perhaps used as a ceremonial vessel.

Marijana the school administrator and Kathy the principal were very impressed with the bowl, the associated history and the timber. They greatly appreciated the thought and effort involved with the gift.



Show and Tell



Des T



Dick



Brian S



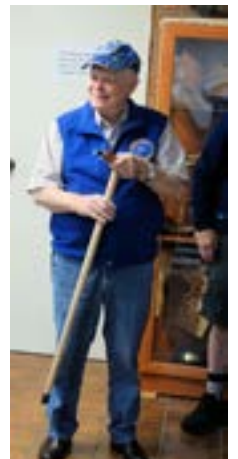
Glenn



Clive



Tony



Mike



In the Club - 18th March



THE QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

Ernie Newman

- 1/ Why do woodworkers often seal the ends of green timber with paint or wax?
- 2/ Eve offered Adam fruit from what species of tree?
- 3/ Many turners try to keep their tools sharpened at about 30 degrees. To achieve this angle the bevel should be same length as the thickness of the tool. True or false?
- 4/ Some turners use a slipstone to improve the edges of their gouges after grinding. If one part of the slipstone is overused a hollow will be formed. How can the hollows in slipstones be removed?
- 5/ When were iron tools first forged; 1400 BC or 1400 AD?

ANSWERS

- 1/ Moisture leaves the ends of logs more quickly than elsewhere. Sealing the ends slows this process and can reduce splitting.
- 2/ Eve offered Adam fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Legend has it that the fruit was an apple but the Bible makes no mention of this.
- 3/ False. If the bevel is the same length as the thickness of the tool then the tool will be ground at 45 degrees. To achieve a 30 degree angle the bevel should be twice as long as the thickness of the tool. A typical detail gouge is 8 mm thick [from the bottom of the tool to the bottom of the flute] so to grind it at 30 degrees the bevel should be 16 mm long.
- 4/ One way to true a slipstone [or a flatstone] is to wet a flat cement surface and rub the stone across it till the high spots are flattened.
- 5/ The ancient Hittites [modern Syria] first forged iron tools in about 1400 BC. This marked the beginning of the iron age.

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***Covid-19 restrictions
Please contact Ernie
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times and dates of
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***Please supply any Turning Chatter content by midnight Friday 1 week before the
1st Saturday of the next month***

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	01/04/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	08/04/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	15/04/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	22/04/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	29/04/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards

The next toy making day will be held on the 22th April