

Turning Chatter

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October Meeting

The next meeting is on Saturday the 7th of October at the Clubhouse at 19 Calver Avenue Mt Riverview from 10am.

This will be an interesting meeting comprising of several demonstrations for all members to enjoy.

Open Days

The Club House is open every Thursday from 9am. Come along and chat, turn, or work on your own project.



Next Toy Making Day is on Thursday the 12th of October. Come along and lend a hand.

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 2 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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*Image at left "My bowl is the sky",
by Binh Pho*

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The President's Monthly Report

Thank you to all who took up positions of responsibility at the Annual General Meeting. Your commitment and contribution to our club is greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

At our recent Committee Meeting it was decided to upgrade safety at the Centre. Des Lane, John Krook and Allan Game will be available to give you safety instructions for any machine you are not familiar with. New Safety Data Sheets have also been put up near each machine in the workshop. Please read these before you use the machinery.

Just a reminder that in our Club the general rule in regard to safety and the use of machinery is that no one is allowed to use machinery unless there are at least three people present in the Centre. We have a list of people who have been trained on the safe use of the Bandsaw. This list is hanging from the Bandsaw. These are the only people at the Centre who are allowed to use the bandsaw at present. If you receive training your name will be added to the list. So if you need something cut on the Bandsaw you will need to ask one of those trained people, or get your training done first. See Allan Game for this training.

Coming Events:

- October Meeting. (Sat 7th Oct)

Our October Meeting will be a Workshop Day where you can choose to go to any or all of four demonstrations. These demonstrations will include:

1. Des Tuck on 'Scroll Sawing'.
2. Allan Game on 'Skew Chisel' work.
3. Klaus Phol on 'Sharpening', and,
4. John Krook on a variety of 'Woodturning' styles.

- Toy Making Day.

The next Toy Making day will be on Thursday 12th October. Thanks to all who have helped out over the year with the Toy making.

- Western Sydney Woodturners 'Maxi Day.' (10am Sunday 15th Oct)

We have been invited to join in with Western Sydney Woodturners for demonstrations on Pyrography and Turning Green Timber by Jan Palmowski from Newcastle. If you are interested then please see me for further details.

- November Meeting. (Sat 4th Nov)

At the November Meeting, Daryl Smith will be demonstrating 'Bowl Turning Techniques'.

- Glenbrook Spring Festival. (8.30am to 3pm Sat 11th Nov)

We will need helpers prior to, and at the Festival for transporting equipment, demonstrating our skills on lathes and displaying/selling our wares to the public. Also, more lucky dip prizes are needed. Please help by making some small items for the lucky dip. Set up time at the festival is 7am on the Saturday morning.

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- December Meeting. (Sat 2nd Dec)

Christmas Luncheon. At this end of year luncheon we will include the presentation of our toy donations to a charity. Machinery and/or Tools will be sold during the morning, so bring along any tools that you would like to sell. For the luncheon please bring a plate of food to share, and Christmas Hamper items to the value of around \$5. You will receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring.

Annual Membership Fees.

These are now overdue so if you have not already paid, bring your money along.

Keep turning,
Andy

Testing the Grey Matter, by Ernie Newman

- 1/ Name an Australian species of tree that produces edible food.
- 2/ Are Ross Annels, Wendell Castle and Richard Vaughn best known as furniture makers, woodcarvers or woodturners?
- 3/ Would a woodturner use a hook tool to make a goblet, a bowl or a spindle?
- 4/ Which is the hardest: the high carbon steel in a standard carving gouge, the high speed steel in a standard turning gouge or the steel in a standard twist drill?
- 5/ When did humans start carving human figures: 3000 years ago, 10000 years ago or 30000 years ago?

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Ok, first attempt at editing TC for several years and using an entirely different program so, please, bear with me for a while.

Those who can recall my last attempt at being editor of this magnificent mag may recall a series of articles that I included. They were called "Shed Profiles" and involved me calling upon members, at random and often without notice, to do an inspection of their shed and composing a "accurate" or humorous report on my findings.

Well, guess what: They're back and, starting at the next episode, there will be a report on some poor soul's shed. However I will be a bit more lenient this time around. I am asking for volunteers to offer up their shed for scrutiny. If I can't get suckers then I may have to revert to the surprise method. At least on these occasions you will have time to pretty up your "Man/Woman" cave before I get there.

So, let's everyone put our hands up and get the ball rolling.

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	7/10/17	General meeting Multi Demos	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	12/10/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	14/10/17	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	19/10/17	Open Day	
Saturday	21/10/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	26/10/17	Open Day and Committee meeting	9.00am Onwards 10.00am Onwards
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm

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Answers to testing the grey matter...

1/ Many Australian trees produce edible food including: Macadamias - nuts, Quandongs – berries, Lemon Myrtles – leaves, Bunyah Pines – nuts, and many Wattles – seeds which can be roasted.

2/ Wendell Castle from the USA and Queensland based woodworkers Ross Annels and Richard Vaughn are best known as furniture makers though Ross Annels is also renowned for his sculpture and Richard Vaughn is well known because he was a presenter on the television show, The New Inventors.

3/ A hook tool would most likely be used to hollow out a goblet or a bowl than to shape a spindle. In Japan hook tools are also commonly used on spindles.

4/ The high speed steel [HSS] in a standard turning gouge is harder than the high carbon steel in a standard carving gouge. The HSS in a standard twist drill is roughly comparable to the HSS in a turning gouge but can be harder.

5/ A carved Sycamore human form with inlaid quartz eyes found in Egypt dates to about 4000 BC but a "Venus" with enlarged breasts, buttocks and genitalia carved from mammoth ivory and found in Southern Germany dates to about 35 000 years ago. It is thought to be the oldest human figure. Flutes found at the same site and dating to the same period are thought to be the world's oldest instruments. They were made from bird bones and joined with mammoth ivory.