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Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2011

Workshops: Every **Monday** 8.30am—3.00pm \$5
Tuesday from 8.30am, \$5
Wednesday from 8.30am \$5
Thursday from 8.30am, \$5
Friday Night from 7.00pm. \$3

Maxidays: Third Sunday every month from 9.30am.
There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Club Meeting: The club meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All members are welcome to attend.

Coming Events:

Maxi Day - Steve Hitchcock	17th June
Coach Trip to Mittagong	23rd June
Linwood House	8th July
AGM	15th July
Working with Wood Show	27th - 29th July

Presidents Report

Well Guys, it has been another fantastic month for the club. It started off with the Riverstone Festival where we shared space with the Riverstone Men Shed and they were a good bunch of blokes who shared their tea and coffee with us and a good sausage sandwich for lunch.

The following weekend, for Maxiday, we had one of our own doing the demonstrating. Graham Dawes, he again put on a good demo, thanks Graham.

It so happened that the next weekend was doubled booked - again - I hear you say. We had the bi annual visit to Bunnings, their BBQ which again went well and also Blacktown Festival, where we managed to get a position after a late application. Thanks to the Council for fitting us in. At the end of the day there were a few tired and happy members. A big THANK YOU Guys for all the work you put in on the day.

On the Sunday, I was thrilled to have 10 of us visit the Northern Beaches Club. We all went in support of Erick Aldinger and Graham Dawes who gave a great demonstration of their work. These two guys are well respected members of our club and again a big thanks to both of you. You know how much I appreciated you going and doing the demos.

Next month we have another member standing up and being counted. Steve Hitchcock is demonstrating at our next Maxi day. He is going to show why it is important to plan and draw before turning. Good on you Steve.

The next important date to remember is the 23rd of June when we go on our coach trip to Mittagong where we have morning tea and see Sturt School of Wood, onto Kangaroo Valley to see Kangaroo woodcraft and have lunch at the Friendly Inn Hotel, then we return via Berrima to enjoy the craft shops there and historic buildings. All for \$45.00. Real good value so come along and enjoy yourselves.

You should all know by now, our AGM is on July 15th and ALL positions on the Executive and ALL appointed positions are open. Please help your club and nominate for a position so it becomes easier for all concerned.

See you around the club. Ken

Fun Day at Riverstone

The Riverstone Festival was a fun day in the sun. We shared an area in the local Community centre grounds. The local Men's Shed have their shed in the same location. While we were away from the mainstream area we were kept busy with passing trade.

Rohan McCardell, Ken Vodden, Ron Devine and Les Prichard were the mainstays for the day. Bob Jarvis dropped in for a few hours and Andy Tappouras came and went.



The Festival was much larger than I thought it would be. With many stalls selling a variety of goodies, rides for the kids and fairy floss. A street parade of sorts with fire engines, vintage and antique cars and tractors, scouts and school kids.

There was lots of interest by the public in the woodturning, especially the kids in the top making. A good number of Charity Bowls were also sold.

All in all everyone seemed to enjoy themselves including the paying public. I guess we will set up there again next year.

Ron Devine

ITEMS FOR SALE

CLUB SHIRTS	BADGES
PEPPER GRINDERS	SALT GRINDERS
SAND PAPER	PEN KITS
PEN CASES	PEN PARTS
LETTER OPENERS	FRICTION POLISH
TRIPLE "P"	POLISH CLOTHS
TIMBER SEALER	PERFUME APPLICATOR
WOOD (many varieties)	

NEW MEMBERS

Nelson Pamute

Welcome to all our new member this month. We hope your stay is both long and rewarding.



Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, Member for Greenway for her support which includes the printing of this newsletter.

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids to their homes when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian.

The children fell to discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "the dog's for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Terry Boddy
Alan Eipper
Ron Fathers
David Hinchliffe
David Sobel
John Walker

Luigi Criniti
Kevin Farrell
Tony Fryer
Nelson Pamute
David Todd

Happy birthday to all, we hope that you had a great day with many more to come.



I am always on the look out for new articles and would appreciate any contributions from members - please remember that this is your newsletter! - editor

Wood Finishing Series 3

In this series I describe how to finish a difficult dry open grained timber with just lacquer.

There is a lot of Lacquers available and this can be very confusing. Don't get lacquers confused with finishes like Estapol they are different

According to the experts the latest and the greatest is Acrylic Lacquer which was developed for the auto industry.

The one that I am using is a clear Acrylic Topcoat available from "Super Auto Cheap" a chain of shops around Sydney. This comes in 1L cans and is crystal clear, plus you need the appropriate thinners. You need to thin it out around 50/50

The materials you need are;

Acrylic Lacquer

Triple P polishing wax

We are assuming you have a finely sanded bowl on the lathe

First step applying the lacquer

As before get a small piece of rag multiple layers about 50mm sq. Don't use a large piece of rag the lacquer will just get lost in it. Now apply the lacquer to the wood either directly or on the rag. Rub the lacquer into the pores of the wood whilst turning the bowl by hand until you feel that the wood is full. This will take multiple coats. Turn the lathe on its slowest speed hold the wet part of the rag gently against the bowl and smooth out the surface. Keep this up until the lacquer appears to harden and dry. I suggest you let the job dry for half an hour or so or if you are really keen overnight. This drying time is going to be up to you. The harder the surface the better the shine.

Next Step

Return the job to the lathe this is the most convenient way of holding it.

Now hand sand the surface back with 400g or 600g until smooth. Don't run the lathe, this only clogs up the pa-

per. You can finish this off with fine steel wool if you wish. You can turn the lathe on for this to give a final polish

Final Step Run the lathe at a medium speed and use Triple P as a cutting compound or polish. This should bring the surface up to a high gloss finish. At this stage if you wish you can leave the job overnight to allow the lacquer to fully harden then another cut and polish. The harder the surface is the better it polishes. If you wish you can give a final polish with a furniture wax.

If you feel that the surface is too glossy cut it back with OOOO steel wool to what you want.

Well I hope this is of interest to you and happy turning. Regards Alan Phelps

Bunnings B-B-Q 26 May 2012

Another very successful day however I hear there was some jostling to see who did the cooking. No doubt this can be attributed to one and all seeking the warm from the BBQ due to the lazy wind that wanted to blow through rather than around you. Patronage was consistent throughout the day with more than one trip being required for more bread and sausages. There were a number of repeat customers and I am not sure if this was due to quality of food or the chilly wind. But let's settle for quality of food anyway.

Obviously our team sets the standard as there were some very complimentary comments from customers, namely "wow, you even butter the bread" and "I like the very clean way you handle the food not only gloves but serviettes and trays as well."

It was a long day for those who started before 0700 and finished at 1700. Others of us managed a half day. At first glance it looks a simple enough task and I wonder how many truly appreciate the effort applied before the BBQ is actually ignited. We need to remember that someone does the planning, budgeting, purchasing, transporting and set up beforehand. Then at the end of the day there is the clean-up, pack up, transport back to the club, wash up and pack away. Well done ladies and gents a great effort for our Club. A.L.E.

MAXI DAY - May



Erich Aldinger



Steve Hitchcock

Steve Hitchcock

George Wells



Liam Healy

Liam Healy

Liam Healy
Ken Vodden
Guilio Marcolongo



Ken Vodden

Ray Smith

Andy Tappouras

Leida Judniuk



Les Pritchard

Alan Phelps

Blacktown Festival

After missing out last year we once again joined the festivities at the Blacktown Festival and had a great day.

The day began early and was cold to start, windy for the first half of the day and calming down towards the end!

Dave Matthews and I began demonstrating early and quickly drew a continuous stream of onlookers. Terry Boddy joined us soon after with Robyn Mahoney not far behind.

Robyn took over from me and began creating her marvellous miniatures which really drew a crowd. Her precise work and humorous chat became the feature of the entire day - well done!

Our charity bowls drew considerable interest and the Banana trees almost sold out.

We also had a large number of questions about the Club and received many compliments on both our work and demonstration.

A worthwhile day! David Burns

I was recently approached by a man selling mats on a door-to-door basis and was very impressed by both the man and his products!

I purchased two mats 1200x660 at \$10 each and found the quality excellent.

Call Jim on 0433540318 for a great deal and an inspiring story. David Burns

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Northern Beaches Visit

On Sunday the 27th May a group of Western Sydney Woodturners were warmly welcomed by the Northern Beaches Woodturners at their Club in Narrabeen. Two of our club members were demonstrating, Erich Aldinger and Graham Dawes, Erich his winged bowl and Graham his lattice work. The boys presented their demonstrations with finesse and were well regarded.

There was one interesting exhibit in their show and tell which was a piece of 'Bonewood'. One of the members had found a cow bone, turned it round, leaving the end in its natural state before mounting it.



We were shown around their workroom which is nestled underneath the RSL Club and treated to a cold meat and salad roll for lunch.

A good day was had by all.

Fiona

Make Your Own Buffing Wheel Mandrel

by Doug Ketchum

Instead of buying an expensive mandrel for **buffing and grinding** wheels, I decided to make one for very little cost, or time involved, for use on my Wilton mini-lathe. In about 45 minutes had it completed and mounted on the lathe.



Dowel inserted with bushing in the arbor hole of the wheel. Note the dowel length is cut 1/2 inch shorter than the combined 1 inch deep holes in the turning (compression) blocks, plus the thickness of the wheel.

Materials include two 1 1/2 inch thick blocks (turned from scrap pieces), 1/2 inch dowel, and the 1/2 inch bushing that came with the buffing and grinding wheels. Note the 1/2 inch holes drilled in each block to receive the 1/2 inch dowel (arbor). The holes are 1 inch deep.



Assembly is complete with turning blocks over the dowel and ready to mount on the lathe. When chucked up between centers on the lathe the buffing wheel will be in compression and will not slip between the blocks with the proper amount of pressure applied.

Dowel with bushing ready to insert through the buffing wheel.

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Bill Heller's Tips

Beautiful Accent Plugs from Scrap Wood

Save your small scraps of exotic and colourful hardwoods like Padauk, Ebony, Rosewood, Wenge, Bocote, Purpleheart, etc. Use your plug cutter to slice decorative plugs out of these scraps for screw holes and accents on those "special" projects.

Dust Collection Hoods for Machinery

Metal flashings for roof-mounted plumbing vents make great dust-collection hoods for disc sanders, lathes and similar machines. The rubber seals on some small sized stacks fit dust collector hoses almost perfectly.

Belt sanding the edges of narrow boards

Create a wider surface for your portable belt sander to ride on by clamping pieces of scrap stock on each side of your workpiece prior to sanding. This will help keep your sander from rocking and rounding-over your edges. To maintain a true edge, be sure your scrap stock is properly aligned with, and slightly longer than, the edge of your workpiece before you start sanding.

Small, Brush-On Glue Containers

The small bottles or cans that rubber cement comes in also make excellent containers for wood glue, especially when working with small projects. Just remember to keep them topped-off so their brushes remain submerged to keep them soft and pliable.

Get A Better Grip" On Hand-Sanding With Two-Sided Sandpaper

Attach two pieces of sandpaper together, back-to-back using double-stick carpet tape. You'll find that it slips a lot less, whether you're holding it in your hand or wrapping it around a sanding block.

Making Rustic-Looking, Leather Drawer Pulls

Find an old leather belt that you're no longer using. Working with your router and a 1/4" straight bit, cut a horizontal slot in the front of your drawer that's 1/4" or so longer than your belt is wide. Cut the belt into short lengths (probably about 3" or so. stick the two ends into your slot and attach them to the back side of your drawer front with screws, nails or staples.

Straightening Small Diameter Drill Bits That Are Bent

If you've managed to bend a drill bit that's over 1/4" in diameter, there's probably not much hope for straightening it out. However, if you've bent a bit that's smaller than 1/4", you just may be in luck. Start by tightening the bit into the chuck of your portable electric drill. Turn your drill on full-speed and bore a hole in a 2" thick (or so) piece of hard wood such as oak, hard maple, etc. Then, while your bit is still turning, carefully begin applying sideways pressure on the bit, moving it around until it's going straight into the wood. In most cases, this will remove the bend.

Drilling Hardened or Spring Steel

Chuck an 8d or 10d nail in your drill press and set your speed for 1,000 to 1,500 rpm. Place a scrap piece of wood on your drill press table and position your hardened steel piece directly under the chuck. Start your drill press and lower the rotating nail head down until it touches the surface of your steel piece. Apply pressure until the steel turns blue. This will create a localised hot spot on the steel that will soften it sufficiently for you to drill it with no further problems.

Mess-Free Glue Mixing

When mixing 2-part epoxies, resorcinol's or other glues, pour the proper amounts of each part of the mixture into a plastic sandwich bag. Knead the contents thoroughly...punch a small hole in the corner of the bag...and squeeze the finished glue out onto your project as if you were decorating a cake.

Separating Temporary Double-Stick Tape Attachments

If you've used double-stick tape to temporarily hold a stack of workpieces together for pad sawing...or to hold stock to fixtures or for other purposes...and are having trouble getting the pieces apart when you've finished -- try dripping lacquer thinner between the taped pieces. This will usually cause the tape to release its grip, then evaporates quickly, leaving not a trace.

CAUTION: Always use lacquer thinner and similar solvents in a well-ventilated area and follow all safety precautions on the can.



A REMINDER ABOUT SHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of SHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfil our commitment by wearing at all times:

- DUST MASKS,
- PROTECTIVE GLASSES,
- SUITABLE CLOTHING,
- FOOTWEAR ETC.
- EAR PROTECTION

IT DOES NOT HURT TO DISCUSS SAFETY WITH OTHER MEMBERS IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING.

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