

WestTurn News

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Western & Blue Mountains Region

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Events Co-ordination: Alan Phelps is the events Co-ordination contact for this Region. So if Alan approaches you to help please assist.

Library: See Don Hughes if you would like to know what is currently available from our library. Please remember that some of the items within the library are on loan from other members and all care should be taken to bring them back as soon as you are finished. Just as in other libraries one month is usually sufficient time to have an item out.

Stores & Equipment: is being looked after by Graham Dawes and Ted Edwards. Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Editor: The newsletter is being put together by Larry Bailey. Articles can be e-mailed to susanjoanb@msn.com or give to a committee member who will pass them on to me.

Catering Officer: Rohan McCardell, see Rohan if you have any special needs.

Sick List:

If anyone knows of any of our members or their partners who are on the sick list, let **Graham Murray** (4658 0563) know, and he will send them a get well message from the Region.

Committee Meeting:

The committee meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums Retreat. All are welcome to attend.

Next meeting **1st February 2005.**

Committees Report:

The committee wishes to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Western/Blue Mtns Region Calendar for 2004:

Third **Sunday** every month from 10.00am

Every **Wednesday** from 10.00am.

Every **Second & Fourth Friday Night** of the month. Starting 7.00pm.

NOVEMBER 21

Theme for show & tell was a **Clock . Leigh Ferguson conducted show & tell.**

Alan Phelps: had a pedistal bowl made from silky oak, stained and finished with friction polish and

waxed. This item will be a prize when we attend Auburn Mega Mart.

George Wells: had several items on display one being a pedistal bowl made from camphor laurel finished with estapol, two lidded bowls made from camphor laurel & sassafrass the other made from liquid amber both finished with estapol.

Toby McIlwain: had a fine display of several items being a bowl of Norfolk pine a golden spruce vase, camphor lauer vase all finished with an experimental friction polish. Other items were mice ear rings made from sheoak finished with celious lacquer, miniture chair made from camphor laurel finished with shellac, mice & cheese made from silky oak & radiarta pine finished with friction polish.

Mike Harvey: had a clock made from Tasmanian oak, jarrah & Karri (we think) finished with a satin estapol.

Herman Schmidt: had a burl clock finished with satin estapol.

Graham Dawes: had an ant from the Congo made from several timber (red ash, jacaranda &) finished with gloss estapol. Also a cotton & needle travel mate made from red ash and finished with gloss estapol.

Tony Maberly: had two chinese water carriers (Guild AGM design handout) one from maple the other teak both finished with friction polish. Also two coasters one with a penny the other with a

halfpenny made from a hardwood finished with isolac.

Des Page: made a wathstand (article from English woodturning magazine) made from teak & camphor laurel finished with friction polish, also a travel mate made from camphor laurel and finished with friction polish.

Bill Mottram: made two clocks one from a burl the other from a 200 year old fence post both finished with isogard.

Ted Edwards: had a laminated bowl made from silky oak & western red cedar finished with lacquer & wax. Ted also had the tool he had made for the bowl edge design on display.

Bill Swindail: had a pepper mill made from an unknown timber (possibly coachwood) finished with friction polish.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that the show & tell displays over the last couple of months have shown a very good effort in quantity, quality and imagination. It is extremely satisfying to see some of the newer members coming along with items that are the monthly theme but where they have also used some imagination as well.

Thankyou Larry

Christmas Raffle

George Wells has kindly donated a toolbox. Ticketes are available at a \$1.00 each. Please see Alan Phelps or one of the committee members. **Please Note** that this will be drawn today.

JANUARY 16

Bring your tools, as this will be a hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be **your favourite turning (if you still have it)**.

Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

FEBRUARY 20

To be notified next newsletter.

MARCH 20

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APRIL 17

To be notified next newsletter.

MAY 15

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Past Demonstrations:

Our members have participated in the following demonstrations. The details are as follows:

Auburn Mega Mart 4 & 5 December will be reported on in our January newsletter.

Future Demonstrations:

Our members have been asked to participate in the following demonstrations:

Auburn Mega Mall – 18, & 19 December (Weekend only). Remember that top quality goods are required for sale and display.

PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.

Bloodwood, Brown:

A small to medium sized hardwood of the northern inland slopes in New South Wales and in many parts of Queensland. Heartwood yellowish brown. Less prone to gum veins than red bloodwood. Used mainly for fencing.

Bloodwood, Pale:

A medium size hardwood of occassional occurrence in the dry inland areas of New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia. Heartwood dark red. Used for fencing.

Bloodwood, Red:

A large hardwood of the coastal districts of New South Wales and Queensland. Heartwood dark pink to dark red. Texture coarse. Grain often interlocked. Its most characteristic feature is the abundance of concentric gum veins, which permeate the timber; because of their presence red bloodwood and other bloodwoods are usually utilised as round timber rather than sawn; yet they can give a very attractive appearance to the sawn material. Used for poles, piles, posts and decorative panelling.

Bollywood:

Medium sized hardwoods of the rainforests from the central coast of New South Wales to Northern Queensland. Heartwood usually pale brown but tones of yellow, pink and grey can be present. Sapwood, to 20mm wide, usually distinctly paler. Texture moderately coarse but even. Grain sometimes interlocked. Soft, easy to work. Glues well. Satisfactory for steam bending. Used for plywood, joinery, carving and boatbuilding. Scarce.

Perspective....

A very successful lawyer parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck came along, too close to the curb, and completely tore off the driver's door of the Lexus.

The counselor immediately grabbed his mobile phone, dialed 000, and it wasn't more than 3 minutes before the police pulled up.

Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically.

His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disgust and disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" Asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "My God, don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It got ripped off when the truck hit you!!!"

"My God!" screamed the lawyer.

"Where's my Rolex!?"

Supplied by George Wells

Welcome back John Conway. John has returned after a long illness and its good to see him again.

For our newer members who probably don't know John, he was originally a French Polisher but went on up the ladder over the years. John has had a lot of experience with wood finishing generally and his knowledge is second to none on staining, filling, spraying and just about everything. He has been a hive of information generally to me on the subject so if you want to know anything about finishing materials ect talk to John. He is always willing to give advice. So again welcome back John

Alan Phelps

News

We are now the proud owners of a Dust Extract system. Through an absolute stroke of luck, that is a Guy walked into the hall a couple of weeks ago, said he was leaving Sydney within a few days and had to get rid of the equipment. So he sold it to us for \$80.00. This is a bit like winning the lottery. It is a big 3hp unit so its got plenty of grunt. We have it set up against the back wall with one duct running from it at present and we will sort out the details of how we will finally install it as we go.

Also another windfall. We have been given a stack of timber from a deceased estate. It was a guy who was a member several years ago. Ted Edwards knew the guy and is negotiating with his son to get the remainder of the timber on Sat 27 Nov 04 A couple of the members are going with him to help. The Hall is starting to look like a wood yard, but who cares; the benefits far outweigh the inconvenience.

Alan Phelps

MEMBERS AND VISITORS:

Welcome to our new members and any visitors today.

We hope that you enjoy yourselves at this meeting and, indeed, many other meetings that you may attend at this region and at our other regions.

Safety Instruction:

In line with Work Cover, OH & S practices, and pure, simple common sense, NO ONE is to attend workshop type meetings or any Guild function wearing thongs, sandals, or open foot wear.

****Please note: Current first aid officers are:
Ted Edwards & Larry Bailey**

ITEMS FOR SALE

Sandpaper – Various grades at \$6.00 metre.

Wood – as priced on the rack on the stage.

End Sealer - \$4.00 per litre.

Friction Polish – priced to bottle size.

Scrapers & Parting Tools

–Range of round & square end \$30.00 ea.

Bowl Gouge - \$35.00

Please see Bill Swindail if you wish to make a purchase.

Blue Mountains Woodturning Challenge

Saturday April 16 at Blaxland High School (Coughlan Road, Blaxland) 9am to 4pm.

Exhibition Challenge: each club to bring work turned by at least three club members (We won this on the first challenge). All work to be turned since the 2003 challenge.

Hands-on Challenge: Each club may enter a team of three or more people. Each team will have one hour on the day.

Individuals: are welcome to display up to 3 turnings in addition to those on their club's table. (Larry won a prize in this area on the first challenge).

So if you are interested see a committee member and we will organise something.

TURNING CLASSES

We encourage all beginners to seek help, ask questions and enjoy what we hope will be a great hobby.

If you are interested in joining classes please see **Bill Swindail** or **Alan Phelps**.

Please note that due to requirements under the child

protection act we cannot teach children under the age of 21.

Please remember than NO member can commit the Region to participate in any demonstration or event without first presenting to the committee. Guild approval is also required for insurance purposes.

Convenor

PROJECT

In this issue and coming issues I will try to attach a project that I would like to see at our Sunday show & tell along with that days theme. I would like to keep these project items on display for a couple of months (you will get them back). This bi-monthly project supplied by

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