

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 Bill Swindail and Ted Edwards. Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Editor: Larry Bailey is putting the newsletter together. 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 March 2005.**

Committees Report:

The committee has decided to seek your input into naming some local charities that this Region will raise funds for throughout the year. It is the intension that we will pick a different charity each year. This will exclude demonstrations where the organisers name the charity.

Bill Swindail gave a brief overview of where the Guild sub-committee is at regarding incorporation.

Western/Blue Mtns Region Calendar for 2005:

Third **Sunday** every month from 10.00am

Every **Wednesday** from 10.00am.

Every **Friday Night** starting from 7.00pm.

JANUARY 16

Welcome back from the hectic Christmas and New Year celebrations.

This meeting saw 19 members and visitors, which were a bit down from usual, but we do have members away on holidays as against the permanent holiday some seem to have.

Our show and tell conducted by Bill Swindail was either /or your favorite turning or the two part vase supplied with the December newsletter.

George Wells: had two silky oak pedestal bowls both with hand painted wildflowers (by George-after some tuition from Jan Malysiak) finished with estapol. A very good effort. George also brought along his homemade spindle router that saw some interest from members.

John Malysiak: had a segmented bowl made from silky oak and robinia. John reluctantly sold one similar at the Auburn Mega Mall before Christmas.

Malcolm Clark: had three bowls, two made from Jacaranda and one made from camphor laurel and finished with speed polish. One was hand carved and the other decorated with flowers (by Edna).

Graham Dawes: had a two-part vase (made several years ago) made from camphor laurel finished with oil. Graham also had a square edged bowl with two corners up and two down finished with oil.

Des Page: had a small lidded box made from silky oak and finished with friction polish.

Anna Dawes: had several items displayed – a square dish made from camphor laurel, no finish applied, a pedestal bowl made from pacific maple with unknown/ can't remember the finish, 4 avocados of various timbers finished with waterbased paints & dyes, shoe polish, danish oil, a pipe pot made from eucalyptus finished with danish oil and boot polish.

Alan Phelps: had quite a variety of items consisting of – a confectionery bowl made from silky oak, another confectionery bowl but different shape made from Australian cedar, a lidded bowl made from silky oak, a lidded bowl made from pine and stained, a pedestal bowl made from sydney blue gum, a pair of lamps made from australian cedar. All finished with friction polish.

FEBRUARY 20

Our guest demonstrator will be Gorgi Armen from the Peninsular Region. Theme for show & tell will be a **lidded box**. Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what. To be notified next newsletter.

MARCH 20

Bring your tools, as this will be a hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be, a **turned toy (please note that this has changed from the January newsletter – editors choice)** Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

APRIL 17

Our guest demonstrator will be Gary Light. Gary has demonstrated at the Blue Mountains challenges in the past. Theme for show & tell will be, a **bowl or platter**. Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

MAY 15

Bring your tools, as this will be a hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be **any item made by**

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

JUNE 19

Our guest demonstrator will be Ernie Newman. Theme for show & tell will be a vase/s.

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

Past Demonstrations:

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

Australia Day in The Park

To summarise the day 'Very Successful'.

The night before looked like rain, but the morning brought a fine sunny day fortunately. We arrived at the Park around 7 30am and set up our booth. We had a good shady spot in amongst the trees although the sun did come around onto us in the afternoon. We had a good roll up of people and a few wives plus a few of our newer members.

We started turning around 8 30 am and we had a fair crowd around all morning with the numbers tapering off in the afternoon. During the day a few of our ladies sat out under the trees and we all talked and generally had a good time. (We must take more chairs next time) Our Rummage Boxes idea was a big success. We sold about 95% of our stock and raised around \$308.00 for charity. I think this would be a record for one day. Generally our demonstrating went well with a couple of the newer guys joining in for the first time. We found that the public likes the smell of camphor laurel so we should probably take more with us next time. Over the day our members continually rolled in and generally the attendance was excellent. I didn't bother counting how many but there seemed to be plenty of people.

The public certainly turned out for the day. There appeared to be thousands.

We had a lot of enquiries for memberships mostly from local men and a few seemed quiet keen. Anyhow we packed up around 4.30 and we all agreed that it was a really good day.

Alan Phelps

Future Demonstrations:

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

Stitches & Craft Show – Rosehill Gardens – 16th – 20th February

Once again we will be involved with this event. The Pensinular & McCarthur Regions will be attending as well.

Leisure4Pleasure

For Veterans Ex Servicemen and Partners.

On Friday 11th March - 10 am to 3pm Demo time again! This is for this show, which may bring in a few new members and it's not a long arduous day.

Working With Wood Show – Horden Pavilion, Moore Park

Once again the Guild will have a display stand and demonstration areas. I encourage everybody to attend and help promote the Guild. You can display your turnings and if you wish you can sell them as well.

PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.

Bonewood:

A medium to large hardwood of occasional occurrence in the rainforests from the Illawarra district of New South Wales to southern Queensland. Heartwood pale to greyish yellow. Texture fine and even. Grain straight. Has

a greasy nature. Used for joinery, flooring, turnery and panelling.

Brush Box:

A large hardwood which grows on the edge of the rainforests from the central coast of New South Wales to Boen, Queensland. Heartwood varies in colour from pinkish grey to a rich reddish brown. Sapwood usually distinctively paler. Texture fine and even. Grain usually interlocked to varying degrees. Logs are usually sound right to the pith and are free from gum veins, but breaks known as "water rings" are sometimes present. Not easy to work. Used for flooring, cladding, paneling, mallets, pulley blocks, bridge decking (in dry areas).

Grey Box:

Medium sized hardwoods of the central and northern coast districts of New South Wales and southern Queensland. Occasionally found in eastern Victoria. Heartwood pale yellowish brown. Sapwood usually distinctly paler. Texture relatively fine and even. Grain usually interlocked. Seldom has gum veins. Used for heavy engineering construction, bridges, wharves, ship building, piles. Poles, sleepers. An excellent fuel wood.

Grey Box Coast:

A large hardwood of Eastern Victoria, and the southern and central coast of New South Wales. Heartwood pale brown, sometimes with a pink tinge. Sapwood distinctively paler. Texture relatively fine and even. Grain usually interlocked. A very similar wood to Grey Box. Satisfactory for steam bending. Used for heavy engineering construction, piles, poles and sleepers.

Ladies Day

The end of January saw the first 'ladies' meeting for 2005 and the arrival

of two new faces for our day's activities. The main activity for the day was to follow through on earlier discussions concerning the construction of laminated bowls. Ted had been busy experimenting with various combinations of timber and generously gave us a bowl blank each for turning. As most of us had either come with a prepared blank or the timber to construct one our gallery next meeting should boast at least a couple of laminated turnings from each of us. A great deal of fun was had, and a little frustration too as bowl turning is not yet everybody's strongpoint. Once again Ted opened the hall, answered questions and then left us to 'get on with it' - thank you Ted. Kaye brought a large laminated bowl and a laminated rolling pin to show. June (fence-post lamp base) and Meg (small natural edge burl bowl) also brought items for the display table.

Anna

Some completely useless information

- Duelling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors
- Albert Einstein's last words were in German. Since the attending nurse did not understand German, his last words will never be known
- The term 'cop' comes from England, meaning Constable on Patrol
- In the 18th century France, visitors to the Royal Palace in Versailles were allowed to stand in a roped off section of the main dining room and watch the King & Queen eat

Supplied by Larry

"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

Supplied by Anna

Events Co Coordinator

I would like to get somebody to do this. This would release me to do more useful things or have a bit of a bludge.

Alan

Please think about helping, as Alan is the Convenor and it is a lot of work he is doing for your hobby.

Larry

Vale - Sylvia Gleeson passed away on New Years Eve and our condolences go to Michelle Ellen.

Newsletters

If you are interested in what is happening in other Regions & Woodturning/Working clubs you will start to see copies of their newsletter on the notice board. Please read by all means but don't forget to put it back for others.

Projects - Themes

If you wish to help me and you would like a special project or theme please let me know.

Larry

Friday Night – Well hasn't it taken off now that we have decided to open every Friday night. On the 28th January we had 19 members in attendance.

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.

Ladies Days

Dates are 19 March, 21 May, 30 July.

Bowls for Easter Plus!

Don't forget if you are not turning anything in particular think about turning one of our blanks.

Wagga Wagga Turn About

This is just a reminder that the Wagga Wagga Turnabout will be held on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March at the

Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre. Full cost is \$130.00. If you are interested but would like more information contact Larry Slaon on 6926 1536. Anna Dawes has attended several of these and would wholly recommend for a good weekend of turning and discovery.

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. (Our team will be Graham Dawes, Alan Phelps & Larry Bailey as well as whoever else can help. Rohan has already suggested that he will try and spook the others by supplying a hearty meal and drinks as we finish (ha ha).

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.

Blue Mountains Woodturning Symposium 2005

The Blue Mountains Woodturning Symposium 2005 is being held on 30th-31st October 2005. The venue is planned for Emu Heights Primary School, Wedmore Road Emu Heights (just west of Penrith NSW - at the foot of the Blue Mountains).

The agenda and demonstrators are still being finalised but

acceptances have already been received from a very impressive groups of woodturners from overseas, interstate and within New South Wales.

As more details become available they will be published on this site.

So, as they say ----- "Watch this Space"

From the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc Web Page.

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 that **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 by monthly 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 Anna Dawes.

Larry