

WestTurn News

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Western & Blue Mountains Region

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Regional Committee 2005/06:

Convenor: Robert Jarvis 9622 2741 **Secretary:** Robyn Mahoney **Treasurer:** Currently Vacant

Regional Rep: Larry Bailey 9622 6140 **Member:** Bill Swindail 9864 1620

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. Don't forget that this newsletter is only as good as the contributions that **you** give.

Catering Officer: Trish Gale, see Trish 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 All are welcome to attend. Next meeting 7th March 2006. *If you have a gripe and want to have your say please come along, complaints at meetings and at demos will not make changes it will only cause rumours and we all know what happens when rumours start.*

Committees Report: By the time you read this hopefully we will have installed the two new TVs approved and have the new video equipment up and running. Our charity for the coming year will be the Stroke Club of Blacktown. Further news on the notice board.

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.

December 18 – Our Christmas Party

Some images of the day







Thanks to Rohan , Colleen, Angela and all the others who made this day another great Christmas party.

January 15

Our guest demonstrator was George Hatfield.

The start of the new-year Sunday demo George Hatfield commenced on time with 25 Members. His theme, tools used in spindle work, firstly the roughing gouge to make square wood round used in various ways from cutting the wood, shaving the wood and scraping.

George then produced a skew from his bag of tricks, 50mm wide and proceeded to cut beads. He also used various sizes to perform other detail work. Then onto the spindle gouge? Maybe better known as a detail gouge as not always used on spindle work and lastly a lot of time showing and discussing the various scrapers and their applications. By this time it was lunch.

After lunch George conducted show & tell with some constructive criticism and credit where necessary, when completed, back to the lathe for more of his demonstration and discussion time.

George concluded the afternoon with his method of turning one of our laminated bowls to the original drawing, which ended the day about 4.30.

A big thanks to George for a wonderful demonstration I gathered a lot of ideas for improvement to my turning and hope others did also.

Graham Murray.

Mike Harvey: had some lace bobbins from found timber, small scent flasks and a tea light holder made from black butt and finished with friction polish.

Sid Churchwood: had a small bowl made from unknown timber and finished with friction polish.

George Wells: had a picture frame + hand painted picture (by George) made from pacific maple & pine finished with estapol.

John Malysiak: had a laminated bowl made from silky oak and blackwood, also a camphor laurel bowl both finished with estapol.

Larry Bailey: had two bowls, one camphor laurel the other unknown timber finished with tung oil and friction polish respectively.

February 19

Our guest demonstrator will be Darrell Smith. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

March Sunday 12 & Monday 13

Neil Scobie – Demonstration and Workshop –

The committee has agreed to have Neil Scobie demonstrate at our hall next year. The demonstration on Sunday 12th March will be a full day demonstration that may cost \$25- 00 a head, which includes lunch. Further information will be supplied when full details are known. The workshop on Monday 13th March will be strictly limited as this will be full hands on workshop. It is anticipated that depending on lathes there will be about 10 places available, so first in gets the spot, this is at a cost of \$60.00 for the day no lunch provided so bring your own. For further details on both please see Anna Dawes, Harry Cole or Larry Bailey. A brochure is on the notice Board. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MONDAY WORKSHOP IS FULL.**

March 19

Hands on day. **Bring a bowl blank** – we are going to have some team challenges and hopefully have some fun. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

April 23

Our guest demonstrators will be Toby McIlwain and John Malysiak. They will be talking about segmented work, so if you have had problems bring along your pieces and they may be able to help. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

May 21

Our guest demonstrators will be Meg Webster and Sandy May. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

June 18

Our guest demonstrators will be Bill Shean and Lindsay Skinner. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

July 16

Our guest demonstrator will be Bruce Leadbeatter. Please fill out the green slip for your show & tell item/s so this person knows who did what.

September 2006

Fred Holder – American woodturner/Demonstrator/Teacher.

Fred will be in Australia during August and September 2006. Preliminary discussions are that we have booked Fred for one day over a weekend in September 2006; we just don't know which weekend or date until Fred organizes himself and his trip around Australia.

Past Demonstrations:

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

Nil.

Future Demonstrations:

Our members have been asked to participate in the following demonstrations: Please help by participating and putting your name against the event. We ask that you try demonstrating as these can be fun and it helps improve your skills.

Sunday 28th May

Society of Model Engineers – Model Farm

869 Luddenham Road, Luddenham

Please see Bill Swindail if you are interested in attending.

PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.

Damson

A medium sized hardwood of the Queensland rainforests. Heartwood pale brown. Sapwood yellow. Medium and even texture. Grain sometimes interlocked. Relatively easy to work, glues well. Mainly used in joinery.

Doughwood

A small to medium sized hardwood of limited occurrence in the rainforests of upper north coast of New South Wales and of southern Queensland. Heartwood cream. Sapwood not easily distinguishable from the heartwood. Distinctive odor when freshly cut. Texture fine and even. Grain straight. Easy to work. Used for furniture and internal joinery.

Duboisia – other common name Corkwood

Small hardwoods of frost-free areas of high rainfall in northern New South Wales and Queensland. Heartwood pale yellow. Sapwood not visibly different. Texture fine and even. Grain slightly interlocked. Silky sheen. Not commercially used.

Ebony

There are a number of hardwood species in West Africa and south-east Asia, which are called African Ebony, Ceylon ebony and Macassar ebony. Heartwood black or black streaked with brown. Sapwood usually distinctly paler. Grain often interlocked. Fine texture yields a very smooth finish. Difficult to work because of its hardness and dulling effect on tool edges. Turns well. Glues satisfactorily. Needs pre-boring for nails. The sanding dust can be very irritant to some people. Used for piano keys, fingerboards for violins and cello, billiard cue butts, inlay, carving, cutlery handles.

HAPPINESS

One is happy as a result of one's own efforts, once one knows the necessary ingredients of happiness- Simple test, a certain degree of courage, self-denial to a point, love of work, and above all, a clear conscience. Happiness is no vague dream.

George Sand 1804-1876 French novelist

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions. The little soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt complaint – countless infinitesimals of pleasurable and general feelings.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge 1772-1834 English poet.

Supplied by George Wells

To all the members of Western Blue Mountains. This article will be my last and is written without prejudice to any member of the guild.

Since joining the guild about 17 years ago, it has progressed rapidly throughout Sydney and the southern highlands.

Similarly to all organisations and groups there has and will be disagreements, despite what we say or try to prevent, we are all individuals with our own ideas, it is human nature.

The committee is an important function in all groups, with volunteers. Support the administrative area of your group; they try to do their best for you, if you disagree express your view by attending the committee meeting. Do not complain after the vote on any debate or motion. Try again at a convenient time when you have looked at it in a constructive method, alternatively use constructive criticism on any discussion, requirements and other views expressed at that meeting. This is your guild, and support that group whenever you are able to. They were elected by you, and do their best, bring your complaints to the committee, that is the time for any problems that may come up on any situation.

Voting on election of members to committee positions occurs at the A.G.M. or if a resignation a Sunday meeting, not the Wednesday or Friday night meetings.

As you all know Edna and I are relocating to the far north coast of NSW. I intend continuing with my membership of the guild, possibly keeping in contact by computer, snail mail when we settle in in about 3 to 6 months time.

Keep your lathes turning.

Malcolm Clark

Blue Mountains Symposium (last year)

Gordon Ward

Gordon showed how to make a wine glass with a twisted stem, the goblet was of sandlewood. He made the cup first then proceeded down the stem, he then started to cut the twist with a file and surform. It wasn't finished in time but it looked pretty good.

Gary Saunders

Gary makes inner and outer vessels. He made the outer goblet and cuts fancy openings in the outer skin, then he makes an inner shell and trims it down to a neat fit. After it is made he fits it into a jam chuck, it is then polished and fitted and then the outer skin is then cut and polished. They are usually different coloured timbers. Very exacting.

Bob Jarvis

Ladies Days: ?

Bowls for Any Event Plus!

Don't forget if you are not turning anything in particular think about turning one of our blanks. It appears that these are becoming very popular at our demonstrations in the rummage box. A reasonable source of income for the club and our charity work.

For Sale

TECKNATOOL 1500 Lathe, on stand + 2 nova chucks and approx 4 or 5 sets of extra jaws including cole jaws. \$1250.00. Also available some tools – price negotiable. Contact Darrell Smith Tel No. 4739-4881

ROBERT SORBY - Two 18mm skew Chisels and a 6mm parting tool. See Ted Edwards

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**.

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

Some images from the last Sunday meeting.



