

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.

Librarians: Allan Kirkland and Bob Jarvis have volunteered to share the library duties, so see them if you would like to know what is currently available from our regional 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

larry.bailey@commerce.nsw.gov.au or given to a committee member who will pass them on to me.

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 **3rd February**.

Committee Report:

No committee meeting held in January.

A reminder that there is no power sanding unless a demonstrator.

Please note that the Guild sub-committee has agreed to meet on Sunday 8th February 2004 at Twin Gums Retreat. So think about the issues that **YOU** may have with either the Guild or the Objectives & Rules.

Regional Rep.

BOWLS FOR EASTER.

These bowls are to be filled with small Easter eggs and given to the children at Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Nepean Hospitals. (About 120).

Please donate your time and timber to produce bowls of about 100mm. Also remember which finish you are putting on as it must be suitable for children.

Western/Blue Mtns Region Calendar for 2003/4:

Third **Sunday** every month from 10.00am

Every **Wednesday** from 10.00am.

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

DECEMBER 14

Christmas party

Bob Jarvis & Rohan McCardell.

Thanks to these two and those who helped with cleaning up the hall for the party. The day went well and everyone enjoyed themselves.

JANUARY 18

Bring your tools as this will be a hands on day. **Theme for show & tell will be bowls.**

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

FEBRUARY 15

Kaye Paton/June McKimmie will demonstrate. As to what the demonstration will be I have been told to wait and see.

Theme for show & tell will be personal Favourites.

MARCH 21

Bring your tools as this will be a hands on day. **Theme for show & tell will be Vases / Lamps.**

APRIL 18

David Laird & Tom Cattell will be demonstrating oval turning. **Theme for show & tell will be Off Centre Turning.**

MAY 16

Bring your tools as this will be a hands on day. **Theme for show & tell will be something under 50mm.**

JUNE 20

Swap meet. **Theme for show & tell will be a Gavel.**

Future Demonstrations:

Our members have been invited to attend more **public demonstrations** in the next few months. The details are as follows:

January 26 – Australia Day

Once again we have been invited to Parramatta Park. We will be allocated to a different area to last year. The community village will operate from 9am to 4pm.

February 11- 15

Stitches & Craft Show at Rosehill Racecourse. Show opens from 10am to 5pm daily. This has been a great event for us in the past.

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 - \$10.00 per 250 ml. Bottle.

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

PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.

Silvertop Ash:

Other common name: coast ash (in New South Wales).

A large hardwood of the southern and central coast tablelands of New South Wales, eastern Victoria and north-eastern Tasmania. Heartwood pale brown, sometimes pinkish. Sapwood to 25mm wide, not clearly distinguishable from the

heartwood. Texture medium. Grain often interlocked. Growth rings noticeable but not prominent. Gum veins, pin-hole borer discoloration and “pencil streak” are common. Used in general construction and handles. Commonly used for framework.

Truth or Fiction

- The highway of life is always under construction
- Don't worry about the world ending today. It's already tomorrow in Australia
- Our Favourite attitude should be gratitude
- Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked
- The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything
- Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

George Wells

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**.

WOODTURN 2004

Brochures are now available at the desk as you enter the hall.