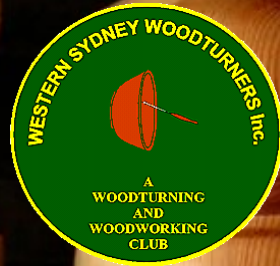


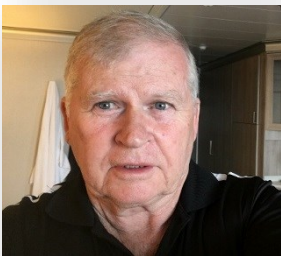
# WesTurn News

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## Presidents Report April 2023

As it's getting close to the AGM for 2023, which will be held on Sunday 16th July, I think it's timely, especially for our newer members, to be informed as to the method of nominating and voting that our Club has practiced for many years. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a nomination form that any member seeking to be elected to the vacant positions will need to fill in. The form must be given to the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the AGM. That means all nomination forms must be with the Secretary by Sunday 9th July. At the AGM the present committee members will be asked to vacate their positions so that the election for officers for the year 2023-2024 can be held. The first position to be decided will be the President and then she/he will take her/his place and she/he will oversee the procedure for the rest of the positions. Nomination forms will also be available on the front desk at the Club. If you wish any clarification on procedures please see me or any other committee member.

Work continues on adding extra lighting, which will hopefully be done this month, and putting up the awning over the wood stocks between the container and the main building. Planning is also well under way for the movable grinding wheels and apparatus cabinet that will be parked in the tool room and when needed for demonstrations etc; can be moved around as needed.

The next big job is removing the old thicknesser from the container and replacing it with the new one. Both of these machines are very heavy so a lot of thought is going into how they are going to be moved. Hopefully this will all be completed by the next Maxi-day.

We have another Bunnings BBQ day which will be held on Saturday 15th April, commencing at 8:00am. Your help is sought and greatly appreciated. Our last BBQ was very successful with over \$1300 added to the Club's bank account. Thanks to all that helped, it was a great result.

Our Club continues to prosper and to grow. Greg and his merry band of trainers will be at it again in a couple of weeks instructing new members. On the Sunday after Bunnings, which is the 17th, please come to the Maxi-day presentation as 3 long time members will be honoured and on this occasion there will be no charge for lunch. Until I see you next at the Club, stay safe and stay well ... Les Coombes (President)

# SAFETY MATTERS

## A REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times. It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- ◇ Dust masks
- ◇ Protective glasses
- ◇ Suitable clothing
- ◇ Footwear
- ◇ Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

## ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc; if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thank you.....Editor.



## CUT OFF DATE FOR ARTICLES

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion.

Please send them to the editor;

Email address: [augoodtime@hotmail.com](mailto:augoodtime@hotmail.com)

## Club Committee

**President:** Les Coombes  
(0408760131)

**Vice Presidents:** Shane Catford and  
Paul Collins

**Secretary:** Jen Coombes

**Treasurer:** Eddie Catford

**Public Officer:** Sandra Ongley  
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**Editor:** Robert Ryan  
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**Training Co-Ordinator:** Greg Sheath

**Trainers:** Graham Dawes (JP), Rod  
Brown, Ron Devine, Greg Sheath, Rob  
Stewart, George Mamou, Bob Taylor &  
Bob Young.

### Shop Managers:

Eddie Catford and Les Coombes

### Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:

Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews,  
Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Ron  
Devine & Glenn Freeman.

**Welfare Officer:** Branka Hedges  
[brankahedges@aol.com](mailto:brankahedges@aol.com)

If you have any suggestions or  
information concerning the club  
please contact any of the  
above committee members.

## Club Hours

**Mon-Thurs:** 8:30am – 4pm...\$5

**Friday Nights:** 5pm – 9pm...\$3

### Saturday Turning

**Ladies Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday...\$5

**Contact:** Anna Dawes

9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

### 4th Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm...\$5

**Contact:** Les Coombes

0404 001 562

### Maxi Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

10:30am – 2:00pm...\$6

(Lunch included)

## Club Meetings

**Second Tuesday of  
the month — 7pm**

### Shop items

- ⇒ Ozzie Grit
- ⇒ Friction Polish
- ⇒ Sanding Sealer
- ⇒ Sandpaper
- ⇒ Club Shirts
- ⇒ Dust Jackets
- ⇒ Club Badges
- ⇒ Pen Kits
- ⇒ Pen Blanks – Acrylics
- ⇒ Lazy Susan Bearings
- ⇒ Cheese Knives
- ⇒ Salt Mills
- ⇒ Pepper Mills

**Many more items also  
available**



**A very big thank you to  
Michelle Rowland MP,  
the Member for  
Greenway,  
for her continued  
support which  
includes the printing  
of this newsletter.**



**Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers for our club will be held at the club on Sunday 16 July 2023. Come Along, have a bite to eat and vote for who you believe will do the best job in running our club.**

**Nomination forms for yourself or others can be found in this edition of the newsletter.**

## A little Inspiration



### Members Welfare Report

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still, no longer with us.

Get Well Cards have been sent to the following Members and/Or Partners

**Anna Dawes, Robyn Mahoney, Maurice Patrin and Jenny Collins**

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Let me know at my email address: **brankahedges@aol.com**

or

Text me on: **0422 655 994**

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Stay Safe ... Branka Hedges....Welfare Officer

## NEW THICKNESSER: Woodfast TH410A 4hp w helical head



### Specifications:-

Feed Speed	7m/min
Cutterblock Speed	4200rpm
Cutterblock Diameter	97mm
Max Thicknesser Height	220mm
Max Thicknesser Width	410mm
Min Length of Workpiece	186mm
Max Depth of Cut	4mm
Number of Carbide Knives	72
Carbide Knife Size	15x15x2.5mm/R150
Thickness Table Size	750 x 408mm
Extractor Port Dia.	120mm
Cutting Motor Output	4hp 15amp (20amp Circuit) 1ph
Net/Gross Weight	240/280kg

This is a brute of a thicknesser, featuring **4hp 15amp 1ph** of power, driving a massive 97mm cutter head with helical carbide knives for the smoothest finish possible.

Designed to handle larger pieces of stock, the **410mm width**, gives you the ability to join boards and then thickness them accurately for your projects. A 4mm pass is possible (recommended max) on even the most difficult timbers.

The infeed is assisted with driven rollers. Adjustment is easy with 1/4 turn equating to 0.5mm of stock removal, as well as an easy to read metal gauge. Safety features include a micro cut off switch for the top door and an Emergency Stop fitted on the outfeed side. This very solid machine.

**A very big thank you to Julie Griffiths and Blacktown City Council whose grant of \$5,000 made this purchase possible.**



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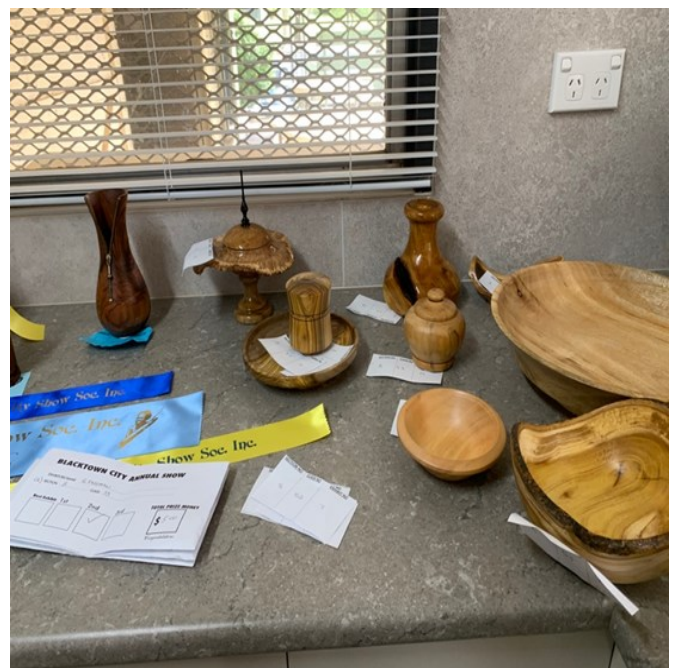
**Opening Hours**  
**ALL WELCOME!!**  
Mon– Fri 8am-4pm  
Sat 8am-11.30am  
Closed  
Public Holidays &  
Long Weekends

With a little encouragement, several members submitted their work and it is with great pleasure that I am able to let you know they stole the show.

There were three best in sections; with \$50 prize money donated by Cumberland Woodturners and other amounts donated by Blacktown Council. With 15/16 ribbons and cards for second and third placings coming to our club.

An achievement we can be very proud of and can leave you wondering exactly what we could have achieved had we had more of our work on display.

Congratulations to Glenn Freeman, Vivian Tabone, Rob Stewart, Lawrence Mifsud and Manny Farrugia for their submissions and achievements. Eddie C.



## Linnwood House -12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A very quiet day was had at Linnwood House sunny, and arrival was around 8am and a short wait was had until the gates were unlocked by the organisers. The gear was set up in the usual place, tables set up and then our wares were put out on display.

Members attending on the day were Dave Matthews, Rohan Mccardle, Don Nixon, Laurie Mifsud and David Searle. There were some veteran Car Clubs also in the grounds . Unfortunately. Whilst there were a lot of cars in the car park there were very few people walking around.. The venue has reduced the opening hours of the house from 11am to 3pm which then reflects on the all the other groups that attend . The Car Clubs and ourselves were able to set up and be ready for the day from 9am and the coffee truck was on site as well for those who like an early Sunday brew.

As a result sales were very low which can be attributed to current cost of living pressures and low attendance numbers from the public with some members not making any which is unfortunate. However there were a couple of donations to our charity which was most welcome.

Despite the above a good day was had by all with some interesting conversations being had with some members of the public who showed particular interest in the bullet pens which were for sale. The use of CA Glue on pens always meets with some amazement from members of the public when asking what finish is this. The weather was very hot as the day wore on and when pack up time came it was a bit sticky so to speak loading all the gear back into the trailer.

A big thank you to Dave Matthews for collecting , towing the trailer to the venue and returning same afterwards to the Club.

David Searle



*"Linnwood"*

**Linnwood** is an historic house set on 5 hectares of ground at Guildford in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. The house was built in 1891 by George McCredie, a prominent businessman of the day, Mayor of Prospect & Sherwood, and Independent member for the State seat of Central Cumberland, an independent free trader and an advocate of female suffrage.

After his time in government, George McCredie was called upon to supervise the cleansing of the City of Sydney when there was an outbreak of the Bubonic Plague in 1900.

A few years after his death in 1903, his wife Susan McCredie (nee' Blackwood) leased the property to the Education Department as the State's first and only Boys Truant School. The Department then purchased the property in 1921.

In 1936 the property converted to a residential girls school for State Wards aged 14 years and upwards.

By 1966 **Linnwood** was seen as a Special Training School for Home Science for girls from deprived backgrounds. With changes in the welfare system, homes like **Linnwood** gradually became superfluous to the Department of Community Services' needs.

After learning of the Department's plans to sell the property on the open market, the **Friends of Linnwood** formed in 2002 to help 'preserve and protect' the property.

# BLUE MOUNTAINS WOODTURNERS MINI SYMPOSIUM

*On Sunday 19th March 2023, Blue Mountains Woodturners hosted some of Australia's best Woodturners and Craftspeople who demonstrated their skills and creativity to 130 people at Nepean High School, Emu Plains. They were kind enough to invite members of our club.*

**We thank them and their Demonstrators, George Hatfield, Mike Darlow, Ernie Newman, Brendon Venner, Simon Begg, Catherine Gorrie, Jan Palmowski, and Ken Cooper for sharing their skills and knowledge with us.**

Below are some comments from our members who attended as well as some photos of the day.

I got inspired by last weekend's symposium a lot, enjoyed it can't wait to make more shavings.



I enjoyed the symposium yesterday ... great to catch up with those that I do know and meet a few of those that I didn't! ... I particularly enjoyed Ernie Newman's talk on doll making - his imagination and design capability are outstanding and (he) is a very entertaining presenter. I watched both of Brendon Venner's sessions and like his attention to detail ... he is a good trainer. My only criticism of the day was that there just wasn't enough time to see everything!!



A really great day, well organised. As is usual with such occasions never enough time to see everything but what was seen was inspiring. Bring on the



This was my first experience at a Symposium for woodturning and I was not too sure what to expect. I was very satisfied with the outcome. The beginner demo by George Hatfield gave me enthusiasm to have another attempt at hollowing end grain as I watched him demonstrate. The whole day was well organised, and I came away eager to have more of the same.

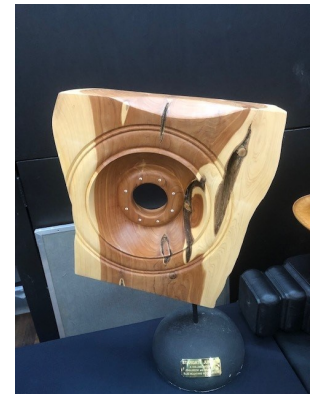


Simon Begg was amazing. I was mesmerized by what he was doing but still could not see the end result until he used a Japanese saw to cut the ring in half. One day I want to be able to conceptualise this.

I was also relieved to see him get a few catches and that the way I was holding and using my gouges was similar to his. so perhaps there is hope for me yet with more practice.



Perhaps participants could be given a schedule (rather than having to locate the printout in the foyer) - I was disappointed to find out belatedly that Simon Begg wasn't covering ring turning in his second and final session, otherwise I'd have chosen my first session differently. WELL worth the \$25!



**Mosely Watchmaker's Lathe**

Two absolute highlights for me - Brendan Venner's session on fixing mistakes when spindle turning - not at all what I expected, it was brilliant! Also, Jan Palmowski's session on pyro carving - soooo inspiring - gotta get myself THAT machine! Venue was great - despite the temperature outside, it only started to get warm inside in the final hour and even then, it was fine!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member#	First Name	Surname	Member Since
2162	Peter	Bland	15.1.2004
2301	Ron	Devine	31.5.2005
2845	Lindsay	McEwan	7.2.2011
3600	Lynne	Young	30.11.2013
3624	Jeanette	Hitchcock	1.7.2014
3724	Lois	Janik	7.7.2016
3882	Glenn	Freeman	1.9.2020
4017	Isabella	Farrugia	20.4.2022

## Ever thought about branding your pieces?



There are a few places that supply customised branding irons. They all have a variety of designs and some of them will allow you to send them your own design. Cost is unbelievably cheap and the one shown below is just \$AUD 13.51 through Etsy.com



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We the undersigned members wish to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of candidate)

**For the position of**

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(position candidate nominated for)

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Signature    Member No    Date / /

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# Upcoming Events



## Robertson Potato Festival

Robertson Showground

2315 Kangaloon Road

Robertson

5th to 7th of May 2023

Setup Friday 12 noon

Saturday 10am to 5pm

## Sydney KOI Festival

Sydney Equestrian Centre

Wallgrove Road

Eastern Creek

Sunday 28th May 2023

Setup by 8.30am

Pull Down around 3.30pm



# BUNNINGS BBQ

SATURDAY 15th April

8am to 4pm

To register your ability to help out,  
please add your name to the list on the notice board.

# Maxi Day

Date: Sunday 16th of April

Time: 10.30am

Cost: Free Lunch

## Special Presentation

### 12 Midday

All members are invited to attend a special presentation to recognise the service of

- Alan Kirkland
- Don Hughes
- Andrew Heffernan.



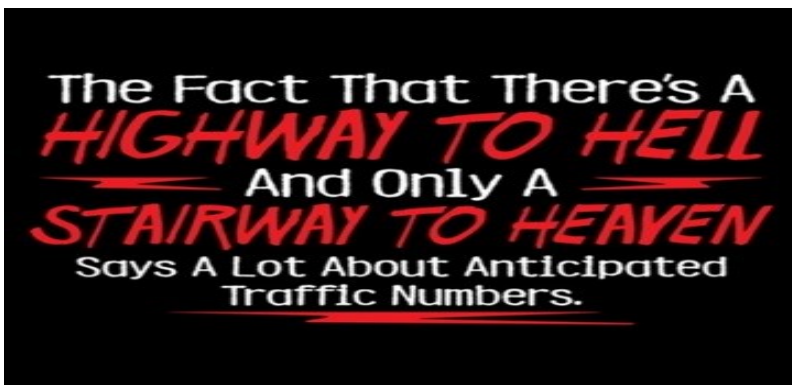
### LANGUAGE THE YOUNG ONES MAY NOT COMPREHEND

When our generation is involved in a conversation with a teenager, we sometimes struggle to fully comprehend what they are saying. Something can be “sick,” “really sick” or “rad.” Put any one of those in a 10 word sentence containing possibly 3 or more “like” and you can never be sure if they are referring to something that is really good or terribly bad or just so so.

No doubt those same teenagers would be equally bewildered when confronted with any of the following. Have some fun testing it on the teenagers with whom you communicate. You can either ask them what the phrase means, the answer to the question or to complete the sentence.

Question	Response
What is a Washboard?	Grandma used it to scrub down the washing.
What is a Mangle?	Grandma used it to wring out the washing.
Which day is Poet’s Day?	(Friday) <b>Pee Off</b> Early Tomorrow is <b>Saturday</b> .
What were the Yellow Pages.	Business listings thar are now on the internet.
Why was newspaper torn/cut into squares and hung on a nail?	It was used as toilet paper.
When was the National Anthem played on TV?	When some stations closed down at night.
Mad as a two bob ....?	Watch
What was your job if you worked on the night cart?	You carried the toilet bins to the truck.
What was a wooden mushroom used for?	Darning socks.
If a lady was reversing a collar, what was she doing?	Patching the collar on a man’s work shirt and sewing it back on inside out
Mad as a cut...?	Snake.
When did the Test Pattern appear on the TV?	After the station closed at night.
What is a long drop?	Bush toilet.
What does chock as a block mean?	Full to the top.
What is a Guzunder?	Pee pot (placed under the bed).
Don’t criticise anyone until you have...?	Walked a mile in their shoes.
Who was the cheese and kisses?	The wife or missus.
A penny for .....?	Your thoughts.
What is a thunder drop?	Bush toilet.
Slow as a ...?	Wet week.
Do not trust him he is lower than a ...?	Snake’s belly.
Mind your own ...?	Bees wax OR P’s and Q’s
Damned if you do and damned ...	If you don’t.
What is a hair of the dog?	An alcoholic drink next day after a big night.
In for a penny, in for ...?	A pound.

Flat out like a ...?	Lizard on a log.
Yes, and pigs might ...?	Fly.
Look after the pennies and the ..?	Pounds will look after themselves.
What were Brothel Creepers?	Creped soled desert boots.
What did "bought on the never never" mean?	Time payment.
When did you hear the call "Time gentlemen please"?	Hotel barman at 6pm closing.
What was a bona-fide traveller?	Someone who had travelled 30 miles or more and was allowed a drink in a hotel on Sundays.
What was/is the Rubby-de-dub?	The pub
I am so hungry I could eat a horse and ...?	Chase the jockey.
What did the statement "He always shoots through like a Bondi Tram" mean?	Referred to someone who always disappeared.
What does "Not on your Nellie" mean?	No, never. will I do that or let that happen.
What does the term "done up like a pox doctor's clerk" mean?	Dressed up to the nines.
What does the term 'flash as a rat with a gold tooth' mean?	Dressed up to the nines.
What does the term "I don't have a brass razoo" mean?	You do not have any cash.
What common usage 7 letter work, is spelt with the same consonants?	Unknown



## Quote of the Month:

Courage is what it takes to stand and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

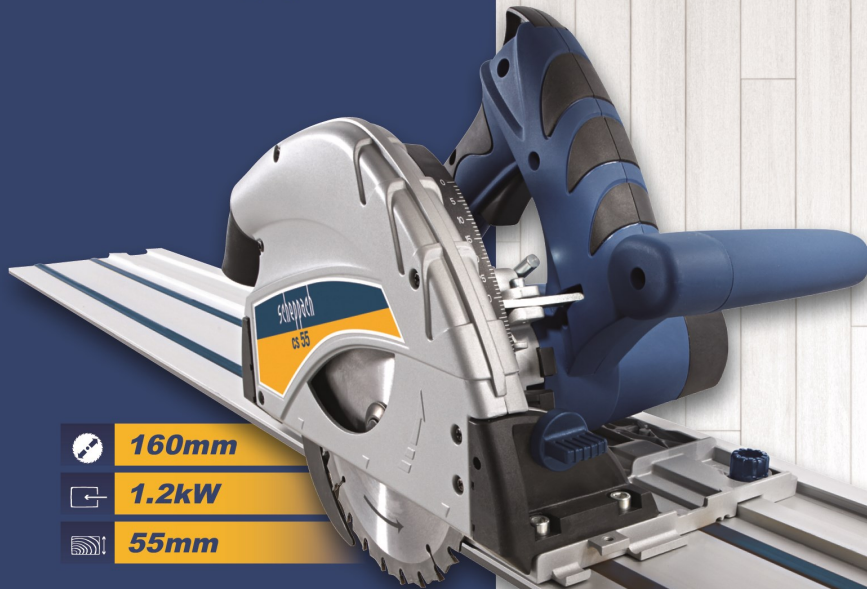
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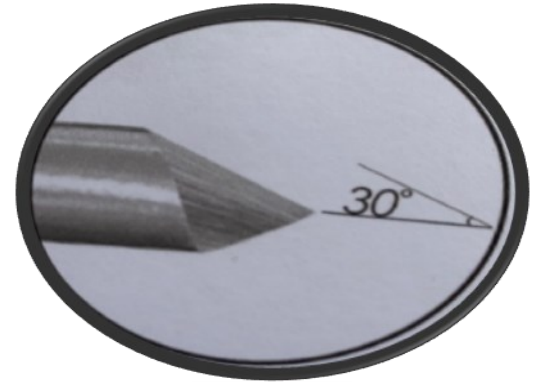
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RIGHT AND WRONG

APRIL 2023

## TRADITIONAL SPINDLE GOUGE



The spindle gouge must **NOT** be confused with the bowl gouge. The main differences are in the grind angle of 30 degrees with a shallow flute to a grind angle of 45 degrees and deep flute of the bowl gouge.

While both these gouges are very similar in appearance, they are very different in their respective design and what they are used for.

### WRONG: CHANGED OVERTIME

It is not uncommon for the Spindle gouge these days to be referred to as a “SPINDLE DETAIL GOUGE” as it is used extensively in combining both functions successfully. It is also not uncommon to have several gouges each with different style bevel tips allowing work in tight spaces and making sharp joints, the tasks that makes the spindle gouge shine.

Unlike the bowl gouge the spindle gouge does NOT have side wings that can catch. The sides of the spindle gouge are such that they can be turned at a 90 degree angle to scrape, but this is not a true cutting technique.

### “Spindle Detail Gouge”



This is one of the many grind that have become very popular over time.

**Note.** As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications.

Eddie C