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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Many thanks to the demonstrators at our July meeting. Four of our talented members showed the jigs, drawings and devices which they used to produce their prize winning exhibits for the Australian Woodturning Exhibition.

This sharing of knowledge could help other members to get the hole in the right place or to maintain accuracy with those annoying small parts that so often look wrong. To Val Delsanto, Rick Gilks, Alan Thompson and John Wheeler we congratulate you on your success at the Exhibition and we are indebted to each of you for so willingly sharing your knowledge.

Michael O'Callaghan was unable to attend last month so for the August meeting he will demonstrate his approach to lidded containers.

The August meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. No doubt intense lobbying has been going on. All positions on the committee will be declared vacant so each member should consider whether they could contribute to the Guild. I have been honoured to be your President for the past two years. I have also enjoyed doing so. Now somebody else can lead our Guild.

Our Demonstration Day at Bunnings in June attracted a great deal of interest and drew attention to our Guild. On Saturday 5th September [the day before Father's Day] they have arranged for Fire Brigade and Police to demonstrate and have asked Koonung Woodturners to set up a demo similar to our usual whiz-bang eye-popping Demo. Details will be arranged at the next meeting.

Brian Christian was a highly regarded foundation member of our Guild. Each year we present the Brian Christian Award to a member whom the Committee has selected for their contribution to the Guild. This is done at the Annual General Meeting.

There are five Saturdays in August and our August meeting will be on the fourth Saturday, that is, on Saturday 22 August at 9.00 am

See you there.

Arthur

At the last meeting several members who gained places in this year's Australian Woodturning Exhibition explained the work they put into their items



Alan Thompson's clock needed.

- accurate drawings
- a ring cut into semicircles – these cut into quarter circles
- a metal template for the columns
- lead in the back of the mechanism of the clock so it would hang correctly
- a finial and uprights
- four coats of Danish oil

Rick's Sinnett table (had you heard of such a thing before) for weaving rope.

The top is a two layered disc – the top divided into 12 sections and numbered so the user could follow patterns.

A knob for each section.

Legs mounted in a jig and grooves routed while in the lathe.

The indexer used to get the correct angle between the grooves.

Care was needed when drilling the holes in the legs for the stretchers.



Val Dalsanto said he entered clock number 6
r was it 8 or 9

To save inaccuracies from measuring he used:

- spanners to obtain correct diameters of the legs
- a template to mark the locations of beads
- a screwdriver ground to shape the beads
- a template to mark the correct position to drill holes for the uprights

John Wheeler explained how he made his vase.

He turned a blank that he held in the chuck while he drilled the central hole and turned the inside. He fitted a bolt in the hole and rechunked to finish the base.

With his chop sticks he turned the blanks to a small enough diameter to feed into the hole in the centre of the head stock shaft and fed the blank through.



UP –MARKET 109

Following last year's success the Koonung Community Cottage is organizing a boutique craft market at the Cottage to be held on Saturday 21st November 2009. Koonung Woodturners Guild has accepted an invitation to participate and has applied for a stall where members can display and sell their woodturning items. Items to be displayed must be of a high quality and hand made by the owner. Commercially made and second –hand items are not permitted. This will be a good opportunity for members to let the public see their work and to make a few dollars.

GUILD DEMONSTRATIONS

Bunnings of Box Hill has asked us to join other organizations who will be demonstrating their crafts on Father's day weekend – Saturday 5th September. The Guild Committee would like members to take part in this.

The Annual open day at Schwerkolt Cottage will be held on Sunday 13th September this year. Guild members are invited to attend and demonstrate. Assistance in transporting the lathes and other equipment to and from the cottage will be appreciated. This is always an enjoyable day so join in.

Notice will be given next month of the Whitehorse Springtime Festival at which the Guild is usually a participant.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual general meeting of the Koonung Woodturning Guild Inc. will be held on Saturday 22nd. August at 9.15am. in the Koonung Cottage Meeting Room Blackburn North.

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- a. to confirm the minutes of the last previous meeting:
- b. to receive from the Committee reports upon the operations of the Guild during the last previous year:
- c. to elect officers of the association and the ordinary members of the committee:
- d. to elect a Public Officer of the Association until the next annual general meeting:
- e. to consider any other business which the Chairman of the Annual general Meeting, in his discretion considers to be business properly brought forward.

SAFETY FIRST !!

One of our members recently discovered how dangerous it can be to use power tools when tiredness has set in and concentration gone. He was pleased he had a first aid kit handy.

SHOW and TELL Taken by David Tonkin

Val Dalsanto	Golden mean dividers Lidded box Lidded container
Ron Dunstan	Segmented Vase
Rick Gilks	Jig for making segments for a scalloped dish or platter

Maroondah Woodturning Club

Would like to invite you to a social demonstration day
5th September 2009 at 2 Delmont Court Mooroolbark
10 am – 3.30 pm
9728 2179 (after hours)

Ken Wraight	Turning	10-11.30 am	Goblet with spiral stem
Ken Morrison	Box Making	11.30 – 12noon	Use of dovetail jig
Ian Robertson (Robbo)	Turning	12 – 1.30pm	Hat from green wood
Yen Ip & Greg Williams	Carving	1.30 – 2.30pm	Talk on carving
Stuart Watson	Sharpening	2.30 – 3.00pm	Turning Tools
Charlie Chamberlain	Antique Tools	3.00 – 3.30pm	Talk

Tea and coffee available

Cost - \$5 Sausage sizzle \$1.50

Plenty of street parking available, bring yourself and a folding chair

Melway reference Map 52 A4

FOR SALE

CARBA – TEC H 1000 Lathe plus sanding attachment &
Protection hood \$550 - \$650
Geoff EASTON 9874 3002

As I watch the evening news I wonder what have we done to this world –with wars all over the place. People blowing up themselves old ladies being robbed, knife fights in the street and so on. Is there any hope for our children and grand children?

Edna and I went to the Exhibition on the first day, as I wandered around the show not feeling all that well Edna was looking for me and with the help of Rick Gilks found me sitting in the foyer . Rick took one look and told me I was not able to drive home and he would take Edna and me home. At that stage Dianna arrived and offered to take my car home.

As I fell into bed that night it occurred to me THAT THE MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS WAS STILL ALIVE AND WELL. I THANK FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART BOTH FOR THEIR KINDNESS.

John Atkinson

(What is our motto? Promoting Excellence and Fellowship in the Art of Wood Turning) Edit.