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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Although the first meeting of the year in January was on a holiday weekend, it was very well attended. The story behind the Knitting Nancy Special Effort was interesting to hear and it evident that our members have rallied their support for this project. Rick demonstrated the turning of the components so clearly that every piece of the pre-cut and pre-drilled timber was taken home by members. Many thanks to Rick and his industrious team who prepared the drawings, cut and drilled the various pieces and made the job oh so very foolproof [we hope].

Read Rick's further requests in this issue

The next meeting of KWTG will be at Koonung at 9.00 am on Feb 28 2009. After Show and Tell and the raffle we will have our Morning Tea Break then all head off to the Woodturning Warehouse at 11 Citrus St Braeside where they are expecting us and woodturners from all over Victoria to look over their display put on jointly by U Beaut Polishes, Woodworking Warehouse, Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies and Professional Woodworkers Supplies and join in a BBQ lunch. We will drive our own cars or arrange with each other as we have done before. Unfortunately there will be no diversion to the Enterprize on the way back. You may wish to bring your piggy bank or save weeks and weeks of pocket money for this trip.

The Thursday Group has started up again, so why cut your finger off at home when you can come to your very own Guild's workshop and let everyone share your fun,

For those poor sad souls who enjoyed the iambic couplets on the President's Page on the last issue, here is the second stanza ...

2. His lathe, which gave him nowt but trouble,  
Reduced his blanks to chips and rubble.  
The drive belt that was once so grand  
Had been replaced by a rubber band.

You may wish to help by writing the third verse but there again you should have to have better things to do.

**SHOW and TELL taken by David Coull**

Name	Item	Material
Ron Dunstan	Rectangular Bowl	Unknown
Geoff Oakley	Two spheres Lidded Bowl	Huon Pine Oak Walnut
Max Lehmann	Salt shaker	Huon Pine Red Gum
David Coull	Bud Vase Two perfume Containers	
Ray Smith	Bowl	Blackwood
Reg Johnson	Lamp Stand	Cypress
Rick Gilks	French knitting	Red Gum & Pine
Arthur Sankey	French Knitting	
Anne Munro	Wood dust impregnated filters	



## **DEMONSTRATION by Rick Gilks**

Rick went through the processes to make the “Knitting Nancies” so that members could assist in the making of one hundred of them for Alkira. The preliminary preparing of the cutting and drilling for the tops and handles has already been done by Rick and David Coull so there are now essentially four operations to be done.



Detailed plans have been printed by Mal Jackson.

Rick showed how the needles could be made quickly by using a 14mm spanner to measure the thickest part and then make the flowing shape as per the plan.



The pegs can also be measured using spanners – 12mm for the widest parts – 10 mm for the spigot and centre. Calipers will give the same length to all. Judgment should be used for the domed top. At least two the one piece of wood. Light and dark timber should be used alternately.



(There are only 800 of these to be made altogether!!!!)

The handles have been drilled and need only to be shaped, as per the plan, using a mandrel. Rick showed how water, masking tape or plastic could be used if the handle is loose on the mandrel.



After the tops have been glued to the handle the centre will need to be taken out. With the top on The mandrel this can be taken out and rounded off using a detailed gouge.



Rick distributed the material already prepared to make the handles and tops to members who are prepared to assist and hopes that all will be completed by the March meeting.

As the knitting should be started on each one there is an appeal for balls of wool or acrylic about 70mm in diameter.

CAN YOU ASSIST RICK AND THE GUILD?

## VISIT BY MALCOLM ZANDER, TURNER FROM USA

Many Koonung members accepted the invitation by Forest Hill Woodturners to a demonstration by visiting woodturner well known for his lace-like decorations on his turned articles. The advance publicity showed an image of an ornately finned fish which seemed impossible, in many people's minds, to turn. Over a dozen Koonung turners were delighted to be in the company of some of Victoria's leading woodturners. We were all treated to a show of turning very, very thin vases. That is, the walls were turned 1 mm thick and the parts to be decorated were .8 mm so that intricate piercing could be done with a dentist drill to create a lace effect.

Many thanks to Forest Hill for extending this hand of co-operation.

### **SOME THOUGHTS ON SANDING**

#### **DO YOU BELIEVE?**

Worn 320 grit is like new 400 grit ?

If you push harder you will sand better?

Hand sanding is always better than power sanding?

Removing the dust between grit changes is unnecessary?

Sanding sealers are not beneficial?

Reversing direction after each grit change is not beneficial?

All abrasives are pretty much the same?

#### **SOME PEOPLE SAY**

Worn 320 grit is simply worn out. Worn abrasives have dull grains on the surface and create excessive heat.

Pressing hard creates excessive heat and prematurely wears the abrasive, the binder and the pad.

The human hand and fingers are not uniform in shape or density. When sanding by hand it can be difficult to create a uniform surface, especially on bowls.

When you stop to change grits, residual dust and abrasive is left on the surface. By removing this residue you reduce heat loading and cut more efficiently.

Sanding sealers help to stiffen soft grain areas for a more uniform surface. They also reduce the amount of finish needed.

Actually reversing the direction after changing grits produces a more uniform surface, since the fibres are cut in each direction.

You pay for what you get. Better quality abrasives cost more because of high-quality abrasives and are graded to a higher standard.

## **PROJECT 2009 KNITTING NANCIES by Rick**

We hope to present our 100 Knitting Nancies towards the end of March. So that we can meet this deadline, members who took components at our January meeting please return them for the February meeting. If you have not completed them please return the components so that some of our retired members with more time on their hands can complete them. We have been successful in getting some wool from the ladies of Koonung Cottage as well as through member's partners and friends.

Please call me if you need further info. *Ph 9802 4498*  
*Rick Gilks*



We need to fulfill our promise of 100 of these

**SHOW AND TELL IS A MOTIVATION TO ALL  
DON'T FORGET AN ITEM AT THE MEETING ON FEB 28th**

## **BILL GATES vs GM**

Bill Gates recently compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated.

If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1000 miles to the gallon.

In response GM issued a press release stating.

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

For no reason whatsoever you car would crash – Twice a day.

The oil, water temperature and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single “This car has performed an illegal operation.”

The airbag system would ask, “Are you sure?” before deploying.

You would have to press the start button to turn the engine off.”

Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.