



Turning Chatter



Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Mission Statement: "Promote woodturning as a creating skill for all ages"

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A GENEROUS SPIRIT

Ernie Newman

Ross Norrie turned up at the lesson on Tuesday, August 20 with 20 woodturning books and some rare species, Huon pine, Blackheart sassafras, African mahogany and more, worth hundreds of dollars. Ross gave it all away. One or two pieces originated with Jan Pennell, a generous woman whose infectious generosity is still with us.

Kindness is catching and every week or two I see class members or former members giving away tools, tips, time or wood. Recently a woman brought pastries and a fellow repaired another's tailstock. The beneficiary had cooked sweet delicacies two weeks earlier. Warm embraces signal affection and empathy. It is a treat to share in the camaraderie and witness the communal spirit.



Thanks Jan, Ross and all the others who give more than they take.

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SUMMER 2003 QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

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- 1/ Are there more species of hardwoods or softwoods in the world?
- 2/ Which Hollywood actor is a woodworker: Clint Eastwood, William H. Macy or Harrison Ford?
- 3/ What is the problem with turning a piece after it has been sanded?
- 4/ Does a screwchuck [faceplate with central projecting screw] hold end grain work, for example a goblet, as effectively as side grain work, for example a platter?
- 5/ Which woodturning club has required its members to attend church? (Answers later in the newsletter)

BLUE MOUNTAINS WOOD TURNERS SEPTEMBER PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings fellow turners of wood, another month has passed us by. It has been an interesting month for the club and to others personally.

Our demonstration day went well with our new members, to whom Ernie is teaching the finer art of wood turning, giving us a variety of demonstrations and talks. I hope it gave you all inspiration to take on different tasks. Also to inspire you all in the benefits of learning to turn in professional manner. There has been a good turnout of members working on various jobs. Mr Gane has done an amazing job of making cup and ball sets and other members also working hard.

We had a very good day at Glenbrook markets, we sold a few things and showed our flag, next time a shorter flag stand. A good time also of social activity in the community.



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On the personal side John Krook put some pieces in the Penrith Show and won a couple prizes> I entered my "Guyra Lady farmers Hat" and it won first prize. This is the first entry since my wife Hilary died 6.5 years ago. I was very excited, but a little sad that Hilary could not share with me. This is the third time I have won first prize, also a highly recommended prize. My next challenge, I am aiming for the Royal Easter shown next year, then the young Guyra Lady will get her hat.

Please remember the AGM and please put up you hand to serve us. Give us new blood so we can move on.

Please consider putting your stories in Chatter, Our new CO of Turning Chatter Is the one and only Bec Higgins, when you see her next give her a thank you.

John H Mulquin

President



If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties until a new welfare offer is appointed please contact John H Mulquin. 0407709351

jmhbm@bigpond.net.au



WOODIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTIFICATION: FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS 2024-2025. SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2024 .

It is that time of year again when we meet to summarise our years activities and prepare for the year ahead. All existing office bearers will resign their positions and we will elect a new board from those members who choose to nominate their services for the operation of the Blue Mountains Woodturners for the coming year 2024-2025.

The only stipulation is that all nominees must be a financial member of the club by the 31st August 2024. A Presidents Statement will be read at the Annual General Meeting along with a Treasurers Statement and then the existing board will resign. All eligible members will be asked to nominate and be seconded for the vacant positions and the election will then take place. There is a financial summary presently available for those who would like a copy. Ask the secretary.

For those who have not renewed their membership as yet. The Annual fee is \$35.00 and can be paid electronically to:- Blue Mountains Woodturners, St. George Bank bsb 112.879 Account No. 495712594 Alternatively you can pay in cash or via our eft facility at our Thursday Meetings or Ernies Meetings. Please make a note of your payment in the sign in record book or eft transaction so your payment can be identified.

A name badge will be issued for the 2024-2025 year as your receipt. We would also like you to update your contact information with the renewal application as a follow up. Available at Ernies, the club house or I can send you one via an email. Just let me know. John Turner... mjturner@live.com.au. (Secretary 2023-2024)

You must be a paid up member to participate in upcoming committee elections on the 5th October 2024. Tom Fox, our current Public Officer will chair the meeting. The Club House 19 Calver Avenue Mount Riverview. Forms below.

Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc

Committee and Office Bearer Nomination Form, 2024--2025

Office Nomination:

President :

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Vice President:

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Secretary:

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Treasurer:

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Committee Member

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Committee Member:

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Committee Member:

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____

Office bearers required and appointed:

Publicity Officer...

Public Officer.....

Workshop Manager...

Editor of Turning Chatter...

Webmaster.....

Facebook Coordinator....

Safety Officer.....

Welfare Officer.....

First Aid Officer

Entry Officer.....

Club Sales Officer

Catering Officer.....

Site Manager

Show and Tell Coordinator.....

I agree to be bound by the Rules, Constitution and By Laws of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Please return your completed nomination form to the Club house or via email to :-

Mjturner @live.com.au

or

jhmhbm@bigpond.net.au

Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc

Membership Application / Renewal

Membership No. _____

Membership Fee Payable... \$35.00

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone No.. _____ Fax No _____ Mobile No. _____

Email Address: _____

I agree to be bound by the Rules, Constitution and By Laws of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. Signed :
_____ Date: ____/____/____ Please indicate your age category
by ticking the appropriate Box below : 14-17 18-54 55 plus Annual Fees are due 31st August each year. New
membership fees are due on application at a proportional basis to the annual renewal date. Fees can be paid to: Blue
Mountains Woodturners Inc. St George Bank bsb.. 112.879 Account No. 495712594 Or by cash with the membership
application on Thursdays 10.00am – 12.00 Midday Our postal address is : Blue Mountains Woodies: PO Box 223
Springwood 2777 Contact John Mulquin on 0407 709 351or email John Turner mjturner@live.com.au for any
queries.

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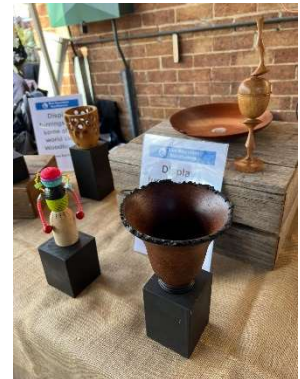
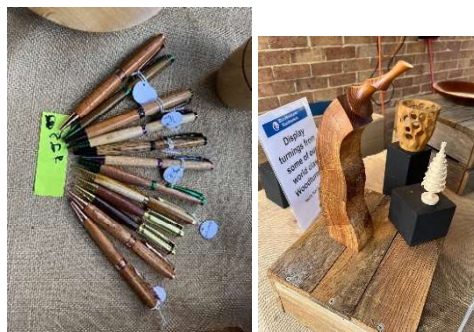
Be at the clubhouse at 10 am on Sept 7 to see some great demos/presentations from Brian Smith who will pass around some fabulous vessels, Roman Goik on boatbuilding and turning for boats and John Gallo on medicine for turners and transitioning from spindle to faceplate turning. Steve Ward will be MC for a day that promises to be fun and educational.

GLENBROOK ROTARY MARKETS



Blue Mountain Woodies attended the Rotary Markets in Glenbrook in August.

Displays were held, questions were answered, things were learnt and some items were sold.



The standard of work was inspiring and the public love being able to see the creative process as members sent wood chips flying.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th September – Springwood Foundation Day

7th September - Club AGM TBA

5th October - Leura Spring Festival TBA

11th November - Remembrance Day Whitten Park

7th December 2024 - Christmas Party Toy Presentation

SUMMER 2003 QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER ANSWERS

Ernie Newman

There is more than one way to turn and there isn't just one right answer to the questions in this quiz. Your comments and corrections are welcome.

1/ There are about 750 species of softwoods and about 30,000 species of hardwoods in the world. As Hippocrates said in 400 BC, "The life so short, the craft so long to learn."

2/ Clint Eastwood is a woodturner. William H. Macy [*Fargo and Happy, Texas*] showed his turned bowls on the David Letterman Show. Harrison Ford not only demonstrated his carpentry skills in *Witness* but also worked as a professional carpenter before his acting career took off.

3/ When a turning is sanded, tiny abrasive particles from the sandpaper become embedded in the wood and if the piece is then turned, these particles will blunt the tool.

4/ Screw chucks have great holding power in side grain [platter] but far less in end grain [goblet]. End grain work can be held on a screw chuck, especially if the work is small and the screw is large, however, for most end grain projects, a screw chuck is inadequate. Scroll chucks have far greater holding power. Another way to hold large end grain would be to use a faceplate with several long, deep threaded screws.

5/ In the 17th century the Worshipful Company of Turners of London instructed turners to, "assemble in decent & comely manner at the Common Hall & from thence go to such Church as shall be assigned & there to hear a sermon & abide until the end thereof". Because the Company controlled commercial woodturning in London, members had little choice but to obey. If they refused to attend church or if they left before the sermon was completed, they were fined.



STORIES WANTED.

As this is the first Turning Chatter I have done it is slightly delayed for which I apologise. There were a few teething problems and accessing the Turning Chatter email has been an exercise in itself. Next month will be earlier. If anyone has a story and or pictures they want to share, please email me at seyaowpa@gmail.com.

Here is a project I am working on. It is not finished. It is the root from my Grandmother's Olive tree – a gardener I am not! Fortunately I am able to keep it in its new form. Bec Higgins

