

TREEN TOPICS

July 2009



Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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Guest Speakers - Finishing Products



Our June meeting was attended by not one guest speaker , but three , plus one support person . Doug and Luke Green from Nowra Paint Place whom we have seen before , opened the session with a run down on various new products which they have available . One of these which was recommended by Jim Davey is a soft brush which does a job equivalent to a tack cloth . For those who are fussy about the quality of finish achieved , it may be of interest . It is worth remembering that club members get a discount for purchases made there , so if you are painting your house a very worthwhile saving can be made . Then Doug introduced Ernie Williams from Organoil who was accompanied by his wife Val . They were en route to the Sydney Working with Wood show .

Ernie began by explaining that Organoil is plant based as opposed to petroleum based (ie organic as the name suggests) . As a result it does not dry out and form a skin like most finishing products do .



Their danish oil and hard burnishing oil both have to be wet sanded . The hard



burnishing oil is especially for items such as chopping boards which are going to get wet

from time to time . Ernie gave a few practical tips which are worth remembering . With danish oil you should apply the first coat liberally and the second one sparingly . When wiping off oils use paper towel which will absorb excess oil whereas a rag will spread any excess . Wet sanding should be done with sufficient effort to generate heat . The slurry formed in the sanding process fills minute voids so do not wipe it off . If the surface becomes too dry when sanding , add oil to the paper NOT the job . By sanding to very fine grits a mirror finish can be obtained if you like that type of finish .

There are innumerable finishing methods and finishing products and it is a topic that always creates a good deal of interest . This was apparent by the number of comments and questions asked by the members during the talk . Both Doug and Ernie were presented with one of Stuart's pens as a token of appreciation .

Show and Tell



Bill Turner came along with his most recent creation , a rose engine which was no doubt inspired by Gordon's talk and demonstration . Bill made it up from bits and pieces which he had lying about the shed . If anyone is going to make good use of a rose engine it is Bill whose chief occupation is turning . We can look forward to some well decorated turnings in future .

He also produced a lidded bowl that was made from a fallen tree in the next door

house . The species was unknown .

Gordon came up with a different way of splining mitre joints and illustrated the technique with a box he is in the process of making . Instead of having external splines running horizontally through the joint he has devised a method of running the spline longitudinally within the joint , thus concealing it except at the top edge . He reports that it also practically eliminates the problem of the joints slipping during the gluing process . If you would like to know more about the method see Gordon .



Subscriptions Are Now Overdue

Our annual subscriptions were due last month so are now overdue . A mere \$25 will give you a years membership and access to all we do . Your prompt payment would be appreciated .

You are also asked to fill out a renewal of membership form which needs to be done each year . These will be available at the meeting .

Annual General Meeting

This important event in our club calendar coincides with the third state of origin game but if you really need to see it you could still come to the meeting and be home fairly early in the first half . After the Blues performance last time you might prefer to stay at the meeting instead ! There will be nomination forms available if you want to nominate yourself or someone else at the last minute . If you are critical of how the club is being run it is your chance to make a difference . Some new blood is always a good thing .The AGM business is expected to be over fairly promptly so we are having a giant Show and Tell to fill in the remainder of the evening . Bring along some of your work , any tool of interest (which could be your favourite tool) or a jig which you find helpful . It would be excellent if everyone took part . Please do not stay away in case you are landed with a job !

Creative Moments

We need as many people as possible exhibiting there to make our club look as though it is active and progressing . Are you an active woodworker and club member or do you just come along to the monthly meeting for something to do ? Every member who is fair dinkum about his work should be proud to exhibit it and let the broader community see what you can do . As a club member you should also want to support it however you can and one of the best ways of doing that is to show your work . A strong showing of woodwork items demonstrates to the public that we are a dynamic organisation .

Remember that the sales area will be there for the full three weeks so there is much more chance of selling things than previously . It is a good opportunity to pick up a few dollars for your work and there can be opportunities for you to take orders if someone likes your product .

George Viallaris is making a burl platter as the wood prize for the raffle so you can be assured that it will be really worth winning . You will be receiving your raffle tickets in the mail shortly together with the documentation needed for your entries . Another way of supporting the exhibition and the club is to sell these tickets and ask for a second book . Please do your bit !!

Ladies Night

This will be held at our general monthly meeting in August and to make it a more social occasion we are having dinner at the Bomaderry Bowling Club . A special price of \$16 per head has been negotiated so it is quite a cheap night out . Following dinner we will adjourn upstairs to hear Art Burrows speak on Egyptian Tools . Readers of the Australian Woodworker will be aware that Art is the assistant editor of that worthy journal so he is well versed in all things to do with woodwork . About forty five members and wives have already indicated they will go . If you are not included in that number and would like to go , the sheet will go around again at this meeting so grab the chance . There will be FREE tea and coffee available during the talk .

Be aware there will be NO meeting at the high school in August !!

January Barbeque

It may seem a bit early to mention this function but this is simply to inform members that Dennis O'Keefe has kindly offered his home for the venue in 2010 .
Thanks Dennis .

Tools For Sale

Geoff Spencer Clearance Sale all reasonable offers considered Ph: 4422 7659 .
The latest development here is that Geoff is holding a garage sale for all the unsold tools and equipment on Saturday 18th July . However , club members can get in beforehand by phoning him for a personal look at what he has . Check last months Topics for the list of things available .

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 15th July – AGM plus giant Show and Tell

Saturday 18th July – Workshop on finishing boxes

Wednesday 19th August – Ladies Night at Bomaderry Bowling Club plus Art Burrows
Saturday 22nd August – Workshop on Turning . As there are only two lathes at the shed George will only be able to instruct two people at a time . This means that the prospective turners in waiting need something else to occupy themselves in the meantime . It is suggested that you bring along your own project or , alternately , you can help make small boxes and clocks which the club may be able to sell at the exhibition .

Wednesday 16th September – George Viallaris speaking on Turning

Saturday 19th September – Workshop on Turning continued

Wednesday 21st October – Jim Davey speaking on Old and Unusual Tools

Saturday 24th October – Plane Tuning at Jim Davey's

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

JULY 2009

Another year has passed and we should look back to see what we have achieved in the past twelve months and what we think we will achieve in the next twelve months. I would like to say that the workshops have been our greatest achievement for the last twelve months but that is not the case, the workshops would not have been able to run without the dedication and determination of our members in supporting the workshop, running the workshops and in attending the workshops. The workshops attract about twelve to fifteen members each month and this represents about twenty five percent of

our membership, not a bad effort.

In addition to the workshops we have had good support from our members in manning presentations and BBQ's at Bunning's. This does not sound like much but it gets our name out in the community and increases our prospects at recruiting new members and as you know without new members the club will fold.

Where are we going in the next twelve months you ask, basically more of the same but we intend to add training sessions to the workshops. The first session will be on woodturning and we expect to start the training sessions in August 09. In addition to the workshops we will be having a sit down dinner for Ladies Night which is a bit of a departure from the normal routine. We will assess the success or otherwise of these changes after the events. If the changes are successful we will repeat it next year if not we will return to the old format.

The creative moment's exhibition is just around the corner and the exhibition committee Gordon Elford, Jim Davey and Warwick Robinson are busy sorting out all the details required to make the exhibition a success. The display case has been finished and special thanks need to go to Warwick Robinson and George Viellaris for their efforts in manufacturing the case.

Dennis O'Keeffe approached the committee and offered his home as the venue for the January BBQ this is a very generous offer. Dennis felt that although the Tennis Club was an acceptable venue it was a bit sterile and lacked the warmth that was apparent when the BBQ's were held at Arnold's or Gordon's place. The committee agreed with Dennis and the January BBQ will be held at Dennis's place.

Huskisson Girl Guides has approached the woodies and request assistance with the construction of some storage shelves and bookshelves. The Guides are short on money and we can assist by donating the labour. This doesn't sound like much but it will help the Guides and again get some publicity for our club.

I cannot finish the year without thanking the committee members, the members wives and the members for all the support they have given to the club over the last twelve months. Without this support the society would not be able to function.

Greg Clark

WOODTURNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

I have had detailed discussions with George Viellaris regarding the running of woodturning training sessions for members. Our initial thoughts were to run two workshops on woodturning August and September. The limitation of two lathes and the difficulty of the instructor being able to assist more than two students at one time necessitated a rethink. We feel that the training sessions should run during regular workshops and each student be allocated a morning or afternoon session. You can see where this is going, we will only be able to accommodate four students each workshop. We expect that there will be strong demand for the training so we intend to

basically run a raffle for the positions. A list will be sent around at the July meeting requesting all those members who wish to take advantage of the training to list their name, contact number and their interest in woodturning training (i.e. basic turning, spindle or bowl work). George and I will review the list, basically drawing the names out of a hat and try to match the training requirement so that both students in a session want to receive training on the same thing.

George has generously donated his time to conduct this training so we must be make the most of it, if you are not selected for the initial training sessions just be patient as we will be running these sessions as often as possible.

All potential students must be aware of the old proverb “If I give a man a fish I feed him for a day, If I teach a man how to fish I feed him for life”. George is more that happy to teach members how to sharpen woodturning chisel but you must become proficient at sharpening chisels if you expect to continue with woodturning.

Greg Clark

BUNNING’S BBQ SATURDAY 25th JULY 2009 ROSTER

Morning 0800 – 1100 Hrs	Midday 1030 – 1330 Hrs	Afternoon 1300 – 1600 Hrs
Warwick Robinson	Peter Farrell	Bob Turnbull
John Goodger	Gordon Elford	Stuart Graham
Ian Morison		
Graham Wiseman		

Note:

We are handling food so wash hand regularly, only handle food whilst using tongs or wearing gloves. Change the gloves as often as you feel you need to as your hands will sweat inside the gloves.

Fatigue will be a problem if you feel like you need a break then please take a break. We will be setting up a couple of chairs outside the tent so that you can sit down whilst you take your break.

There is only sufficient room inside the tent for a maximum of four people so please be patient and considerate of other people who are working inside the tent.

Regards Greg Clark



WORKSHOP NOWRA MEN'S SHED 27th JUNE 09

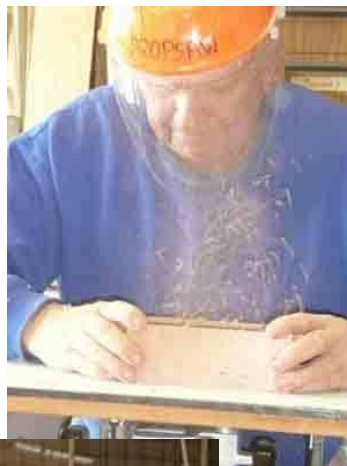
The theme for the workshop on 27th June was box making. There were twelve members who turned up the up to have a go at making a small box utilising the Griffin Dovetail Jig. The members who attended all learnt something and were able to leave the workshop with enough pieces to finish of the box in preparation for the July workshop where we will finish the boxes utilising a variety of finishing techniques.

Many thanks to Bob Turnbull, Don Parkinson and Terry Hoffman for all their efforts with the workshop. Bob ran the workshop taking each member through the process of utilising the Griffin Jig. Don generously brought along his Griffin Dovetail jig and router for the members to use and Terry handled the catering.

It was heartening to see John Knowles our newest member turn up just to see what happened at the workshops but end up going home with all the components for a small dovetail box. John was surprised at how simple the box was to make and how good the box actually looks. John bring the box along to the next workshop and we will show you how good it looks after finishing.

A number of our members did not quite finish the box requiring additional machining to fit the lid and slit open the box but Gordon Elford came to the rescue once again by inviting them to come to his workshop during the week where Gordon would help them finish the box off. Gordon has always been a great supporter of the club and its members, thanks mate.

Greg Clark



The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc. was formed in 1987 and is Comprised of persons interested in understanding woodcraft and developing skills in its many and diverse forms.

The aims of the Society are to:

*Foster an understanding and appreciation of woodcraft
Provide mutual advice, help and a problem solving forum.
Collaborate with other craft groups in the Shoalhaven.
Involve the families of “woodies” in social activities.*

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Next Committee Meeting:

*Bomaderry Bowling Club
7.30pm Wednesday 1st April 2009*