

TREEN TOPICS APRIL 2010

March Workshop

Eight people attended the sharpening workshop at Jim Davey's on the Saturday following the last meeting. A smaller number like this allows Jim to give more time to each person resulting in a better experience for the individual and this will hopefully result in a better informed and more skillful sharpener of chisels and plane blades. The benefits of a sharp edge are realised after a day at Jim's and woodwork should be more enjoyable for the rest of that persons days.

Australian Scrollsaw Exhibition at Kiama

The Australian Scroll Saw National Exhibition is to be held from 21st to 23rd May in Kiama. This is the weekend after our May meeting so you will get another reminder there. Even if you are not into scroll sawing it will still be worth taking your wife for a Sunday drive and having a look.

Len Arthur Award

This reminder may seem a bit early as the award will not be presented until August but we do need to start thinking about who we should nominate now. For the benefit of the newer members, Len Arthur was a founding member and President for quite a few years as well as holding various other positions in the Society. He passed away several years ago and his family, in conjunction with the club, established this award which is presented annually. Nominees for the award should be current or past members who are considered to have made a significant contribution to the Society .

So get your thinking caps on and nominate someone this meeting . Greg will have more to say on this including details of the nominating procedure.

Timber and Working with Wood Show

This annual event will be on again from 18th to 20th June at the Horden Pavilion at Moore Park in Sydney . Our meeting will be the Wednesday prior and we need to discuss whether the usual Saturday workshop on 19th will be held or not .

As far as I could see there is not much information about it on the Web yet . The Australian Woodworker magazine usually has a good bit of

detail about it . Last year you could save a few dollars by buying your ticket online. This also saves you having to join a long queue to get a ticket .

Tuesday Night Workshops

These have been going well with progress being made on the stools . We are still looking for suggestions on what to make as the next project once the stools are completed . Ideas are welcome .

As an aside to the stool making , Garry Usher has offered to bring a machine he has for sharpening chainsaws and to give your chain a touchup . We need an indication of how many members are likely to bring their saws along for this free and generous offer. (This offer does not apply to disgruntled stool makers in case they take it out on their project.)

Traditional Tool Group Sale

This group, of which both David Hire and Jim Davey are members, is a non profit organisation dedicated to the study, conservation , collection and use of traditional craftsmans tools. They are holding a sale on Sunday 2nd May at the Asquith Boy's High School in Jersey Street Asquith. There will be forty tables of interesting items for sale.

Wood Collection Trip

The idea of a weekend away to buy timber has been floated and an indication of the level of interest will be sought at this meeting. Details are a bit vague at this stage but it would give you a chance to take your wife for a nice trip while stocking up on timber supplies at the same time. It is not to happen until October / November and is up Port Macquarie way so you have plenty of time to convince the good lady that it is a good idea. Bob will provide further details at the meeting.

In House Speaker

In lieu of a guest speaker Peter Farrell will speak on his method of drawer making at this meeting. While there are unlimited variations on doing this, it is always interesting to compare your way of doing it with that of another person.

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 21 st April	General Meeting at Nowra High – Peter Farrell on Drawer Making
Saturday 24 th April	Workshop on Drawer Making

Tuesday 27 th April	Night Workshop on Stool Making / Chain Saw Sharpening
Wednesday 5 th May	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 19 th May	General Meeting – Speaker to be confirmed
Weekend 21 st - 23 rd May	Australian Scrollsaw Exhibition at Kiama

If you have a topic you would like to hear someone speak on please let us know.

Likewise if you know of someone who would make an interesting speaker let a committee member know.

Retirement is Tough

Frustrated wife to husband who is hanging around the house , “
What are you doing today ?”

Husband , “ Nothing .”

Wife , “ You did that yesterday !”

Husband , “ Yes but I wasn't finished .”

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL 2010

I was wondering what to write this month but the solution came to me today when I received a phone call from Rhonda at Bunning's. Rhonda indicated that she had just had a meeting with the new management committee from the Police Citizens Youth Club in Nowra. The new management was seeking help from Bunning's in the form of material (mainly paint) to undertake much needed renovations at the club. Bunning's will supply the paint and Rhonda asked if the woodies may be able to supply some assistance in the form of manpower. My answer was yes but I would have to ask the members to see how much assistance we could supply. I answered yes since I felt it was a worthy cause and in line with what we are doing with the Huskisson Girl Guides. I will have definite dates at the April meeting and will be asking the meeting to see who can help.

Planning for the Creative Moments Exhibition is underway with the committee having their initial meeting shortly. Gordon has volunteered to act at the exhibition treasurer; a job he has completed under what can only be described as difficult conditions for many years. Jim has also volunteered to serve on the committee as the registrar another difficult job which he has also completed successfully for many years. Gordon and Jim will be joined this year by John Knowles; John is a new comer to the club and the exhibition but he has show skill and dedication to the other clubs he has been associated with over the many years in the

Shoalhaven and some new blood will be good for the exhibition. Now is the time to start making that special something for the exhibition and all the additional items to sell.

We will be picking up the new bandsaw on Friday 23 April; this will once it is installed give the club a resaw capability we have not had previously, it is always good to add a new capability to our inventory.

The night workshops are running well and we will be running them continuously from now on so put your thinking caps on as we are looking for another workshop project that will both challenge our members to learn new skills and produce something useful for them to use.

Greg Clark



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