

TREEN TOPICS

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Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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January Meeting

This is the annual barbeque to begin the year and to catch up after the Christmas break. The important thing this time is to remember that it is being held at a new venue. Dennis and Marilyn O'Keeffe have kindly made their home available for this event this year and they live at 45 O'Keeffe's Lane, Jaspers Brush. It will be on even if it rains. If you need to check on anything give them a ring on 4448 6185.

As usual you bring everything you need including food, plates, cutlery, drinks, chairs, table etc. Starting time is 5.30 to 6.00 PM.

November Meeting

Two visitors in the persons of Warwick Mottram and Claire attended and both showed some interest in becoming members. We look forward to further communications with them.

A good supply of free timber in a defunct business in Bomaderry was discovered by someone and a fair number of members took advantage of the opportunity to restock their sheds with some usable timber.

Arnold advised that Brenda Owen (late member Ray's widow) has a workbench and a cast iron router table plus a router for sale.

If you are interested phone Arnold on 4421 8864 for more information.

Jim Davey has an ever widening range of woodworking items for sale including specialised sharpening gear. He has recently added Ubeaut products to the list. In addition he is an agent for Carbatec so shop locally if you can.

Gordon Elford, Jim Davey and Warwick Robinson reported on the successful winding up of the 2009 Creative Moments. Next year's event will be held from 24th of September until 14th of October so start thinking about what you might create in 2010! A vote of thanks for the considerable contribution made by these three representatives on our behalf was carried with a round of applause.

George Viellaris continued his talks on turning design with the topic this time being the shape of the inside of a bowl.

To illustrate some of the points he was making, George had cut in half two bowls which some of us would have been proud to have turned, but which, to George, had serious defects. The half sections clearly showed wall thickness and shape which were two of the most pertinent issues under discussion.

Points worth noting were that the inside curve of the bowl should relate to the outside curve. Also that the bottom of the curve should be the bottom of the bowl. Furthermore the wall thickness can vary from top to bottom and a deep vase or bowl can have a very thick base. A simple way of defining an ideal shape is to bend a slender strip of plastic beside the bowl. It will assume a shape which is suitable for you to copy.

Once again George proved to be a mine of information and anyone wanting to get into turning would be well advised to avail themselves of the tuition being given at the turning workshops.

New member Alan Stasiukynas began the show and tell session by proudly displaying an acoustic guitar which his son had made as his HSC project a few years ago. It was very well done in spruce and Alan said that it has a lovely tone.

Gordon brought along another turned bowl with thin sides which are his latest speciality. A second item was an attractive segmented pen featuring contrasting coloured timbers.

Jim Houselander turned a bowl from camphor laurel with squarish sides and risked his safety in the process with the large block coming adrift from the lathe no fewer than five times. Although the bowl was quite functional George pointed out that it could have been more attractive with curved sides.

Jim's second item was a fluted lamp stand also from camphor. It is one of those things that anyone who has not seen how it is done remains mystified as to how it is possible.

Name Badges

There is a box always on the front table at the monthly meeting which contains name badges for almost every member. The badges were made by Jim Houselander and their purpose is to help us get to know each other by name. The all embracing title of "mate" gets us out of trouble a lot of the time but when we have been seeing each other at least monthly for a year or two we should be on first name terms.

With the recent influx of new members this is even more important. It is the intention of the committee that everyone including newcomers will have a badge there very shortly. Please make it your first stop when you arrive for the meeting and wear it so your name can be read by people with a bad memory for names like me.

Workshop on Planing Techniques

About twelve members attended the November workshop which Jim conducted on planes and planing techniques. He began by showing us thirty or more

planes, all of which he uses, and all of which were finely tuned and capable of taking the finest shaving. The origin, country of manufacture, and purpose of each was explained and its capabilities detailed. Questions were answered as we went along so any additional detail needed by anyone was given. He demonstrated the best method of holding a plane and the numerous other points which all add up to better results.

Not many people took their own planes out there to try new ideas afterwards and to obtain a bit of personal tuition from Jim. I am pleased to say that I did and that my ability with this tool has improved since I have applied these instructions. As usual at our workshops there is good opportunity to learn more about our craft and better work will result from attending.

Linear Accelerator Fund Raiser Appeal at Bunning's

As part of this event six of our members demonstrated turning, sharpening and dovetail cutting to the disappointing number of the public who attended. Nonetheless, some good publicity for the club resulted. George Viellaris and Stuart Graeme attracted a good deal of attention as turners usually do, particularly amongst the younger viewers. Quite a few children went home with some piece of turning in their pocket and that may be all that is needed to give them an ongoing interest in turning or woodworking. Jim impressed a few people with the edge on some of his chisels and revealed to them a sharpening technique that they had never heard of previously. Peter cut a few dovetail joints using his chisel guide jigs while Greg and Gordon acted as club spokesmen.

NIGHT WORKSHOP 23 FEBRUARY 2010

The first Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Night Workshop will be held at the Nowra Men's Shed located at Millbank Road Terra. The workshop will start at 1800 Hrs and finish at 2100 Hrs. There will be a \$2 charge to cover tea, coffee and electricity and it is recommended that members attending bring their own safety gear and basic tools.

The first night will be a learning curve for us all so you will have to be patient as we will have to sort out who needs what safety brief to allow them to work in the shed and what project you are going to work on. In addition to the above we will also have to construct a number of different jigs to (e.g. Table Saw sled) to allow the work to progress smoothly.

We can accommodate different projects but we will be recommending that we all work on the bench seat suggested by Don Parkinson. This project will provide a number of challenges regarding the cutting of compound angles, doweling and the fitting of hinges.

For all our new members, if you do not have the timber, necessary tools or the expertise to carry out this project do not worry as we can help. There should be no reason why each member attending the workshop will not be able to complete the project.

The intention is to run the night workshop every Tuesday until the project is completed, then start another project.

Greg Clark

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 20 th January	Barbeque at Dennis and Marilyn O'Keeffe's Jaspers Brush
Wednesday 3 rd February	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 17 th February	General Meeting – Bob Turnbull on making a Table Saw Sled and their benefits in your workshop
Saturday 20 th February	Workshop on making a sled or a project of your choice
Tuesday 23 rd February	Night Workshop 6.00 to 9.00
Wednesday 3 rd March	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 17 th March	General Meeting – Phil Gould on Veneering

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 2009 – JANUARY 2010

The first thing I should mention is I hope you all had a good 2009 and are looking forward to a great 2010. As this newsletter is in January and not December I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the break from the normal routine and spend some time with your family and friends over the festive season, I know I did.

The fund raiser at Bunning's went off fairly well for the Society, George and Stewie did a magnificent job turning away and answering questions from the public. There were a large number of kids interested in the turning and they kept George and Stewie entertained. Peter was busy with the hand cut dovetails and Jim was busy demonstrating his sharpening prowess while Gordon answered questions from the public. Events like this are difficult to measure success or failure but I do know that our name is out there with the public and when we start looking for grants in the future this exposure will be beneficial. The display team did a magnificent job. In addition George donated a bowl and platter as raffle prizes which were gratefully received by the Bunning's team and the public in general. The fundraiser raised \$4621 for the Linear Accelerator.

At this time of the year you would normally look back and see what you have achieved and look forward to see what you are hoping to achieve in the coming year. I feel we have achieved a lot in 2009 and with the help and support of the members I believe we can achieve the same if not more in 2010.

For those of you who have not heard I am returning to work four days a week for a six month period starting in December 2009. I was asked to return to complete some unfinished work that I could not complete in 2008. Having a 13 month break

makes the prospect of returning to work a bit daunting but I will cope.

The Christmas BBQ is over and all who attended had a great day. Geoff Spencer made his way up the mountain to visit for a while and it was great to see him. Shirley Arthur gave her apologies and I think this is the first BBQ at Kangaroo Valley she has missed in a long time.

Stewie also gave his apologies as he is unwell, we may have worked him too hard at the Bunning's display.

The Christmas BBQ was utilised to present two of our members with Certificates of Appreciation. John Goodger has served on the committee for a number of years and looked after our evening coffee for longer than I can remember. John's efforts are greatly appreciated. Liesel Turnbull has published Treen Topics again for longer than any of us can remember including her husband Bob and in addition she has helped out at the Bunning's BBQ's. Again Liesel's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Liesel and John were both surprised and grateful for their certificates, it always a pleasure to acknowledge good work and continual support like Liesel and John have given to the club over many years.

The friendly crew from Kiama turned up and displayed some magnificent work. John always turns up with a turned item this time a bowl of fruit for the raffle. John's work is first class and he always adds to the occasion. Ted did a magnificent job demonstrating the scroll saw. It is always interesting to talk to members from other clubs so that you can exchange ideas not only about woodworking but also about how the club should run.

Daryl and Joan plus John and Joyce were the mainstay in the kitchen and we are grateful for the work they did in procuring, preparing, cooking and serving the food. Thanks guys and thanks to all the other people who just helped out when Daryl asked for some assistance.

For those of you who don't already know we have received a grant which will allow us to purchase a new bandsaw. An oscillating edge sander and a bobbin sander all of these machines will make a welcome addition to the Men's Shed and will assist our members during our workshops.

We have been given the dates for our Bunning's BBQ's for the first half of 2010. Our first BBQ is Tuesday 26 Jan 2010, yes that is the Australia Day Holiday. We will need volunteers to assist with the BBQ and I will be asking for assistance shortly. The second BBQ is in June 2010.

Greg Clark

Plane Appreciation Day

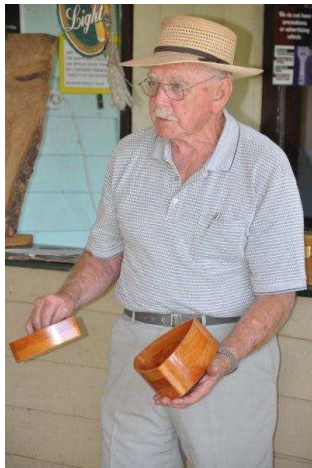


Held By Jim Davey



Highlights from the Christmas Barbeque Kangaroo Valley December 2009





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 3rd February 2010*