

TREEN TOPICS

MARCH 2012



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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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March Meeting

David Hire was the first of our speakers for the night and his subject was the well known Canadian woodworker Michael Fortune. David began by showing a video of Michael giving instruction at his Rosewood studio where fine woodworking is taught. He emphasised the importance of accurate measurement and keeping things absolutely square. One interesting technique which he employs is to use the centre line of the job as the datum line from which to measure, rather than the more conventional edge of the piece. He is also an advocate for making jigs whenever there is a need for one. As he said, if you use your imagination you can make a jig to do any repetitive task and this will give you consistent results. Slides of his work show quite clearly that he is an exceptional talent and has earned his worldwide renown.

Peter Farrell followed with a brief discussion on inlay and marquetry. He explained that the dividing line between the two crafts is impossible to clearly define. Marquetry is a branch of woodwork that is not practiced by our members but is one that really enhances a piece of woodwork. For that reason he intends to have a go at it and hopes to have some done for Creative Moments in September.

Jim Davey is now the proud owner of two Harold and Saxon HSS paring chisels given to him by his wife Suzie for his birthday. Hand made in NSW they did look nice indeed.

Peter Jackson put in a good word for a New Zealand magazine titled "Shed" and recommends it as a good read. The magazine recently featured a digital word clock which is produced by his son.

Cec Butler is not long back from a trip to Tassie where he was most impressed by the size of some of the forest giants. He was also taken by the huon pine carvings at Walls in the Wilderness.

Plane Tuning Advanced Techniques

This is stage two of Jim's three part workshop series. If you have done the sharpening workshops before but have not got to the plane tuning bit then this is the opportunity to go that bit further. It is on the Saturday after this meeting at Jim's shed.

Wood Steel and Steam Festival

This exciting weekend is being held at Wandin in Gippsland Victoria on 24th & 25th March. There will be turning demonstrations, slab sales, chair making, scroll saw demos, blacksmithing, stationary engine display etc etc. If you need further information give Charlie Chamberlain a ring on 0408 177 759.

North Queensland Timbers

Former member and well known turner now resident in NQ, George Viellaris, has sent word that the following timbers are available from Cairns. Silver Ash, Maple Silkwood, Hairy Oak and White Beech. George suggests that you probably need to think in terms of one cubic meter or so!! Undoubtedly the cost of freight will also be a consideration. If interested ring Bruce Kilpatrick on 07 4095 5307.

Turning Escape 2012

This may be of interest to budding wood turners although there is no mention of tuition in the brochure. It is to be held at the Christian Centre in Katoomba on 21st to 23rd of September. They are offering two days of turning, bunkhouse style accommodation, all meals, tea and coffee all day plus fun events all for the ridiculously low price of \$170. Bring your own lathe, tools and wood. There is more information on the website at www.bluemtnswoodturners.org.au .

A Good Cause

Laura Taylor is one of the Huskisson Girl Guides who served that lovely lunch at last year's Christmas party. She is going to Singapore in June to represent Australian Guides and is raising funds to finance her trip. She needs small items which can be used as raffle prizes. Articles such as turned bowls, boxes or anything you can spare would be appreciated. Please bring them along to this meeting and give them to Bob or Greg.

Creative Moments 2012

Six Months to go!! Apart from the importance of making things to exhibit, the other crucial need is to get some help for Gordon to do some of the treasurer's job so as to lighten his load. It is only a temporary undertaking so you will not find yourself stuck with the job forever more. Having a yarn with Gordon to find out what is involved will not place you under any obligation. See him this meeting.

Recipe for Citrus (Lemon) Furniture Polish

Mix a half cup of Lemon Juice with one cup of Olive Oil and mix well.

Small items can be dipped in the mixture and soaked for about five minutes. For larger ones apply a generous coating. Allow to stand for five minutes and wipe off excess. Allow to dry.

Benefits: - On old furniture, the lemon juice will act as a cleaner to remove dirt. The lemon juice also prevents the olive oil from becoming rancid. Lemon juice will not break down over time whereas orange juice will. Mineral oil could be substituted for Olive oil but it is a bit smellier. This is an inexpensive product especially if you have access to a lemon tree. It has been in use by woodworkers for centuries.

Thanks to Jim Doyle of Wangaratta Woodworkers for this article.

The Lighter Side



My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner.

Talk about Dyson with death.

I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.

When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, "These guys have lost the plot!"

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 21st March

General Meeting –
Finishing with
Doug Green

Weekend 24th-25th March

Kiama Woodwork
Exhibition

Saturday 31st March

Workshop – Jim Davey –
Plane Tuning Basics

Every Tuesday Night

Workshop – Bow Front
Chest and other Projects

Wednesday 4th April

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18th April

General Meeting –
Jim Davey – Advanced
Planing Techniques

Saturday 21st April

Workshop – Jim Davey –
Advanced Planing
Techniques

RAMBLINGS MARCH 2012

I normally provide an update on how the current workshop project is progressing but this time I will have to tell you about our episode with the workshop roller door. The Tuesday night started out as normal but when we tried to open the roller door all was not well; the door opened normally to about half height then the door took over and ran all the way to the top. Normally this would not be a problem but the workshop was not fitted with stops they were either not fitted or broken off sometime in the past. Without the stops the door pulled itself out of the tracks, we made multiple attempts to get the door back into the tracks but the chain drive had disengaged from the roller door and any attempt to lower the door back into the tracks was unsuccessful. After multiple attempts to lower the door back into the tracks the door took over and unrolled at a rapid rate leaving the door just attached to the upper support and about 2 metres of door lying on the floor. Without the necessary tools to remove rewind and reinstall the door the door was secured with clamps to stop the door blowing in and professional help was requested. What have we learned from this; an industrial roller door is a heavy item and it is not recommended that you stand under the door whilst raising or lowering the door as this type of accident is rare but as we have seen possible.

The Shoalhaven City Council will be releasing Expression of Interest for the Old Bomaderry Primary School mid-March 2012 and they will let us know when the EoI is released once the EoI is released we will inspect the premises and determine if it is suitable for our use. The Caretakers Cottage at the showground will not have the EoI released until later in the year; there is a safety problem with the site that has to be rectified before the EoI can be released. We will keep you informed as we progress through the investigation.

Greg Clark

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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 a 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 4th April 2012*