

# TREEN TOPICS

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*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

*Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm*

*Nowra Technology High School. Moss St. Nowra*

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## June Meeting Highlights

The speaker for the night was well known wood worker Leon Sadubin who spoke about and demonstrated wood carving. He was accompanied by Elise Cameron-Smith who is his understudy and is herself becoming quite an accomplished craftsperson. Leon noted that it is pleasing to see young people and particularly young women, continuing the ancient woodworking crafts. Leon spent some months in Germany studying carving under an expert in this field. It is a way of making nice things out of wood without straight lines and neat angles. As it is important to plane wood in the direction of the grain, so it is necessary to find the best direction to pare wood with a carving chisel. The golden rule of having your tools sharp also applies here. However carving chisels have a straight or convex grind rather than the hollow grind we are familiar with for carpenter's chisels. Also the cutting edge should be straight rather than rounded like turning chisels. Intending carvers need to learn the finer points of the special sharpening techniques to obtain the best results. It is a good idea to draw and/or model your object in plasticine which gives you a much clearer idea of what you are doing before starting on the wood. Low sheen finishes will give the finished product a more natural look. Leon is al-



ways a popular guest and once again was well worth hearing.



## A Thank You from Melissa

I want to take a Second to extend my thanks to all of those who gave a hand with the painting at the cottage over the last little while. There was a lot of work, a somewhat fussy paint supervisor to deal with and everyone has done remarkably well to survive the task. Our group would not be the success it is if it wasn't for members pitching in to help with tasks from time to time, so thanks once again to all those involved. The new cottage and shed look great.

## Creative Moments

It is here at last and entries have to be delivered to the gallery between 9.00 and 11.00 AM on Monday 21st only a few days after the July meeting. I hope everyone got the entry form to Jim by Monday 14th. The exhibition opens to the public on Tuesday 22nd and the official opening will be held at lunch time on Saturday 26th.

John Knowles is in need of people to man the table at the show. The session times are usually 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM and 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM so they are only three hour stints. Please do your bit and put your name down. What with people coming in for a look and a chat the time passes remarkably quickly.

Greg announced that Charlie Hillen is turning a lamp which will be the wood prize for the Creative Moments Exhibition raffle. It is sure to be a prize worth winning and should serve as an incentive to sell those tickets and to buy some ourselves. Thank you for your efforts Charlie.

## Annual Subscriptions

These are now overdue and so far, only 50% of members have paid. It is only \$25 so please give it to Gordon on your way in to this meeting. Alternately you can post it to PO Box 2163, Bomaderry 2541.

## Marquetry Speaker

Melissa and Bob have recently met a man called Ron Gustangs who is skilled in marquetry and is keen to pass on his knowledge to other people. He will be at the July meeting to give us an overview of the subject and will hopefully be available at a later time to help us put it into practice. Being able to add some marquetry decoration to a piece of work really gives the job that extra something. The business of the AGM will be swiftly dealt with and then it will be on to hearing Ron for a really interesting night.

## Coming up at Bunnings

We have been asked to demonstrate some of our skills at Bunnings on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September so anyone who can be available to take part will be welcome. It is a good opportunity to show case the club and attract new members.

Future Barbeque dates are Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Although these are some time off, you might like to note them in your diary at this early stage. By then a lot of our accumulated funds may be spent at the new shed and we will be looking for more money.

## A WHS Message

The following is from the newsletter of the Woodturners of the Hunter and is very cleverly written by Bernie Leadbeatter who I hope does not mind it being plagiarised here.

## Forthcoming Program

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July **Entry Forms to Jim by 5.00 PM!!**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July General Meeting – AGM – Ron Gustangs Marquetry

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July Working Bee at New shed

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July Deliver entries to Gallery between 9.00 & 11.00 AM

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Creative Moments Opens to the Public

Every Tuesday Night Workshop – Various Pro-jects

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August Committee Meeting

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August Christmas in August at Den-nis & Marylin O’Keeffe’s

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August Visit to Woodage in Mitta-gong

## My Petulant power plane

Now, power planes for trimming wood  
Are beaut, they're real humdingers!  
Although on timber they're so good,  
They don't mind chomping fingers!

Each blade is honed 'til super keen  
To gain a real smooth cut,  
But do keep fingers off the scene,  
Lest they be gobbled up!

You may ask how I know such stuff,  
Well now, let me explain;  
I dropped my guard and, yeah, that's tough.  
One pinky soon felt pain!

It proved my blood beats 'Fountain' sauce,  
For juice, so rich and red,  
Soon flowed out like the Nile, (of course,  
Some naughty words were said!)

In Shock, I haste to make a call,  
Then grumble, curse and moan,  
As red blobs in the kitchen, fall;  
Such pests when on one's own!

The doctor does his darning well;  
Soon all is stitched and dressed.  
That wood can wait – or go to hell!  
I'll sit and mope, depressed!

Now, cheer up, mate; things could be worse.  
That's what one wise guy said.  
"It's your left hand." Reply is terse;  
"I'm southpaw – use your head!"

## **For Sale**

Book in as new condition – *Turning Wood with Richard Raffin* – 2001 Edition

Cost \$69.90 – Yours for \$30 – Phone Peter Farrell 4422 8177

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## ***Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.***

*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:***

*Nowra Showground Cottage  
7.30pm Wednesday 6th August 2014*