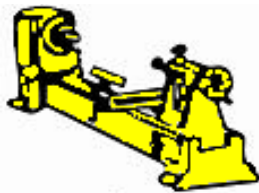


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NEWSLETTER of the Christchurch Woodturners Assn. for Dec 2010



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Association Inc.*



Coming meetings

December: This will be our annual pre-Christmas meeting. See details further on in the newsletter. Keep the first Thursday of December free and remember to bring your wig stand for the inaugural Jim Dunford memorial competition.

Show table

The topics for the next two meetings will be:

December: Please bring a wig stand for the Jim Dunford Trophy competition. Also bring your best piece of 2010 for a non-competitive display table.

February: What I did in the holidays. Oh all right, I know that those who are retired no longer get holidays. The competition is for the best piece of turning or other woodcraft created since the start of December 2010.

We usually meet in the # 1 lecture Theatre of the former College of Education, now part of the University of Canterbury, Dovedale Avenue, Upper Riccarton on the **FIRST** Thursday in the month at 7pm. Note the change of venue for the December meeting to the Methodist church hall, Brake St, Upper Riccarton and the later starting time of 7.30 pm.

There is also a "Hands On" meeting in the Technology Room at Cobham Intermediate, Ilam Road, on the **THIRD** Thursday of the month at 7pm. The next Hands On meeting is on the third Thursday of February, 2011. Bring along your problem pieces for help or guidance.

President's Piece

Tuesday, 16 November 2010

Hi to all Members, Spouses and Friends,

The Christmas season is almost upon us indicating another year is has past.

Another successful Aoraki graduation was held in September with exhibits by the graduates being of a very high standard. Congratulations to all those who graduated.

The committee has begun planning the club nights for 2011 with the intention of inviting a number of external demonstrators complemented by those highly competent members among our association.

If any members know of someone who is competent at a wood [turning or work] related discipline who would be willing to give a demonstration, please contact me and I will follow up on your suggestion.

We have a number of highly skilled members who keep their skills and knowledge to themselves in the belief that what they know would not be of interest to anyone else. Can I please encourage those who have skills and knowledge, which they can pass on to contact a committee member and offer those skills as a demonstration, or even through the "show and tell" section at our club night would be advantageous to the membership.

Pat Jordan and I are on the lookout for pieces carved, cut or turned from wood, which can be submitted at next year's Waitaki Spin-a-Round. These pieces are judged for the "Founders Trophy" something Canterbury has not won in recent years. It is time we again displayed a prominence in this competition with high quality exhibits.

If any member has an article which they consider would be a competitive example for this competition, please contact either Pat or myself. We need to prepare ourselves in advance rather than at the last minute, hence an early mention.

The end of year social has been organised for the first Thursday in December at the Methodist Hall in Brake Street Upper Riccarton. Judging of the "Wig Stands" for the Jim Dunford Memorial will take place so please bring and submit your creations. Partners and friends welcome.

See you all on the 2/12/10 at 7.30pm for the Christmas function.

Ray Morgan
President

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Pepper Mill mechanisms.
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Meeting Report, 7 October, 2010

A new member, Peter Hutchins was welcomed.

Bruce Irvine started the meeting by advising that he had been disposing of the workshop equipment of the late Jim Dunford. The only items remaining were a sawbench-skillsaw-router etc unit, and he asked for expressions of interest.

Safety Issues. Noel Graham talked again about safety on ladders. He emphasised that ladders must be set on firm ground to be safe for climbing. It is desirable that two people work together when one is on a ladder. A recent accident caused the ladder worker to sustain a broken hip plus two breaks in leg bones after falling from only the third rung of a ladder.

Demonstration. Tonight's first demonstrator was Club Member Keith McFadden, who showed us his home-built Ornamental Lathe. He described how he had built up the lathe over a period of about ten months, and he demonstrated its features for creating different effects for embellishing small (and not-so-small) turned articles. What started as a rose engine then had a pumping action added for swash turning. A feature was the very positive indexing system with slots instead of holes for the index system. The rose engine spindle thread was made to match his lathe spindle, but special efforts were still needed to locate his chuck centrally on the spindle. The cross-slide was obtained from Scotts Machinery.

Keith passed around a number of small (about 40 mm diameter) lidded boxes, so that members could see the sorts of decoration the lathe could perform, including a basket-weave pattern. The woods he favoured using were Apricot and Plum, among others.

Next, Pat Jordan passed around a large number of bowls made by Marcus Dawkins, all from different woods. These ranged from 250 mm diameter down, and there were also a number of turned pieces made from trunk wood down to 30 mm diameter. All the items were made from different woods, mostly from New Zealand, but some also from Australia and U.S.A. Many of them were burrs. All were labelled with the name of the wood and his name. Marcus had recently moved to Havelock, and had left his bowl collection, presently occupying twelve banana boxes, in the care of Pat Jordan.

Tonight's Showpiece was to be a turned item of wearable jewellery. The winner was Celia Irvine, with a necklace of contrasting-coloured woods with a matching set of ear-rings.

Meeting Report, 4 November, 2010

President Ray Morgan started the meeting by reminding members of the competition for the best Wig Stand, to be judged at the December meeting, for the Jim Dunford Trophy.

Noel Graham told members he had been at the farewell that morning for Bob Young, an ex-member of the Club. He had been in ill-health for some time, and had a severe stroke last week. Noel recounted that after service in the army, Bob became a mate of Barry Crump and the character "Digger" in "A good keen man" was based on Bob. Members showed their respect with a period of silence.

Safety Issues. Noel commented on the safety of flexible power cables, particularly the cables on second-hand appliances. One should look for damage to the outer sheathing over the whole length of the cable, but more particularly towards the ends, and at the entry points to the cable end fittings, where one should look for frayed insulation on the conductors.

Show and tell. Celia Irvine showed her and Bruce's Earthquake Bowl that was much acclaimed at Spinaround Waitaki.

Demonstration. Rex Marshall stood in for Norman Wood, the advertised demonstrator. Rex showed us how he makes string dispensers, with provision for scissors. He began with a Mahogany disc 75 mm diameter and 20 thick, and another Mahogany piece 22 mm square x 100 long. The disc was mounted in a scroll chuck and, using dividers on the spinning face, he marked a circle 46 mm diameter. Within this circle, he turned a recess 5 mm deep, then removed the wood from the chuck. He then held the disc by the recess, and at the centre he bored an 8 mm deep hole with a 20 mm Forstner drill. He then removed it from the lathe.

Rex now took the square piece and mounted it between centres; he turned a 20 mm diameter x 13 mm long spigot at the tailstock end. This had to be a tight fit in the 20 mm hole in the disc. Now, with the disc clamped in the chuck, he drilled a 10 mm diameter hole down the centre of the square piece, to 90 mm depth. Finally, with the tail centre engaged with the 10 mm hole, he turned the square piece to about 20 mm diameter, with a slight taper (smaller at the tailstock end), and used a piece of iron wire to burn decorative marks on both ends of the tapered cylinder. Next, he sanded the two-piece unit, working through the grades to #1200 grit, and rubbed in a 2:1, superglue:walnut oil mixture, using a rubber glove to protect his hand. A three coats each followed by a buffing produced a very good finish.

Rex said that these string dispensers were very good sellers at the markets, with a spherical ball of string sitting on the pillar, and a small pair of scissors held in the central hole.

Slideshow Pat Jordan showed us a series of pictures taken at the recent 10th anniversary Spinaround Waitaki weekend.

Show Table: The Showpiece tonight was to be items with a turned handle. From those entries, the winner was chosen to be a pot-stirrer modelled on a short sword, made by Brendon Morrison. Bruce Irvine's entry came in second.

Thanks to Tom Dodd for the two meeting reports.

Another old Wood Turner hanging up his chisels

FOR SALE

Unless previously sold

Can be seen at Ed & Dot Jamie 94 Sparks Road, Hoon Hay, ph 981 4107

ASMAC Dust Extractor 1hp motor and cloth bags

4 speed solid frame Lathe 180mm swing and 900mm between centres

TANNER bandsaw 300mm throat & 180 cutting thickness

BELT / DISC Sander: 150mm disc 100mm X 950mm belt

Assorted chisels

Coming events

Avice Hill Arts and Craft Festival
Sunday 13th February 2011, 11am – 3pm
Avice Hill Reserve, Memorial Avenue

Garden Gala 2011
In the grounds of Riccarton House
Thursday 17th February
11am – 2pm

Waiora Turn Inn, organised by the Otago Woodturners Guild, 1-3 April, 2011

Inter-club Fun Day will again be held in Timaru. The likely time is in May. More details when we get them, but in the meantime think about what is your proudest creation that we can include on the club's table in the competition. We have been regularly left in the wake of other much smaller clubs, so we need to be thinking about it well in advance for next year if we are to improve our standing. See the appeal for help in the President's column.

Spin-Around Waitaki Will again be held at the usual time at the end of October/ beginning of November.

Symposium 2011 NAW have announced that the next national symposium will be held in Hawkes Bay on 14-16 October, 2011. I can't find this on the NAW coming events page, so I am not sure if it will still happen.

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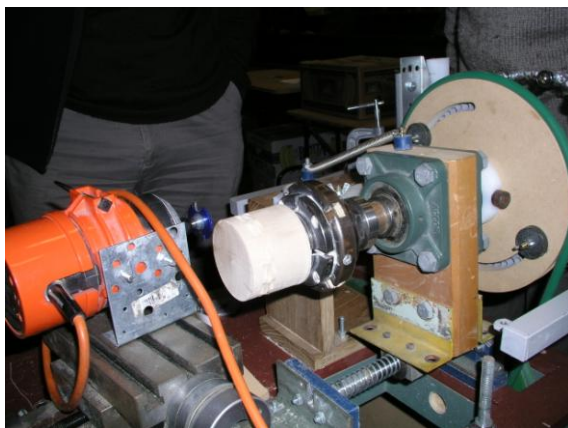
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Keith McFadden demonstrates



Celia's winning necklace and ear-rings



Keith McFadden's rose engine



Ray Wild's graduation masterpiece

END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL MEETING

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2RD AT 7.30PM

**IN THE
METHODIST CHURCH HALL
BRAKE STREET, UPPER RICCARTON (SEE MAP BELOW)**

A Fun and Fellowship evening

**WIVES, HUSBANDS, PARTNERS AND Friends
are cordially invited.
Please bring a small “Festive” plate for supper.**

Surprise Demonstrator

**The “Show Table” is your BEST for 2010
&
Judging of the “Wig Stands” for the
Jim Dunford
Memorial Trophy**

ADMISSION IS FREE

BUT...

OUR \$1 RAFFLE WILL BE THERE.

CARPARK ENTRANCE IN BRAKE STREET

