

Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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< Lie Nielsen #4 1/2 - based on the Stanley bedrock design

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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 11th August 2010 from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Demonstration by Bob Stacey of Simmons Bandsaw services on bandsaw set-up. Two bar clamps will be raffled at the meeting.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 2nd August 2010 at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Herman will demonstrate making bangles using a jig. Wood of the month will be Lignum Vitae

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Turners' Meeting.

Peter Middleton demonstrated the use of the bedan. The bedan is well suited to most spindle work, with the exception of coves, where a spindle gouge is recommended. Peter made a candlestick from three parts to show the utility of the tool and the quality of finish possible. Peter recommends the end be ground at 50°, the sides relieved slightly, and the bottom two edges are rounded off to avoid marking the tool rest.



Main Club Meeting

Manuel Cardoso-lobes showed how he sharpens plane blades. He explained the principles of sharpening a plane blade, starting by ensuring the back is flat. He explained how he grinds the bevel edge and the angles used. He also discussed the influence of blade angle on cutting performance in various woods. Manuel uses a combination of diamond stones for the coarser grits, followed by Japanese water stones and ceramic stones in the finest grits. He maintains that a final honing stage produces the perfect edge.

Manuel showed a selection of the planes he uses. These included a Norris A5, a #2, a Stanley Bedrock #3, Stanley #5, Stanley #10 (coach rebate), Lie Nielsen #4 1/2 with a 55° frog, Veritas bevel-up jack plane (similar to a Stanley #62) – shown at right, a Stanley #93 shoulder plane, and a #44 plow plane.

Most had been fitted with improved A2 blades. These blades are thicker and have better steel that noticeably improves performance.



From the Chairman:

Dear WWA Club Members,

It was with trepidation that I agreed to expand the role of Turners Chairman to that of the whole club. None the least because experienced members seem to dive for cover when nominations were called for! So perhaps I'm in the role purely because of my naivety. Nonetheless, I actually consider it an honour to serve the club and its members in this capacity. What makes it even possible for me to function is the excellent support, competence and experience from the other committee members: Steven, Chris, Leanne, Ken, Tom and Alistair.

I hope to regularly give you feedback in Crosscut as to some of the “behind the scene” activities and to raise a discussion forum where the members are encouraged to write providing comments, input and ideas on the best way to take the WWA forwards.

Recently, I went to meet our landlord. REEA is in some crisis about its future and are looking to us for tangible support. I know that this has been an on-going issue over the years: should we endeavour to function purely in a landlord/tenant relationship with REEA or will it be mutually beneficial to expand this role? Please think about this, I'll report back to you at the next club meeting on this discussion and gauge the members' feelings on this matter.

Regards, Herman.

Dates to diarise:

East Rand Woodworking Association annual show – Sat 4th September

Pretoria Club annual show – Sat 16th October

AWSA Symposium 24th to 26th Sept 2010 in PE – see below.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: 2010 / 2011 year - Reminder

Payment of subs. We have experienced difficulty with the tracking down of all subs paid. Please can members ensure that they make cash payments directly to the treasurer (Steven Barrett) and that they receive a receipt for future reference. Please send all changes of address direct to the secretary.

INVOICE		
DUE DATE		AMOUNT
1/5/2010	SUBS for the Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association - 2010/2011 year	R290-00
	Direct deposits to: Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association. Nedbank Main St. branch - Code: 198765. Account No: 1979-321833 – Put your name in the comment line, so that the treasurer can identify the source of the payment.	

KSA INSTALLERS COURSE

The Kitchen Specialists Association is offering their standard installer's course again. About 50 hours of intensive training which includes basic installing techniques spread over five consecutive days (Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm) R4235.00 including VAT for members and R6232.00 including VAT for non-members.

Theory: Hand Tools , Power Tools (usage, techniques & operation), Reading a plan, Basic building materials & structures, Public Relations Management and the Law, Installation procedures & techniques for Kitchens and Laminated worktops, Basic cupboard construction, Timbers & associate materials, Accessories and jointing, Glues, Sealants & Silicones, Fastening Systems

Practical: Physically installing cupboards

Venue: Austro Group 1125 Leader Ave, Stormill ext 4, Florida

Dates: 19 -23 July 2010; 13 - 17 September 2010; 11 - 15 October 2010

For booking enquiries contact the KSA on 011 612 3710 or visit www.ksa.co.za/installers-course.htm

Wanted:

Sheilla Chcostec is looking for someone to manufacture "baby changing units". They consist of a cupboard unit with a few draws and a small two shelf unit. Probably made from melamine. She will need a few units at regular intervals. If interested, contact sheilla@arabellacreations.co.za

Anton van Achterbergh is looking for someone to make a dining room table (3m x 1.5m) out of a dark stained wood for completion in about two months. If interested, contact Anton on 083 265 7816; 011 498 7378(work); avanacht@bullion.org.za

For Sale: →

Please Note:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [renato AT pixie.co.za](mailto:renato@pixie.co.za) for more information.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Winston Klein on 011-674-1513 for more information.

AWSA 2010 Symposium

If you are a member of the Association of Wood-turners of South Africa, you will have received the latest newsletter with the details of the 2010 Symposium. It will be held in PE at the Cape Recife School from Friday, 24th to Sunday, 26th September. The overseas turner is Trent Bosch. If you haven't attended an AWSA symposium before, it is highly recommended – 2½ days immersed in turning, with exposure to a leading overseas turner will take your turning to a new level.

A draft program has been published, which includes a variety of topics. Beginners are catered for with a variety of topics such as segmented turning, spindle turning, resin casting, pewter work, carving, and pen turning. The gallery will provide inspiration to what can be achieved.

For advanced turners, Trent Bosch is expected to give a whole new round of inspiration.

(Editor's opinion: The local South African turning community is quite small. The clubs are quite isolated, and although work of exceptional quality is produced, without visiting turners, it tends to fall into a rut, with limited innovation. The visiting turner at the annual AWSA congress is very important to influence new directions in local work. In the past, visiting turners have said that they can sometimes see who has preceded them by what is on show. This underlines the somewhat parochial nature of the local turning community. If you wish to be inspired into new directions, be there!)

SPECIALS AT BARGAIN PRICES

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	NORMAL PRICE	SPECIAL PRICE
1.	2 Morse Drive Center (Special 7pin System + instructions)	R375	R275
2.	250mm Lathe Tool Rest (16mm Shaft)	R225	R165
3.	80mm Lathe Tool Rest (with Height Control Ring 25.4mm shaft)	R250	R180
4.	300mm Hook Rulers	R75	R60
5.	1 meter Hook Rulers	R185	R155
6.	Lathe Steadys (Fits Nova Lathe) can be altered for other lathes	R1735	R1450
7.	Brass Plumb Bob (in a box)	R135	R90
8.	Mortice/Tenon/Center Finder Jig	R360	R280
9.	Small Modelling Knife (takes standard universal blades)	R11	R5
10.	320 grit Turners Flex Sandpaper 1m X 100mm wide per roll	R20	R16
11.	400 grit Turners Flex Sandpaper 1m X 100mm wide per roll	R20	R16
12.	Bowl Depth Gauge (avoid breakouts at bottom of bowls etc)	R165	R135
13.	Utility Pocket Blades universal (100 per dispenser)	R110	R100
14.	Utility Pocket Knife (takes universal blades)	R40	R35
15.	Rekord Sash Clamp Saddles (6 saddles hold 3 clamps)	R245	R190

All tooling on show at my home workshop **BY ARRANGEMENT** - see address and contact details below.

LIONEL SOEKOE 011 802-3046 (HOME) OR CELL NO. 072 989-6310
ADDRESS: 60 DARWIN STREET CNR BOWLING AVE. WENDYWOOD
Use entrance in Bowling Avenue - sign on double gate reads 60 DARWIN STREET.

STOCKS ARE CARRIED WITH ME AT ALL TIMES

The guest wood-turner at the 2010 AWSA show will be Trent Bosch (see <http://www.trentbosch.com/> – Trent is on the right, teaching)

For the AWSA congress, Trent has proposed the following demonstrations:

1. Finding Your Own Voice (thinking outside the bark)

In this session, I will show slides and discuss the work of others who have connected with their work on a deeper level than just a nice piece of wood. We will also look at their sources of inspiration. After the slide discussion, there will be an interactive discussion where we will discuss with participants and how they could find their own voice. Participants will walk away from this session with their souls stirred and their creative engines in overdrive.

2. Sculpting Wood beyond the Lathe

The lathe is a great sculpting tool and is how all of my work begins, but there are numerous other ways to work with wood. In this demo I will show a tremendous amount of techniques and equipment for sculpting wood from aggressive tools like chainsaws and grinders to the finest of finishing and detailing tools. Participants can expect to learn many ways to sculpt wood into their desired shapes as well as be amazed by all the ways that wood can be manipulated.

3. Vessels of Illusion

In this demo participants will not only learn all the techniques that I go through in the creation of this body of work but how I developed it and why - making this much more than just a hollow form demo. This demonstration will include turning the outer hollow form, carving the vessel, turning the insert, using wood bending to get the insert in the outer vessel, and principals of wood bending for woodturners. Participants will walk away from this session with a lot of good solid technical information on tuning, carving, and wood bending, as well as how to come up with your own ideas and where to look for inspiration.

4. Decorative Utility Bowls

In this session I rough turn a bowl from green wood, discuss drying techniques including kiln drying and building your own kiln as well as very simple and basic techniques. Then I re-turn a dry bowl using specially ground tools to get as clean a cut as possible to cut down on sanding. I will then take that bowl, discuss, and use many different decorative techniques including carving techniques, bleaching, dying, painting, burning, sand blasting, and surface textures. All in all the participant will learn everything they need to know to turn their own decorative utility bowl. They will also walk away with numerous decoration ideas.



(Images from <http://www.trentbosch.com/> - many more to be found there.)