

Crosscut

◀ 2019 – Toys-for-charity annual spit braai – some pull toys

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Next Turners Meeting on **Monday, 2nd December 2019** from 18h00 at the Living Link Hall. Herman will turn an acorn box. Before the invention of plastic, small boxes like these were used to carry pills in a pocket. No turners meeting in January.

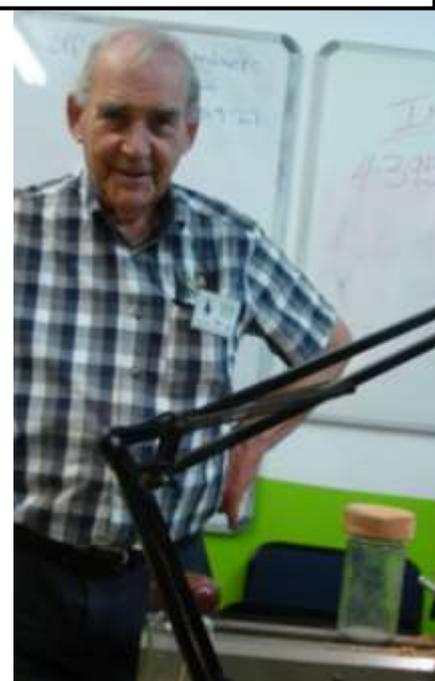
Next General Meeting on **Wednesday, the 11th December 2019** from 18h00 at the **Albertskroon Workshop**. Bring and braai + first drink free at Albertskroon. Woodworking related quiz. Bring tools to sell and swap.

News

4th November 2019 – Turners meeting – Jan Richter and Braam

Burger from the Pretoria club joined us. Jan and Braam are also organising the 2020 AWSA symposium – provisional date is the first week in September 2020, to be finalised by the end of the year.

Peter Middleton demonstrated how to make a wooden cap for the metal lid of a glass jar. The metal lid screws onto the glass jar. When the metal lid is covered with the wooden cap, the “whole is more pleasing to the eye”. Peter showed how to turn the blank for mounting in a chuck and then how to turn it to size to fit over the metal lid. For the final steps Peter showed how to reverse the piece onto the chuck so that the top can be finished. Aside from making the lid more attractive, it is also easier to grasp and open for those with weak hands.



Wood of the Month – Chris van Heeswijk presented Dalbergia Nitidula – Purplewood flat bean. This tree is occurs from East Africa down to Southern Africa. It can be confused with Honey Locust except that Honey Locust has thorns. It has a pale white to yellow sapwood, and dark brown heartwood.



13th November 2019 -General Club meeting - A history of ox wagons in southern Africa and the wood technology underlying them.

Erik Holm, a former academic at Pretoria University, specialising in Entomology, took up the restoration of ox wagons in his retirement. Erik has studied the evolution of the ox wagon in Southern Africa – how a unique design was created to cope with the rigors of the sub-continent. He explained how the first wagons were built by shipwrights after the arrival of Jan van Riebeeck and a lot of the terms in Afrikaans for wagon parts are of nautical origin, as is some of the Afrikaans language. The trek oxen originated from Nguni cattle herded by the Koisian people first encountered by the settlers, and were quite intelligent, responding to verbal commands. Horses were unsuitable in the interior of the country because they succumbed to horse sickness, which the trek oxen were immune to.

Erik gave us insights into the construction of the *kakebeenwa*, (17th and 18th century) and the later *bokwa* (19th century) designs. Aspects of the design such as the articulating frame allowed the wagons to cope with the rugged terrain. Erik has restored over 200 wagons of various designs – many of the wagons found in museums have been restored by him. This gave him insight into the design and construction and workmanship in wagons, which he will document in a forthcoming book. Erik is well known from his columns in *Beeld* and has published several books.



Club Notices / Committee Matters

Annual Toys for Charity Braai on 23rd November at the Gereformeerde Kerk, Randburg – We collected 1632 toys, as well as R1850- in donations and items on auction, which will be used to buy additional crayons and colouring books. The toys were split between three charities – *Baby Moses*, *Little Eden* and *Kids Haven*. Representatives of the three charities all expressed their appreciation and took their share of the toys with them. Thanks to all the members that made and donated toys, as well as the sponsors of the raffle prizes which helped to make the



event a success. Every year our members come up with clever designs that I am sure will appeal to small children, stimulate their imagination and contribute to their early childhood development. We may seem like old codgers, but to think of these designs, we must surely be young at heart. Thanks also to the partners who contributed so many of the soft toys you see in the pictures.



Woodworking 101 – next on the schedule for Saturday the 7th December 2019. Bobby says:

Regarding Woodworking 101, the request was put forward to visit my (Bobby's) workshop. The reason for this request is being that it is the last workshop of the year and it would not be worthwhile to commence a new project.

Accordingly, I will open my workshop to all members as a show and tell visit on Saturday the 7th December as from 09h00. We can also discuss the next project. Coffee and biscuits will be available.

The address is 25 West avenue, Florida. My place is on the corner of West avenue and Alexander street. Entry is at the motor gate being in Alexander street.

Please note that I will not be available on Saturday the 4th January 2020, so the next WW101 session will be on the 1st February 2020.

For further information you can contact Bobby at 083 873 3872 or bobbymel109@gmail.com.

Regular Events:

Every Wednesday and Friday – The last workshop in 2019 will be 13th December 2019, with the first for 2020 on the Friday, 17th January 2020. Graham Rudings will open the workshop, but reserves the right to cancel at short notice. Graham is setting up an email circulation list for announcements and any cancellations. Please email Graham grahamcr AT mweb.co.za to be added to the list. Graham can be contacted on 082 900 0242.

Ken's Saturday Workshop. Ken Bullivant holds a Saturday workshop at his house in Boksburg. The location is 13 Franklin Avenue, Comet, Boksburg on the first Saturday of the month from 09:00 to 12:00. They decide on an annual project and work throughout the year making it. Individual projects are discussed and problems solved. Ken also offers private lessons too. Contact Ken on 082 809 0020 if you wish to take part.

SPIRIT OF THE WOOD - WOODTURNERS

Offering Woodturning lessons, One-on One Training, Classes and Club, Willing to assist persons with limited physical/intellectual abilities. Contact Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183 or Johankramer300@gmail.com

Saturday meetings

1. First Saturday – Bobby Bezuidenhout – Woodwork 101 for beginners. Contact Bobby on 083 873 3872 or bobbymel109@gmail.com – no meeting in January 2020.
2. Second Saturday of month - Herman will open the workshop – all things turning related – 083-631-0501 hermanpotgieteresq AT gmail.com
3. Third Saturday of month – Contact Pierre at 083 308 7917 or pm9917 AT gmail.com – please confirm with Pierre if he will be opening up on the 21 December 2019
4. Fourth Saturday of month – Graham will open the workshop – 082 900 0242 grahamcr AT mweb.co.za If you plan to attend, please send your email address to Graham, so that he can send out any last minute cancellations. Closed in December 2019
“SHOULD NO ONE ARRIVE BY 10h00 THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED.”

Please can the conveners complete the attendance register on the bar counter, so we can gauge attendance?

The closing up instructions must please be followed by the convener when leaving. Graham has placed the procedure in prominent positions in the workshop.

Albertskroon Wednesday And Friday Activity Report November 2019

DEMONSTRATIONS:

Roger Matthews is making a coopered pot plant holder (refer to the July issue for one of the jigs) and explained the intricate and meticulous planning he put into the various jigs required for the construction, and showed his jig to be used for final glue up of the two halves. There are 18 staves. Each stave is tapered slightly to give the ‘tub’ its shape. The staves are all joined with the use of floating splines. Roger explained the clever jig for cutting the groove in the staves for the splines on a router table, bearing in mind that the staves are both mitred and tapered. The staves were glued together in sets of 3 and then glued together to give two halves of 9 staves each. A very well thought out and designed jig was used for the glue up of staves and will be used for the final glue up process. The “tub” was still in two halves so we could see the splines.

We look forward to seeing the completed “tub” and the stand for it in the new year.



Eugene did a presentation on some ingenious uses for blue masking tape in the workshop, a few examples are:

1. Wrap on drill bit for depth guide.
2. Prevent tear out when sawing especially on ply wood.
3. Holding parts together when dry fitting prior to glue up.
4. Protect work from glue squeeze out stains.
5. As a clamp, especially when gluing small mouldings to a project.
6. Indicate start and stopping points on a router table.
7. A temporary handle when dry fitting drawers or doors in a cabinet



Chris and Winston demonstrated the use of a scrub plane for the rapid removal of rough material prior to using the smoothing plane for finishing. Winston showed a very old wooden “coffin” plane and explained the very wide throat and slightly convex grind on the blade. Chris showed a more modern German scrub plane, which is a little narrower than Winston’s. The narrow plane does exactly the same job but needs more passes than the wider plane.

Graham has been demonstrating the making of an Epoxy “river table”, over the last 2 months. A full report will be in the next Crosscut.

Pictures from the past:



◀ John Speedy demonstrating in the REEA shed in the winter of 2006. Notice the lack of a ceiling and how warmly dressed everybody is. John was showing how to cut a spiral into a dish on the lathe using a router.

To celebrate the opening of our new workshop at REEA in August 2006, we held an open day. Here ▶ you can see Steven Barrett demonstrating to Dave Fincham and others.



◀The shed at REEA before we moved in and renovated in 2006.

And then after we moved out in 2012. You can see all the plugs, lights and epoxy floor that we installed. Still no ceiling. ▼





◀ Our new workshop in 2012 – house #11 at The Living Link. It was rather cramped so we roofed over the courtyard at the back. The work benches lived in the courtyard. ▼



◀ First meeting at The Living Link meeting room – Steven demonstrated the Roly tool for end grain hollowing. (2012)

On the move again – this time to our present location at Albertskroon. A truck-load of benches and machines. ▶



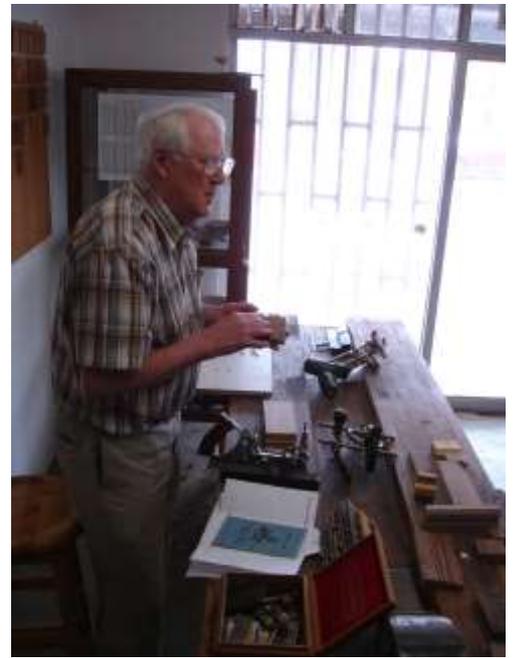
◀ The new workshop painted and ready to move in – all the safety gear to hand.



◀ Toymaking in the new workshop (2015)



Friday morning meeting (2016) – Winston demonstrating the use Stanley #45 and #55 combination planes for making mouldings. ►



As promised, below is a list of past chairs of the WWA from establishment up to date.

WWA Past Chairs

General Club		
1988	Irwin Luke	
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1990	Peter Middleton	
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1992	Buddy Lawson	
1993	Val Valentin	
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1995	Peter Turner	
1996	Buc Buchanan	Wood turners section
1997	Peter Rothkugel	Schalk van Niekerk
1998	Peter Rothkugel	Peter Middleton
1999	Peter Rothkugel / Alistair Brande	Peter Middleton
2000	Alistair Brande	Lynton Dennill
2001	Alistair Brande	Butch Smuts
2002	Alistair Brande	Shorty Oberholzer
2003	Alan Young	Roy Gibbs
2004	Alan Young	Roy Gibbs
2005	Alan Young	Chris O'Connell
2006	Jenny Tomlinson	Steven Barrett
2007	Jenny Tomlinson	Steven Barrett
2008	Clive Stacey	Steven Barrett
2009	Clive Stacey	Steven Barrett
2010	Herman Potgieter	
2011	Alistair Brande	
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2015	Clive Stacey	
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2017	Matt Hoffman / Alistair Brande	
2018	Herman Potgieter	
2019	Alistair Brande	