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Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association

◀ Marquetry guinea fowl by Roger Mayes.

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Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 01st February 2016 from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Report Back on Cape Town Conference and Phil Irons Masterclass by Herman Potgieter.
Wood of the Month: Karee by Chris van Heeswijk

Next Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th February 2016 – General meeting from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Safety in The Workshop – DUST OUR BIG ENEMY by Herman Potgieter.

News

December – Bring and braai and Quiz. There were two quizzes to challenge members – one compiled by Tom Howden which tested your knowledge of old tools and what-nots; and another compiled by Chris van Heeswijk on identifying samples of different woods. Some the woods were very similar and without additional clues such as shavings, bark and leaves were very difficult to distinguish. Truly a challenge! Thanks to both Tom and Chris for compiling the quizzes.

13th January 2016 - Club meeting. Roger Mayes explained Applied Marquetry, which is the application of veneers to the surface of a substrate to make patterns and pictures. Roger mentioned that there are a number of techniques, but he would concentrate on the Window Technique. Using the window technique a pattern is marked through onto the veneer underneath, so that the veneer can be cut out. By maintaining registration, successive layers and shapes can be accurately cut out and fitted into the design. Roger explained some of the techniques and things to watch out for, based on his experience. Two sources for veneer offcuts useful for marquetry that Roger uses are Mitre Veneering, 5 Bezuidenhout Street, Troyville and David Carno and co, 27 Chrislow Crescent, Alberton North.

If you need to contact Roger, he can be found at 082 229 1031.

Club Notices

Turners jackets. These are available for collection at the club meetings. Some of the name tags were not supplied and material for pockets is still outstanding – these will be collected and be available at the next meetings.

Annual Toys for Charity braai. A small selection of the toys are shown in pictures on page 3. Lots of bright colours!





Hobby-X 2016 takes place at the Dome next to Northgate, from the 3rd to the 6th March 2016.

(Hours are 10h00 to 18h00 Thurs and Fri, 9h00 to 18h00 on Sat and 17h00 on Sun. Exhibitors have access one hour before the above times.)

9h00 to
The WWA

will have a stand to demonstrate our skills and attract members as in years past. Historically, we show turning, but if you wish to demonstrate another skill such as wood-carving, joinery, marquetry, etc. please volunteer and discuss it with the committee. Usually, we combine with the Pretoria club to share the duties and costs.

From the committee:

1. Members are encouraged to bring friends/neighbours/relatives to our meetings with the view to increasing membership.
2. Members are requested to advise the committee of demos/subjects they would like to see covered at the Saturday Workshop meetings.
3. We have secured the services of the local security company in Albertskroon to be present when we lock up in the evening – on this basis we can commence Wednesday Workshop meetings subject to a member volunteering to open the workshop and supervise the meetings.
4. DVD's of Ernie Campbell's Workshop 1 book are ready to be handed out to new members (those who have joined the WWA during the last 12 months) other members may purchase them (to cover costs) at R10.00
5. Members are encouraged to donate items they have made for raffles at our meetings.



Association of Woodturners of SA – annual congress 2016.

AWSA has proposed a date for the 2016 annual congress on the long weekend of the 6th to the 9th of August. They have been in contact with the well-known Glenn Lucas as a possible visiting turner.

As Cape Town hosted the last two symposia the AWSA committee has decided to offer this year's one to be held and organised by another willing region.

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Spring Challenge. Set down for Sat, 10th September at Albertskroon. As before, there will be two competitions, a Milking Stool made beforehand and a turning challenge on the day, something that can be made on the lathe in a few minutes – still to be decided. Last year, it was a honey-dipper. Steven Barrett will co-ordinate. More details to follow.

Regular Events:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the Albertskroon workshop. Meetings will be cancelled if they coincide with a public holiday. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or rm22@ATmweb.co.za for more information.

Wednesday workshop. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, from 17h30 to 20h00 at Albertskroon. Contact John Allen on 083 457 4801 or Clive Stacey (See below)

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.

Friday Morning workshop - Winston Klein will be convening a workshop at the Albertskroon work shop on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly from 09:00 to 12:00. Contact Winston at 072 553 5045 or kleins@iburst.co.za (Winston previously ran the Wednesday workshops at the clubhouse until Grant took over.)

Saturday Turning workshop. Schalk van Niekerk conducts Saturday morning turning workshops at his premises in Germiston. (At the old East-African Timbers site) Membership is R400- per year, R30- per meeting. He can accommodate up to 12 people in a session with the lathes he has available for teaching. They meet on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or schalk@onegoodturn.co.za or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183.



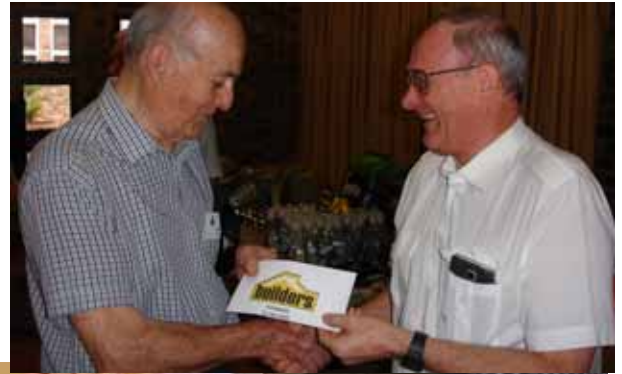
Saturday meetings

1. Second Saturday of month - Eddie will open the workshop – 011 678 8062 rm22 AT mweb.co.za
2. Third Saturday of month – Clive will open the workshop – 083 407 8008 stacey AT netactive.co.za Clive will also open the workshop during the week “BY ARRANGEMENT”
3. Fourth Saturday of month – Graham will open the workshop – 082 900 0242 grahamcr AT mweb.co.za

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

Toys for charity – annual spit braai.

Toymaker of the year – Eddie Marchio (on left) handed over the Builder's Warehouse gift voucher to Lynton Lake.



A small selection of the toys made...



Images from the Internet – these are some of Dries Blignaut's favourite images that he wanted to share with our members.



Toy-makers and members' raffle prizes at the Toys for Charity end of year function – rewards for all the hard work!

