

Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association



▲ Stanley #57 spokeshave from the toolchest

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Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 6th February 2017 from 18h00 at the Living Link Hall –
How to identify wood by Chris van Heeswijk.

Next General Meeting on Wednesday, the 8th February 2017 from 18h00 at the Living Link Hall – .
Talks on **How to use Sketch Up to design projects** by Matt Hoffman; **Flat boxes and rare earth magnets** by Herman Potgieter; and **How to stop wood moving while gluing** by Alistair Brande

News

5th December 2016 - Turner's meeting. Part 2 of a video on the use of the *bedan*. *Jean-Francois Escoulen*, finished off his “*Trembleur*” – similar to the one shown in the picture on the right. He also showed how he makes a duplicated chair leg – in 13 minutes. *Voila!*

The waxed thread he uses is available from leather supply shops, where it is commonly used for sewing leather parts together, such as for shoe repairs. For leatherwork, the wax provides water-proofing and reduces friction so the stitches can pull up evenly.

Wood of the month: *Agathis Australis* – Kauri – Native to New Zealand, mature specimens can grow to 50m tall with a trunk diameter of 5m, making them the second largest tree in the world after the Sequoia – a Californian redwood. The tree is now protected due to over exploitation, so the wood is almost unobtainable. Herman attended a turning course in NZ and came away with a bowl turned from 30,000 year old swamp kauri. The wood looks similar to Matumi.



14th December 2016 - General Club meeting.

Buks Coetzee from Krugersdorp, brought along a remarkable toolchest to show to members. He explained the history of this chest and how he tracked it down in the Eastern Free State. It belonged to an itinerant joiner, Alex Fraser, who lived in the area. It appears he worked for the British and then for the local farmers reconstructing homesteads that were burnt down during the Boer War. He appears to have lived in the area between 1870 and 1930, before travelling to Cape Town, where contact was lost. Buks thinks he may have travelled for medical reasons and died there. He left his tool chest on a farm, where it was faithfully kept for about 40 years. Buks would like to find a home for the chest and its contents in a museum that will appreciate its heritage and preserve it properly.



Buks also has a remarkable collection of early Stanley planes that he brought along to show. The pictures below show some of the range. Members attending enjoyed a Lamb Roll on the house

Toys for Charity – end of year braai. This took place on Saturday, 19th Nov 2016 at the Gereformeerde Kerk, Randburg. The pictures below show some of the toys made and prize-winners. Thanks to Alistair for the photos. – More pictures?

11th January 2017 General Club meeting. Video on making cabriolet legs. Three different techniques were shown. In the first video, Phil Louw from Fine Woodworking, showed the process of making a cabriole leg from start to finish. He started by turning the foot, band-sawed out the shape of the leg before shaping and smoothing the leg with a spokeshave and scraper. The second and third videos showed alternative techniques for sawing out the leg shape on the bandsaw.

Club Notices

Hobby-X – 2nd to 5th March 2017 at the Dome, Northgate, Randburg. Please keep an eye open for



lists to volunteer to demonstrate and man the WWA stand at Hobby-X. We expect to have some club lathes in action, as well as a display of items made by members to stimulate interest in the club.

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 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@mweb.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 AT iburst.co.za](mailto:kleins@iburst.co.za) – STILL SUSPENDED UNTIL WINSTON'S KNEECAP HEALS ENOUGH FOR HIM TO DRIVE AGAIN.

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. Second Saturday of month - Eddie will open the workshop – 011 678 8062 [rm22 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@mweb.co.za)
2. Third Saturday of month – Clive will open the workshop – 083 407 8008 [stacey AT netactive.co.za](mailto:stacey@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](mailto:grahamcr@mweb.co.za)

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

Wooden plow-plane ►





Pictures of toolchest and planes from Dec meeting

◀ Ultimatum Brace

Early Stanley planes ►
From left #1, #2
Bedrock, #3, #4
Bedrock, #3 Bedrock, #2



Same planes viewed
from the front: ►
From right #1, #2
Bedrock, #3, #4
Bedrock, #3 Bedrock, #2

Some of these planes are
more than one hundred
years old, all are pre-
WW2.





A selection of tools in the chest

Some cooper's tools displayed by Tom Howden – From left, two reamers for bung holes, a bung stopper insertion and removal tool and a spoke-shave. Bottom right is a combination boring tool and rasp for making bung holes.

