



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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Ad from the 1950s

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Next General Club meeting is on **Tuesday, the 14th March** at 18h00 at Pirates Bowling Club. Clive Stacey will demo Shaker boxes, and rattan repairs he's done on a set of chair seats.

Directions: On the East side of Braeside road, entrance off Cruden Bay. (About ½ km north of Greenside High School.) If you travel north on Green Way, it crosses Gleneagles and becomes Braeside. Cruden Bay is the next road after Gleneagles – turn right (East) and the club is on your left.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 6th March at 18h00 – At Hardware Centre. A talk on Segmented Turning, by Buddy Lawson.

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February General Club Meeting. Peter Middleton demonstrated how to make duplicate candlesticks. The candlestick consisted of two parts, the base and the stem. With one already made, Peter made the two parts for a second candlestick that were almost indistinguishable from the first. He showed how to mark out and size the sections and to finish the curves, so that unless the two parts are compared closely, they are close enough to be identical. Peter is an accomplished spindle turner, and judging by the comments, he inspired several people to dust off their lathes and replicate his candlesticks. However, I think his skill made it look easier than it is, and some people will need to practise a bit before they can make two identical spindles. The club's Jet Mini lathe was pressed into service – its portability is a real asset now.

February Turners' Meeting. Roy Gibbs demonstrated a number of texturing and embellishment techniques for bowls. Roy showed the effects of wire brushing on a coarse grained bowl (White Stinkwood), followed by scorching, and liming wax. On a fine-grained blank (Liquidamber styractifolia?), he showed different ways of using an Arbortech Mini to create textures as well as for carving details.

From the committee:

Club Premises. At the last club meeting, it was agreed that main club meetings will continue on the **second Tuesday of each month** at Pirates, as this is the only night that is consistently free throughout the month. This will continue until further notice. The turners will continue to meet at Hardware Centre on the first Monday of the month until further notice. These decisions will be reviewed at the AGMs in May.

The committee has set a deadline for the AGM to make some sort of decision on venues. Our equipment is in storage, but cannot remain there indefinitely, so we will have to decide what to do with it. Depending on the model that the club decides to follow, we may have to decide to dispose of all the unused equipment. Your thoughts on and inputs to these decisions are

welcome. Please feel free to contact a member of the committee or raise issues at the forthcoming meetings.

We are also exploring an option at REEA, which is in Craighall Park. The committee will be visiting them on the 25th to look at what they have to offer.

AWSA Congress 2006. This is scheduled for the long weekend of the 29th April to 01st May 2006 in Cape Town. Details to follow as they become available.

2006 AWSA membership fees are due – R80-00. Please pay Eddie Marchio at the next turner's meeting. He will consolidate the payments and forward them to the AWSA treasurer.

Jewellery Box Competition. Design and construct a jewellery box for the opportunity to win prizes courtesy of Jet Woodworking Machinery and Trend Routing Equipment to the value of nearly R20,000. The entry form appeared in the November Home Handyman. Send an email to tpope@iafrica.com for a copy of the entry form, or alternatively contact Brian Jolly at brianj@iafrica.com. Closing date 28th Feb 2006.

Hobby-X. This takes place from 3rd to 5th of March 2006 at the Dome, Northgate. Trade day is on the 2nd. Please contact the turner's committee to volunteer to help on the stand, to help with demonstrating, or minding the display, and set up and tear down. This is an important opportunity for us to attract new members, so we normally share space with Hardware Centre in a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Programs:

Main Club meetings:

- Suggestions on topics and volunteers to present are most welcome.

For Sale/ Wanted:

Wanted. 14" bandsaw or similar medium sized bandsaw. Please contact Trevor Griffiths on (011) 422 1799

Mechanical Watches. Frans Joubert came across this business as a source of mechanical watch movements and repairs. These skills are comparatively rare these days. For Watch repairs, including antique watches and clocks, jewellery repairs and fine mechanical repairs. Rolf Trautwein & Son (Member of the SA Watchmakers Association) 6 Kasper St, Malanshof Ext 5, Randburg. (011) 793-3188 www.timebeat.co.za

Dealing with wood movement – Course by Dennis Lock

Are you serious about making wooden furniture? Have you completed some projects and been frustrated by the idiosyncrasies of the imperfect material we call wood? Without doubt the biggest problem is that wood shrinks and swells with seasonal changes in humidity. An obvious symptom of this is drawers and doors that won't open (or close) during the rainy season.

Many a woodworker has learnt about wood movement the hard way when, six months after completion, a prized project splits and warps, and carefully cut and assembled joints are forced apart.

The secret of dealing with this inevitable shrinkage and expansion is to work with it, not against it. More glue and more screws are not the answer.

Join Denis Lock, an experienced woodworker, on a Saturday (morning or afternoon) and learn why wood moves. Find out how to quantify the expected movement and how to design and construct furniture and other items to cope with the seasonal shrinkage and expansion of wood. The practical advice in the course is based on a number of real-life examples. Discover how to make furniture that will last for generations.

A fee of R150,00 covers course attendance, course handout and light refreshments.

Date: Saturday 25 February 2006 **Time:** 09h15 for 09h30 to 12h30

Venue: 44 Talisman Avenue Bedfordview Contact Denis Lock on 011-616-6576 denis.lock@worldonline.co.za

Mervyn Wood thought this table of info might be useful for those that use abrasive pads

Scotch-Brite Pads

<u>Grit Designation</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Equivalent Grit</u>	<u>Abrasive</u>
Extra Coarse	Brown		Aluminum Oxide
Coarse	Tan		Aluminum Oxide
Medium	White, Gray or Maroon		Aluminum Oxide
Fine	Light Gray or Green	150 - 180	Aluminum Oxide
Very Fine	Maroon	220 - 280	Aluminum Oxide
Extra Fine	Gray	320 - 400	Silicon Carbide
Ultra Fine	White	600 - 800	Talc

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Here is a list of donors to the last annual braai. Please make a point of patronising these businesses and thanking them for their donation.

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