



# Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association  
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Picture of James Krenov from <http://jameskrenov.com/>

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**Next General Club Meeting** on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Talk on James Krenov – his history, the College of the Redwoods, and some pictures of his work.

**Next Turner's monthly meeting** is on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Roy Gibbs will talk on texturing - different techniques and ways to achieve different types of texturing for objects on the lathe.

## News

**February General Club Meeting.** Geoff Evans talked about the building of a 16<sup>th</sup> Century harpsichord from a kit. He bought the kit in 1982 for R2000- and only completed it 25 years later. It is based on the Flemish design made famous by the Ruckers family in the late 1500s. Only 135 of the Ruckers instruments are still extant. An improved version of the kit is still available for only R50,000-. He did say that a harpsichord made from the kit to the highest standards would probably sell for R180,000-.

Geoff also talked about a course he did with Craig Stevens who studied under James Krenov at the College of the Redwoods. This inspired some of his designs, such as the small wall cabinet and the tall side table that he brought to show. The characteristic influences of Krenov's designs were also carried over into the fine details with fine dovetails, and Krenov's signature catch with a **bic** ballpoint spring. He also showed us his patented honing jig, which he would like to put into production.

**February Turner's Meeting.** Dries Blignaut demonstrated a thin walled long stem goblet using light to gauge wall thickness. The washable masks that Buddy talked about come from [www.dustbeegone.com](http://www.dustbeegone.com) Chris van Heeswijk presented Betula Pendula, also known as Silver Birch as the wood of the month. This tree is very common in Northern Europe and has a variety of uses, from roofing to canoes to traditional food and medicine. The Kamasa Safety glasses with the built-in LED lights are from Tool Connection.

### From the committee:

**Hobby-X.** Don't forget Hobby-X will be taking place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Dome at Northgate. We will need volunteers to demonstrate turning and demonstrate making of small items, so please volunteer at the next meeting. There will be no workshops for the public this year.

**Membership Fees for 2009/2010 year.** Based on a budget compiled by Glenn, the treasurer, the committee is recommending the annual subscription for 2009/2010 be R270-. This was raised at the February meeting for discussion. There will be a point on the agenda for the March 2009 General Club meeting to approve the proposed membership fees of R270- for the next year. This needs to be decided in advance of the start of the next club year which starts in May 2009. If you have any points to make, you are welcome to do so at the March meeting, failing which, please discuss this with a committee member.

**Show-and-tell and Woodworking questions.** Don't forget to bring items for show and tell. Pose any woodworking questions or problems to the club, and maybe you will get an answer from the collective wisdom of the members.

**Radial Arm Saw.** Thanks to Roger Mathews for adjusting the radial arm saw and Winston for sharpening the blade. Roger made a new auxiliary table surface and a new fence has been fitted. A separate mitre table has been made for cutting mitres – instructions are attached to the table.

**Band Saw.** Roger reports that the band saw is working OK, but the feeble alloy casting that holds the guides under the table has cracked. He has removed that side guide so it does not damage the blade. He obtained a parts drawing from Metabo, but it does not show the little casting, so some more research is needed. The saw can be used with due care. An unknown band saw user changed the blades, but did not set the guides to match the blade. This can result in indifferent cutting or damage to the blade. Winston is making an auxiliary table for the bandsaw as the table is not flat and causes small work-pieces to tip. Work in progress! (Roger reports that Winston is currently on leave. If you are on pension, how do you go on leave? – Asks the editor who is still working for a living.)

**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.

**For Sale:**

**Belt Sander.** Makita Model No 9031. 30mm wide belt with electronic speed control. Includes 120 belts of various grits. Excellent condition, new price R3245- "Brand new – a give away at R2500-. Contact **Lionel Soekoe** on **011-802-3046** or **072-989-6310**

**Record CL3 wood lathe.** Five speeds, using 4 groove poly-V belt, swivel head, ¾ hp motor, Capacity 12" over the bed, 36" between centres. Mounted on a heavy wooden beam on angle iron frame. Complete with normal Steb drive, Face plate, Axminster chuck, deep hole drilling auger and set of Marples carbon steel turning tools. Lady owner cannot continue turning for health reasons. R4500-

Contact **Syd Marshall** on **011-477-1115** or **083-457-4421**

**Triton Workcentre Mk3.** Complete with folding stand and Makita 5903R 235 mm circular saw and TCT blade. Maximum depth of cut 80mm.

**Zoom Magnum 1000 Integrated clamping/machining system.** Secures your work piece whilst sawing, routing, planing, etc.

Both no longer in use, so selling. Any reasonable offers will be considered. Contact **Andrew Riley** on **083-442-0912**

**Myford Super 7** metal turning lathe. Length of bed is 1105mm Swing over bed 7 inches. Please contact **Sheila Nakkink** on **011-968-2212** or **084-272-1466**. Make an offer.

**Emco star** combination woodworking machine table saw, jig saw, scroll saw, lathe, disc sander, band saw. 2 speed motor mounted on its own stand with fittings allowing extra long spindles to be turned. R1750,00

**Emco planer, thicknesser, jointer** on steel stand fitted with 1.1 kw motor capacity 200mm wide by 55mm thick R1750,00

In addition I have a large selection of power tools including Hegner scroll saw, unused Elu router complete with dovetail jig and router table, Drill Doctor drill sharpening unit and others too numerous to mention.

Contact **Syd Marshall** **011-477-1115** or **083-457-4421**

**Courses offered by Denis Lock** – The initial time table for 2009 is:

RW2 - Pattern routing: 28 February - 2 courses, morning and afternoon

RW4 - Mortice and tenon: 7 March - 2 courses, morning and afternoon

RW1 - Tapered sliding dovetail: 21 March - 2 courses, morning and afternoon

UW - Understanding wood: 4 April - 1 course, afternoon

RW5 - Special cutters: 11 April - 2 courses, morning and afternoon – R250-

DWWM - Dealing with wood movement: 2 May - 1 course, afternoon

RW3 - Using a commercial dovetail jig: A one-on-one course using your jig. Run on weekdays only - date and time to be arranged

HCP - Help in completing a project: One-on-one training and/or help with a specific project. Run on weekdays only - date and time to be arranged. R125- per hour.

RW5 (special cutters) and HCP (help in completing a project) are new offerings and I have enclosed brochures.

Brochures for the courses are available on request. Location is Bedfordview, Gauteng.

Contact **Denis Lock** on **011-616-6576**, cell: **082-267-5948**, fax: **086-685-8704**, e-mail: [denis.lock@worldonline.co.za](mailto:denis.lock@worldonline.co.za))

## Sources of Supply for Woodworkers - continued

Trevor Pope – Feb 2009

This list is aimed at woodworkers based in Gauteng, but does include some suppliers elsewhere in South Africa. It was first published some time ago, but has now been updated and corrected.

Where possible, all the details have been checked. Contributions to the list and corrections are welcome – please send them to me at [tpope AT iafrica DOT com](mailto:tpope@iafrica.com) or pass them onto me at a club meeting. Thanks to those that told me that Rohms had moved from Strijdom Park. The updated details are given below.

**Timber Merchants**

Name	Products	Telephone	Address
Rhoms Timberworld	Timber Merchants – Flooring	Selby: 011-499-1282 Fourways: 011- 465-4150 Faerie Glen: 012-998-2003 Vereeniging: 016-427-1006	See web site <a href="http://www.rohms.co.za">www.rohms.co.za</a>

**Hardware and miscellaneous**

Name	Products	Telephone	Address
Austro	Felder, Hammer, tooling, sharpening services Flexible hose – clear – top quality, (with a price to match)	011-222-8300	1125 Leader Ave, Stormill Ext 4, Roodepoort Also KZN, CT, George see web site for details: <a href="http://www.austro.co.za">www.austro.co.za</a>
Blum Hinges	Hardware – hinges, handles, slides, etc.	011-444-8118	16 Bowling Ave, Kramerville, Sandton <a href="http://www.eclipsegroup.co.za/">http://www.eclipsegroup.co.za/</a>
Builders Warehouse	Above average selection of most stuff – one-stop-shop if you are in the area.	0861-335-2739 <a href="mailto:callcentre@bwhouse.co.za">callcentre@bwhouse.co.za</a>	See the web site to locate a store near you: <a href="http://www.builderswarehouse.co.za">http://www.builderswarehouse.co.za</a>
Cape Watch	Assorted magnifying glasses, clock movements	021-426-1925	<a href="mailto:cawatch@iafrica.com">cawatch@iafrica.com</a> <a href="http://www.capewatch.co.za">www.capewatch.co.za</a>
Chick Henderson	Flexible hose for dust collectors – relatively smooth interior (best price) – not clear.	011-624-1400	30 New Goch Rd Benrose, Jhb
Décor City Hardware	Hardware	011-618-1064	262 Market Str, Jeppestown, Jhb <a href="http://www.decorcity.co.za">www.decorcity.co.za</a>
J. Socher Fittings	Hardware Suppliers	011-792-6606	90 Oxford Str, Ferndale, Randburg
Knob & Klocker	Cabinet fittings	Jhb: 011-201-4800 KZN: 031-579-4774 CT: 021-762-5164	Cor Greenvale & Germiston Rd, Meadowbrook Ext 8, Germiston, South Africa <a href="http://www.theknobandklocker.co.za">www.theknobandklocker.co.za</a>
Metals Centre	Stainless and non-ferrous metals, sheets, meshes, tube, etc - good selection, small quantities and will cut to size	011-493-4930	Off John St, Selby, Jhb (Industrial unit signposted from John St) <a href="http://www.metalscentre.co.za">www.metalscentre.co.za</a>
MSA (Africa)	Safety gear including prescription safety glasses	011-610 2600	153 Heidelberg Rd, City Deep, Jhb

Name	Products	Telephone	Address
			<a href="http://www.msaafrica.co.za">www.msaafrica.co.za</a>
Schauenberg Flexadux	Flexible hose made up to order (very flexible clear hose, but not so smooth inside – medium price)	011-827-6505 (Johan Tucker)	24/26 Spartan Rd, Aeroport Ext 21, Spartan <a href="http://www.shauenberg.co.za">www.shauenberg.co.za</a>
Torrance and Marcon cc	An Aladdin's cave of brass fittings, handles, hinges etc from the UK, 0000 steel wool, polishes, all colours of shellac etc	011-672-3224, 011-615-7228, (Geoff Megone)	47 Wemmer Dr. Discovery, Roodepoort
Uniclox	Clock movements and accessories	011-867-1797	Fish Eagle Office Park, 10 Kingfisher Crescent, Meyersdal 1447
Wholesale Cabinet Fittings	Importers of screws, hinges, hardware and furniture fittings	011-493-1222 011-823-4165 011-791-5393 012-804-0053/5 021-949-1827	23 Roper St, New Centre, Jhb Also in Boksburg, Strydom Park, Silverton and Capetown. <a href="http://www.cabinetfittings.co.za">www.cabinetfittings.co.za</a>

### Power Tools

Name	Products	Telephone	Address
Alliance Tools	AEG, Atlas Copco	(011) 821-9300	Hughes Business Park, 15 Saligna Rd, Boksburg
Austro	Felder, Hammer machines and parts, some hand tools, sharpening of blades and saws	011-472-0910	226 Leader Av, Stormill, Roodepoort
Creusen Grinders	High quality bench grinders including wide wheel, slow speed versions ideal for sharpening applications	011-454-4350 (Mr Vivian George)	138 Kusche Road, Meadowdale, Germiston
Festool	Festo Agents	011-971-5620 (Reynold van de Bank)	
First Cut	Precision Saw Manufacturers (Starrett bandsaw blade stock)	Jhb: 011-614-1112 (Andrew Poole) Dbn: 031-700-8128 CT: 021-531-2126 PE: 041-453-3826	18 Adam Rd Benrose Johannesburg 2094 <a href="http://www.firstcut.co.za">www.firstcut.co.za</a>
H. & M ToolTech	AEG Power tool service Metabo service	011-683-1761 011-683-1794/5	87 Turfontein Rd, Stafford, Jhb <a href="mailto:tooltec@mweb.co.za">tooltec@mweb.co.za</a>
Hardware Centre	Stanley, Lee Valley (Veritas), Record, Henry Taylor, etc. Best selection of quality hand tools <a href="http://www.hardwarecentre.co.za">www.hardwarecentre.co.za</a>	<b>Randburg</b> 011-791-0844 (Viv Martin, Kishore) <b>Boksburg</b> 011-826-1058/9 <b>Cape Town</b> 021-421-7358	-Cor Malibongwe and CR Swart Drives, Randburg -Unit C1, Cynthia Road Bardene -14 Bree Street, Cape Town

To be continued next month...