



# Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association  
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◀ Pierced bowl by Willie de Wet from Jacaranda.

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**Next General Club Meeting** on **Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009** from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Russell Korte from Mitre Veneering to talk about what the company does in the line of veneering. Highly relevant to cabinet makers who can decorate chipboard with really fine timbers using veneers. Russell is in China where he will be picking up a raft of new ideas and probably new product opportunities which he will enlarge upon in November.

**Next Turner's monthly meeting** is on **Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Frikkie Potgieter who is a professor of graphic arts at Unisa will give a talk on Design. Bring any interesting pieces you want to show and perhaps stimulate discussion.

## News

### October General Club Meeting.

Trevor Williams from Woodfinish Management demonstrated the Kreg jig. The Kreg jig is a pocket hole joinery system. The jigs and special drill allow you to drill holes and insert screws for joining boards together. The use of special screws that are self drilling and have flat heads allows boards to be screwed together. The system is particularly suitable for man-made boards, but can be used for hard and soft woods as well. He has not experienced much demand in the local market, which he finds surprising, given the large volumes sold in the USA. One possible explanation may be that the kitchen cabinet designs are different. In SA we use the Euro system with drawers and doors that overlay the fronts of the units. In the US, face-frames are fashionable. A face-frame is a square frame that overlays the front of the cabinet with the doors either flush or overlaying the frame. These frames are very easily assembled on site using the Kreg system.



The Kreg jigs, accessories and screws are available directly from Trevor Williams, who can be contacted on 011-907-3982/3 or 083-255-2318 or [info@woodfinishmanagement.co.za](mailto:info@woodfinishmanagement.co.za) The company web site is at [www.woodfinishmanagement.co.za](http://www.woodfinishmanagement.co.za) He is offering a 10% discount to WWA members until the end of November.

### October Turner's Meeting.

Chris van Heeswijk was unable to be at the meeting due to business commitments, so the DVD will be shown at a future date.

### From the committee:

**Annual Braai.** The Christmas Braai will take place on the 28th November 2009 at Greenside High School. The exact format and cost are still to be decided. If you haven't already, please start making toys for donation. Simple, robust toys, safe to use are best. Toys should be painted with lead free paints and avoid sharp edges and points that can injure. Target ages range from 2 to 12 years. Pull-along or push-along toys, small cabinets or boxes, small puzzles, small wheel barrows, etc are most effective.

The committee has determined that the cost of the braai will be R 30 per member and R 35 per guest.

This is an increase of five rand per person and per couple compared with last year. We are able to do this because of the initiative, commitment and wonderful generosity of one of our stalwart members, Costa Carastavakis. Thank you Costa! In order to support his efforts he would like a volunteer/volunteers to help him in his role as chief cook and carver. In addition, in the past Costa has carried all the various impedimenta from the clubhouse to the school and returned these at the end of the day. We require a volunteer / volunteers with a trailer or bakkie to help in this regard. Please volunteer your services early. In addition we will be supported by other stalwart members such as Peter Middleton who will again handle the raffle, Ken Bullivant and family who will manage the administration at the event and Kenneth Jackson and helpers who will manage the bar. Last year David Fincham and Kenneth managed the bar but this year Dave will be in Australia so he is clearly unable to contribute. Consequently Kenneth would like a volunteer / volunteers to support him. We should also not forget the generosity of the donors and we have already received some really impressive gifts, or received commitments. Remember you will be able to contribute your own way by making toys so we are able to celebrate our joint efforts in relieving the lives of sick and poor children. We will be selling tickets for the braai at our next meeting. Funds may also be deposited into the bank account but you must please communicate the information to the Treasurer, Glenn Lopich - [glenn\\_laura@iafrica.com](mailto:glenn_laura@iafrica.com) as soon as you have completed the deposit. Please remember we are an association which implies that we collectively run our group and put in effort to do this so the fact that you are not a committee member does not in any way prevent you or exclude you from making a contribution. Please volunteer your services early. – From Clive – Your Chairman.

### Mailing of newsletters

It is unfortunate that we must inform those members who wish to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter that it will be necessary for them to pay for it. The committee has assessed that the difference between e-mail transmission of the newsletter and preparing and posting a hardcopy amounts to R80- per annum and if you elect to receive a hardcopy you will need to add this amount to your annual subscription due in May/June next year. Members should be aware that this cost does not include the time and travel expended by the committee member responsible for the administration of this process.

### REEA OPEN DAY

On Saturday, October 24 REEA Foundation is holding an open day and have invited us to open our workshop as part of the event and thereby add a dimension to their exhibition which will be selling crafts, a food fair, Christmas shopping, entertainment and "lots more" which I guess is the way in which you suggest other mysterious attractions even though you have no idea of what they would be. We fit into the latter category! Members will be able to display and sell their wares and skills at this event. The event will be located in a renovated area between our workshop (on our back door step) and the river which is actually a lovely site and very convenient for us to display from our workshop what we do and how we do it. Please bring Xmas ornaments to donate to REEA to sell at their November and December markets, as well as the open day on the 24th October – Xmas trees, tree ornaments, etc.



**Pretoria Club Annual show.** This took place on Saturday, the

17<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The display from the Turner's section was bigger than before. The wood carver's section included some of the Audrey Miles' students as well as some from the national competition held by the Carver's guild recently. There weren't as many items of furniture as before, but due to the size of some of the pieces, just getting them there is an achievement. The pictures show the trade stands outside and the hall inside. The bowl with the decorated rim was made by Reinald Böhringer and the open red-lobed pot was made by Willie de Wet, both from Jacaranda. The table was made from Jackalsbessie by Cobus Harmse.



**For Sale:**

All tools were bought to support great plans of doing lots of woodwork. Time has never really allowed it, and since I need the money instead I am prepared to let the items go for less than they are worth! Can be sold individually or for an even greater discount all together. Located in the Parkmore area. Contact Neale Thorpe: 082 783 8807

Tool	Presently selling for 2nd hand	Presently selling for New	Asking price	Text
Electra Bekum Planer HC 260M 2.2 KW	R6500 to R7000	R 7,000.00	Excellent condition, Only used on one project!! R 5,800.00	Machine dimensions L x W x H: 1110 x 660 x 970 mm Planing beds L x B: 1090 x 260 mm Depth of cut: 0 - 3 mm, Jointing fence tilt: 90 - 45° Thicknessing bed length/width: 400 x 260 mm Depth of cut - thicknessing: max. 4 mm Thickneser height/width: 160 x 260 mm Thickneser feed rate: 5 m/min Cutterblock: 63 mm, Cutterblock speed: 6500 U/min No. of planner blades: 2 Motor capacity P1: 2.2 kw S6 40% P2: 1.5 kw S1 100%
Dewalt DW625E Router	R 3,500.00	R 4,695.00	Excellent condition, Only used on one project!! R 2,750.00	DeWalt DW625E Plunge Router; Plunge 80mm, Power 1850W Collet Size 1/4" & 1/2" and one other? Variable Speed: RPM 8 - 20,000 Box of Router bits
250mm Marlett Tilting Arbor Table saw	R 7,000.00	R 8,500.00	Excellent condition- R 6,800.00	TSC-10L 10" Martlet tilting arbor table saw. Cast iron machined top of width 102cm length 68cm. 2HP 230VAC 50Hz motor with additional heatsinking for longer operation. Belt driven blade
AEG LF650 Biscuit jointer in tin box with bags of "biscuits"	R 2,000.00	R 3,000.00	Excelent condition, Only used on one project!!- R 1,900.00	AEG LF650 Biscuit Jointer Input power: 650W, No-load speed: 10,000rpm Depth settings: 0, 10, 20, simplex, duplex (Lamello fittings), max 19mm, Fence adjustment: 0-90 degrees Blade dia.: 100mm, Sound levels: pressure 87dB (A), power 98dB (A), Vibration hand arm: Below 2.5m/s squared Weight: 2.8kg

Leigh D4 M Dove Tail Jig (box has never been opened!)	R 2,500.00	R 3,000.00	R 1,900.00	Maximum Board Thickness: 1-1/2" Minimum Board Thickness: 1/8" Maximum Board Width: 24" Minimum Board Width: 1" Maximum TD Pin Board Thickness: 1-1/4" Maximum HB Board Thickness: 1-1/2"
<b>Total</b>	<b>R 21,500.00</b>	<b>R 22,695.00</b>	<b>R 19,150.00</b>	<b>If sold individually</b>
			<b>R 18,000.00</b>	<b>If all sold together !</b>



**Shopsmith** Mk VII combination machine. Basic machine with bandsaw; planer; drill chuck with key, support, and tail stock; turning faceplate; sanding faceplate; 100mm diam sanding drum; 10 turning chisels, 3 tungsten, 2 HSS; extension table, instruction book and parts list R15,000-

Delta Rockwell **scroll saw** 16" throat R1000-

**Wood vice**, 250mm wide, 400mm depth R350-

Ryobi **drill press**, 5 speed, 550 Watt, 1/3 (one third) HP motor. New drill chuck, c/w light R350.00

Contact Aldon Holmes on 011-326-4279

**Wanted:** Somebody to build a plasma TV stand for me personally. I already purchased the material (Rhodesian Teak) from Silverton timbers and will deliver the material to the person being able to help me with this unit. The overall size of the unit is 2000mm long x 600mm high x 550mm deep. I also have a detailed drawing of the design. Contact: Riaan du Randt on 011-675-2100 or 082-057 5596 or riaan@sh.co.za

**Blog site** dedicated solely to woodworking: [www.talkingsawdust.co.za](http://www.talkingsawdust.co.za) – A blog page where SA woodworkers of all skill levels and disciplines can share knowledge, ask advice, search for a tool or simply voice a woodworking opinion. The site has been created very recently and I am now starting to spread the word. If there is enough interest, we will expand to include forums and a gallery for members to showcase their work. Div de Villiers 082 6455 657  
Email: [woodbutcher@telkom.co.za](mailto:woodbutcher@telkom.co.za) or div@woodspark.co.za



**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 AT 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.