

Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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◀ Rick, the braai master at the Spring/summer challenge.

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Next General Club Meeting on **Wednesday, the 13th November 2013** from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Mozambique plantations – Alan Swartz

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on **Monday, the 4th November 2013** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Buddy Lawson will demo the Robert Sorby Bowl Scraper. Challenge for November is to turn a spatula of your own design for use in the kitchen.

News

October Turner's Meeting – Due to a mix-up in dates, Buddy Lawson's demo will take place next month.

Wood of the month was **Cypress**, specifically *Cyprinus Leylandii*. Chris explained that this particular species originated in Wales and was hybridised from that stock. It is commonly used for borders and windbreaks, and is also known as the "begrafnis boom" due wide-spread use in cemeteries.

October Meeting – Dremel Demo by Jan Ferreira from Bosch



Club Notices:

Spring/Summer Challenge. This took place on the morning of Saturday, the **12th October 2013** at the clubhouse. Over 40 members were present on the day.

Advanced turners were tasked with turning a ball using a skew. The above picture shows John Speedy watched by Buddy Lawson, as he put the club's Nova Comet II to use. ▶ ▲

Less advanced turners turned mushrooms. Alistair is busy on the club's Jet Mini watched by Shaun. ▶

28 table lamps were on display. The pictures on the next page show some of them on display in the bench room of the club house. Brian Biram won first prize, Wally Pretorius was second, and Chris Van Heeswijk was third.



WWA Craft Fair – This was postponed due to lack of support.

Annual Toymakers Braai. This will take place on Saturday, the 23rd November 2013 at Greenside High School, starting at 11h30. Lunch will be at 12h00. Cost will be R50-per member, R55- for spouses and family members, children under 10 are free. Each member should bring either a salad or a pudding, as well as any plates, cutlery and drinking vessels that they will need. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be on sale. Tickets will be on sale at the Turner's and Main club meetings in November – please complete the booking forms at the meeting or send your details to the secretary.

Toys, toys, toys. Keep up with making your toys! To meet our target for the year of 1000 toys, our chairman has asked each member to make at least **10 toys** to donate. The toys will be donated to crèches on the West Rand, so toys must be safe and suitable for small children. Educational toys that develop skills in children are also welcome. Toymakers will receive one raffle ticket for the first toy and another one for every 10 additional toys made.



The picture below shows a selection of toys on display the Spring/Summer challenge. Not all of these will be suitable for donation to the crèches.



Long standing members of the WWA will be sad to know that former member **Eddie Pratt** passed away last Sunday, the 27 November 2013.

Saturday Workshop. Ken Bullivant previously held the Saturday workshop at the clubhouse, but when we moved from Helpmekaar, he decided to move it to his house in Boksburg. Currently 5 of our members attend these meetings and more are welcome. 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.

Please Note:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the new clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [rm22 AT Mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@Mweb.co.za) for more information.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the new clubhouse, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Grant Mackay on 082-391-9769 or [mackay.grant AT gmail.com](mailto:mackay.grant@gmail.com) or [gmackay AT worldonline.co.za](mailto:gmackay@worldonline.co.za) for more information.

For sale:

Disc sander 525mm (21”) with tilting table, 1 hp motor, on castors, spare discs. (Self-built) Price negotiable. Contact Ken Bullivant on 082-809-0020

Indigenous Woods. Supplier to turners and cabinet makers in Natal. Stock from auctions and windblown trees, including Knysna Yellow wood. Barry James. 033-330-4984 or 082-895-4089 or brousse@sai.co.za

With machine-cut through-dovetails and wedged through-mortises, these joinery details accentuated the innovative design of this custom made piece on show at the Pretoria club’s exhibition. ▼



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Pretoria Woodwork Exhibition / Houtwerk Uitstalling. The Woodworking Association of Pretoria held their annual exhibition at the New Hope School on the 05th Oct 2013 . Of the many eye catching pieces on display, I managed to capture just a few.

Lazy Susan by Alan Crawford. This platter is made from blocks of wood that are carefully laid, to give the illusion of a three dimensional surface, whereas it is actually flat. ►



▲ Some of **Andrew Bourke**'s work on show – he uses carving and pyrography to embellish his bowls.

Harde peer vessel by **At Smit**, with barbed wire embellishment. ►



At Smit roughing out on a Stubby lathe in the foyer of the New Hope school. In the background is Leon Wolmarans and watching is Milty Sauermann with the cap.

