

# Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association



◀ On show at the Pretoria club – Floral vase with pyrography by Andrew Bourke.

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**Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015** from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Roland Westgate from Richem will update members on super glue developments. Peter Middleton will demo the perfect finish with a minimum of sanding.

**Next Meeting on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – General meeting** from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Surprise Show by Greg de Villiers – Vermont Sales

## News

**5<sup>th</sup> October - Turner's meeting. Captive Deep Hollowing Tool.** Chris van Heeswijk explained the difficulties and techniques for deep hollowing. He showed a number of tools specially designed for deep hollowing and explained the relative merits and difficulties of each. Tool control becomes increasingly difficult as the depth of the vessel increases: leverage and vibration seem to increase out of proportion to the distance. Chris noted there are about 30 different hollowing systems on the market. To assist the turner, a number of captive hollowing tools have been developed. Chris imported one example from Harrison specialties in the USA, with a laser guide. He showed the principles of operation and how to control wall thickness using the laser.

See more at <http://www.harrisonspecialties.com/simple-hollowing-system-with-or-without-laser-for-woodturning/>



**Wood of the Month –Clanwilliam Cedar.** *Widdringtonia walichii* – previously *W. cedarbergensis*. Endemic to the Cedarberg mountains of the Western Cape. Ironically, the mountains were named after the cedar trees, which have almost disappeared due to overexploitation. Classed as critically endangered, the trees are being replanted in a program by Cape Nature. It is similar to cypress trees in appearance with cones and fragrant wood. It was widely used outdoors for telephone poles due its durability.



**14<sup>th</sup> October - Club meeting. Safety topics: Noise, dust and welding hazards.** Neels Pretorius explained how people become injured and disabled through exposure to a variety of hazards in the workshop. Noise-induced hearing loss is easily avoidable, provided people are diligent about wearing hearing protection. Neels explained how noise causes long term damage and how to protect against it. He also explained some of the hazards of wood dust and to avoid them. Although not a topic close to wood working, hazards from arc welding were also explained, as most of us are exposed to them at some stage of their lives.

## Club Notices

**Spring challenge** – The turnout on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at Albertskroon was disappointing but yoyos and rugby ball shaped objects were turned and discussed. Bottles of wine were awarded to the best on the day.

**Annual Toys for Charity braai.** This will take place at the Guide Dogs Association premises (same as last year) – 126 Wroxham Road, off Witkoppen, opposite Porsche Centre. Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015, starting at 12h00. Don't forget to make your toys for donation. Bert's Butchery will be doing the catering and will spit braai lamb, beef and pork. Tickets will cost R60.00 for members and R65.00 for guests including children (we are unable to discount the prices for children as Bert's charge per head)

WE ARE LIMITED TO 95 SEATS AND TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME FIRST PAID BASIS. The booking form will be available at Turners and Main Club meetings. Soft drinks, beer and wine by the glass will on sale. Don't forget to bring your own plates and cutlery. A board to stick all your raffle tickets onto will be useful for keeping track of them all.



### From the committee:

1. Saturday workshops are cancelled for the balance of the year and will resume in February next year.
2. The December Turners and Cabinet makers meetings will be combined and held at the Albertskroon workshop on Wednesday 9th December – details to follow.
3. We are awaiting the delivery date for the turners jackets – they should be ready for collection shortly.
4. Members are encouraged to donate items they have made for raffles at our meetings.



**Hobby-X Midrand** – 01 to 03 October 2015 – Several students from OneGoodTurn assisted Johan and Schalk in demonstrating at the show. In the picture, Johan Kramer can be seen making a wand on an Adendorf mini lathe.

**Pretoria Woodworkers Show.** Lots of demos and excellent displays of turned and cabinet work made the show a success as usual. (Johan gets around a lot these days!)

Two segmented bowls by David Malan were on show.





Wood'n Wotnots has changed colours! ►

#### Regular Events:

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

**Wednesday workshop.** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, from 17h30 to 20h00 at Albertskroon. Contact John Allen on 083 407 8008 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) (Winston previously ran the Wednesday workshops at the clubhouse until Grant took over.)

**Saturday Turning workshop.** Schalk van Niekerk conducts Saturday morning turning workshops at his premises in Germiston. (At the old East-African Timbers site) Membership is R400- per year, R30- per meeting. He can accommodate up to 12 people in a session with the lathes he has available for teaching. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or [schalk@onegoodturn.co.za](mailto:schalk@onegoodturn.co.za) or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183.

#### Saturday meetings

These will resume in 2016. Details to follow.

## Ideas for toys - puzzles

From a search on Google for images such as "scroll sawn wooden puzzles":  
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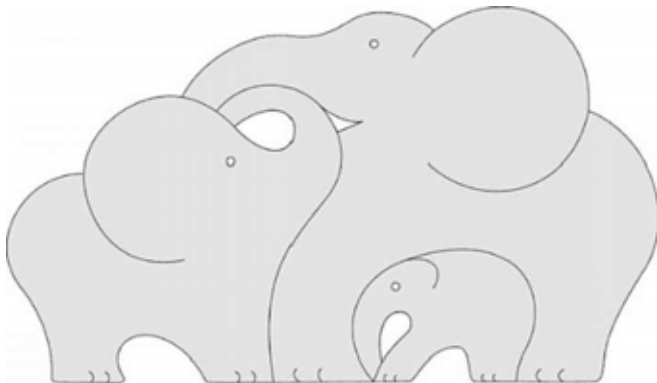
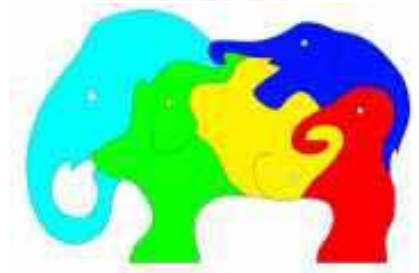
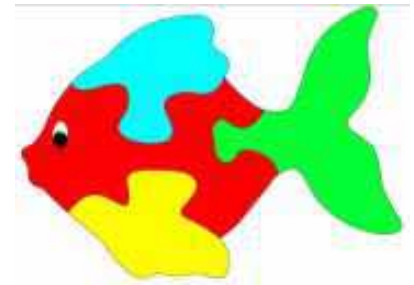
Some full sized plans for scroll saw puzzles you can make can be found here:

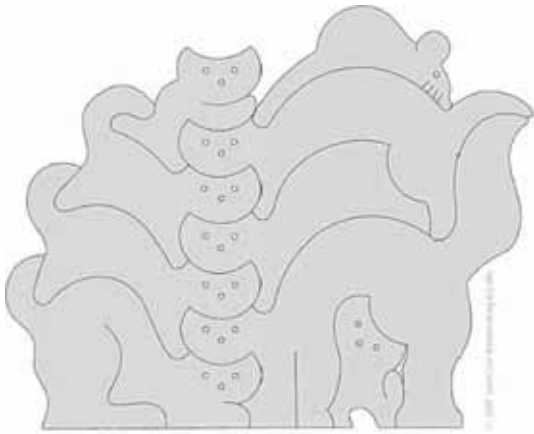
[http://www.woodworkingdownunder.com/wooden\\_puzzle\\_plans.html](http://www.woodworkingdownunder.com/wooden_puzzle_plans.html)

Using the pattern, stack-cutting two contrasting woods on the scroll saw, you can make two puzzles with contrasting pieces.

<http://www.woodworkingarchive.biz/wooden-puzzles/the-ultimate-puzzle.html>

(Remember that if you need scroll saw blades, **Hardware Centre** has an excellent selection on sale – pinned and pinless.)





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