



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th August 2011 from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Shaun Sampson will be demonstrating “Routing Intricate Items”.

Next Turner’s monthly meeting is on **Monday, the 1st August 2011** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. John Speedy will be talking on “Miniature Jo Winter Turning”.

The Wood-of-the-Month is Walnut. If you have any samples of work or wood in Walnut to show, please bring them to the meeting.

News

Turner’s Meeting – 06 June 2011

Turner of the Year. The committee selected Andrew Reilly as the WWA Turner of the year for 2011. Well done to Andrew.

Peter Middleton showed how to cast and turn a pewter foot for a bowl. The pewter foot was cast in a mould turned from dry wood. This was done beforehand due to time constraints. Peter emphasized the importance of the wood being completely dry and the need for safety precautions against molten metal splashing. The mould containing the foot was mounted in the chuck and a recess turned to match a tenon on the bottom of the bowl. Then the pewter base was freed up from the mould and mounted onto a jam chuck so that the remainder could be finished. Peter demonstrated the techniques he uses to turn and finish pewter, and how to attach it to the bowl.

Wood of month – Chris van Heeswijk presented Combretum Imberbe also known as leadwood on account of its density, which can be as much as 1200kg/m³. It is also known as *hardekool* on account of the excellent coals it makes in a fire. C. Imberbe is an extremely durable wood – dead trees seem to linger indefinitely, forming a distinctive part of the landscape in the North of the country. The tree is very slow growing, and an example has been radio carbon dated to over 1000 years old. It is a protected tree, so it should only be sourced from certificated suppliers to stay within the law.

Main Club Meeting and AGM.

Zane and Benson from Benray, who were representing the local DeWalt distributors demonstrated the DeWalt D26204K router. This is available with fixed and plunge bases. It is available from Tooltech and Hardware Centre at a 5% discount off the launch price of R3999- to WWA club members for a limited time. (See www.dewaltpowertools.co.za or contact 011-683-8350 or visit 91 Turfontein Road, Stafford, Jhb)



Fine Woodworking in their August issue reviewed a selection of trim routers and rated the DeWalt top in the category. They quote a street price of the 2-in-1 combo of \$200- which is excellent value. Practical Woodworking (UK) also featured this router, with a price of £235-

Peter Middleton explained the maths behind the Golden Rectangle (1.618 : 1) and how it is used to create objects with proportions that are pleasing to the eye.

John Speedy suggested using White Spirits to dilute Woodoc10 to the required viscosity. It is particularly useful when the varnish starts to gel, to extend the life. White Spirits is also called Stoddard solvent, used by drycleaners. It is a

paraffin-derived organic solvent that leaves no residue when it evaporates. (See the June 2008 Crosscut at <http://www.wwa.org.za/june2008.pdf>) It is available from Hardware Centre.

The local importers of Gorilla Glue have offered to make their products available to WWA members at reduced prices at club meetings. Go to www.bestglue.co.za or contact sales@bestglue.co.za or 012-991-6255 for more information on the products.



Club Notices:

Alistair reminded members that we have set a target of 10 toys per member for the end of the year braai.

The Pretoria Woodworking Club open day will be on the 27 Aug 2011 – at a new venue, location to be advised.

To assist beginners, a short introductory turner's course will be given. It will last one to two hours. Contact the committee to show your interest, so times can be arranged.

Wood glue in ½ kg bottles is for sale at the club at R40- bottle. The glue is similar to Alcolin Professional.

Woodoc 5, 10 and 20 are being imported and sold in the UK by Phil Irons. There was a review in the July issue of the Woodturner. It seems our South African finishing secrets are getting out.



Melville Koppies Tree walks. Further tree walks have provisionally been scheduled for October, 2011. Keep an eye open for more details on the web site www.mk.org.za – you are responsible for booking and paying for these courses as individuals.

For Sale:

Ryobi Scroll Saw model SC1600VXK never been used, still in box at R800. To be collected in Kya Sands. Contact Drewen 082 293 3651

Wanted:

Woodworking tools for a co-operative run by ex-prisoners. Power tools are needed such as a router and cutters; jigsaw; circular saw; portable drill; drill press; Biscuit jointer. Also G-clamps, T-bar clamps; wood chisels; and various hand-tools are required. This is an initiative run by John's church – please contact John Speedy on 083-359-3149 for more information. Donations can be delivered to the WWA club house at future meetings.

Chris Venter has sourced Tamboti planks and is looking for someone to make him a **grandmother clock** using these planks. He can be contacted on 083 307 3806

Please Note:

I'M AT HOME MOST SATURDAY MORNINGS
FROM 9-00AM TO 12-00 NOON
COME ALONG - BY ARRANGEMENT

- ❖ For coffee, biscuits and a chat
- ❖ No obligation to buy
- ❖ Creates good fellowship
- ❖ Word of mouth promotes sales

I have in stock a full range of Record Irwin Lathe accessories,
Record Irwin wood turning tools, Record Irwin hand tools,
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Lionel Soekoe 60 Darwin Street CNR Bowling avenue Wendywood
Tel (011) 802 3046 or 072 989 6310

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.



Local Furniture Designers

Here are some pictures from local designers that may stimulate ideas for your own furniture: Go to <http://www.find-design.co.za/> to see other local designers

Visit Pedersen + Lennard's web site on www.pedersenlennard.co.za to see some interesting local designs. Apparently, they are exporting flat packs of these tables and chairs. They are made from imported Finnish birch ply, because the quality of the local pine plywood is not up to scratch. (Local plywood manufacturers please take note!) The See-through desk is shown on the previous page.



The couch is made from Oriented Strand Board (OSB) which is a man-made board made in the same way as chipboard, but from larger pieces. It is normally used in packing cases or timber frame houses, under weather-boards or finish trim, where it is not on show. This furniture is unconventional, and although it may not be to your taste, I hope it stimulates some ideas of your own.



From: RAW Studios: <http://www.find-design.co.za/directory/furniture-design/raw-studios/view-details.html>

These are bent plywood laminated into interesting geometric shapes.



Stools from Trees with A Conscience →
(T.w.A.K) from Panga Panga and
Mango <http://www.twakwood.co.za/>

The vase is from Mango.

