

Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association

◀ Moravian Stool from Practical Woodworking Magazine – see below

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Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 1st June 2015 – General meeting from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Finishing Techniques using Super Glue - Herman Potgieter and Steven Barrett.
Wood of the month: Oregon pine (Douglas fir)

Next Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th June 2015 – General meeting from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Making a Mortice and Tenon by hand - Bobby Bezuidenhout and Shaker Side Table Project – Jeff Hollingdale

News

4th May 2015 - Turner's meeting.

Peter Middleton demonstrated the use of a liming technique to embellish coloured turnings. This works best on so-called ring porous woods where there is a contrast between the early and late woods.

Wood of the Month – Locally known as Oregon Pine, but more correctly known as Douglas Fir – *Pseudotsuga Menziesii* was used for joinery and cabinetry in many older houses in Johannesburg. It has a characteristic orange tint that distinguishes it from ordinary pine. It is fact not a fir tree, but a member of the pine family. Native to the West coast of North America, old growth trees can be very large.



13th May 2015 - AGM and General Club meeting.

Martin Rossouw from Vermont Sales, who is responsible for the Festool agency introduced some of the new products from their portable power tool range. A new battery operated plunge cutting circular saw was shown, that performs the same function as their well-known mains operated saw. Festool products and consumables are sold through dealers, however for service and spare parts, you are welcome to contact Martin directly on 083 968 4393 or martin@vermontsales.co.za. Vermont Sales are at 8 Suni Ave, cor Tsessebe, Corporate Park South, Old Pretoria Road, Randjiespark, Midrand. GPS Coords: 25° 56' 37.30"S 28° 8' 26.95"E

AGM

Alistair Brande delivered his fourth chairman's report before standing down. The financial position of the club continues to be sound, notwithstanding the increased costs of the new workshop. Particular mention was made of the work done by Graham in negotiating the lease and arranging a lot of the details of the move. All those who contributed to the move were thanked.

The **Ray Magid trophy** for the most improved turner of the year was



awarded to **Bobby Bezuidenhout** for the consistently high quality examples he has shown at the club over the last year.

Clive Stacey has agreed to act as chairman; Herman Potgieter will be the vice chairman and will lead the turner’s meetings. Graham will continue as treasurer and Darryl Morris will take over the secretary role.

Club Notices

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: 2015 / 2016 year

The membership subscriptions for 2015 / 2016 were confirmed at the AGM to be R375- per year. These are due on 1 June 2015. Country, spousal and scholar subs are R100- per year.

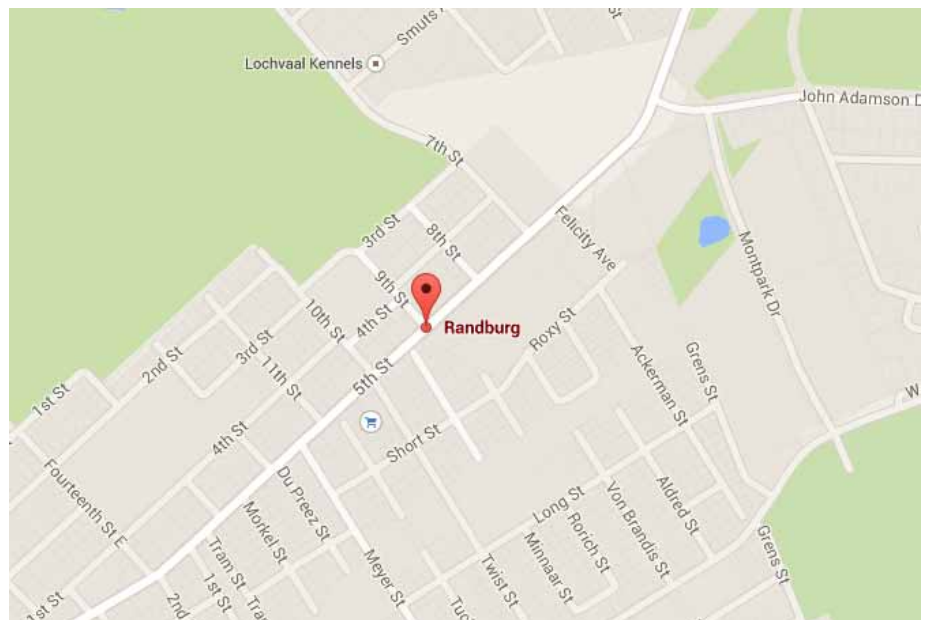
Please pay the Treasurer before the end of May to maintain continuity of your membership. Post cheques to the address in the masthead of this newsletter. Details for direct deposits are on your *personal* invoice below. Thank you.

Darryl Morris Secretary

01 May 2015	INVOICE	
AMOUNT	DUE DATE	
R375-00	01 June 2015	SUBSCRIPTION for the Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association - 2015/2016 year
		Direct deposits to: Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association. Nedbank Main St. branch - Code: 190805. Account No: 1979-321833 – Put your name in the comment line, so that the treasurer can identify the source of the payment. Internet transfers are preferred. If you deposit cash, please increase the amount to include the cash deposit fee charged by your bank.

Moravian Stool. The article in Popular Woodworking magazine that describes the Moravian Stool shown at the April meeting can be found at <http://www.popularwoodworking.com/article/moravian-stool-2> The article, written by Christopher Schwarz in his usual clear style, is an excellent tutorial introduction to making simple stools using traditional joinery. The article contains several skill building techniques that you can put to use making the stool, such as laying out octagons, making sliding dovetails by hand and making wedged mortises.

New Clubhouse – situated just off the corner of 5th St and 9th St in Albertskroon on the west side of Johannesburg. A shop called Wood and Wotnots, resplendent in green, is on the corner. The entrance to the yard is in 5th St just around the corner. Subsequent work by many members has readied the work shop for use. Thank you to all those for their contributions.



The map shows the location: To the NW is Alberts Farm Park, and to the SE is the Jewish

section of Westpark Cemetery. If you drive from Northcliff Corner, West along Milner Ave, it becomes 5th St. You pass the sports club on the right and cross over the Montgomery spruit, a tributary of the Braamfontein spruit. You pass an Engen garage on the left and then you will see the bottle store and Wood ‘n Whotnots on the right. Between them is 9th St, and the new workshop is at the back of the yard with all the overspray.

Courtesy of Google Streetview, you can see the yard entrance is in the white wall, to the right of Wood ‘n Wotnots on the corner.



Back issues of major overseas woodworking and woodturning magazines are for sale at R5.00 each at the meetings, until all are sold. (We don't have space in our library cupboard anymore.)

Winston Klein would be happy to run a workshop at the new work shop on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly from 09:00 to 12:00. We need to see how many member would be interested – Please contact Winston at 072 553 5045 or [kleins AT iburst.co.za](mailto:kleins@iburst.co.za) (Winston used to run the Wednesday workshops at the clubhouse until Grant took over.)

Regular Events:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the new clubhouse in Albertskroon. 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 in Albertskroon, 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.

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.

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 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or schalk@onegoodturn.co.za or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183.

SawStop Table saws

Unfortunately, the SawStop is not available on the local market in South Africa at present. Vermont Sales has attempted to gain type approval for the product range in the local market, but they have encountered problems with the local regulations. We look forward to these being addressed.

Some Woodworking Web Resources

Blogs – Paul Sellers. Based in Penrhyn Castle, North Wales, Paul is has nearly 50 years of experience in woodworking. His long experience in general woodworking and hand tool use is carried across as practical advice, emphasising techniques over machines and jigs.

www.paulsellers.com

See also a number of YouTube videos by Paul demonstrating techniques in hand tool use in building a work bench, making joints and maintaining tools.

Christopher Schwarz was once editor of Popular Woodworking Magazine in the US. This magazine has a good web site, with many articles available. It tends to emphasise techniques and design of slavish use of power tools and jigs. His Blog contains many erudite entries on a variety of subjects. (<http://www.popularwoodworking.com/woodworking-blogs/chris-schwarz-blog>) He left



Popular Woodworking in 2012 to start a publishing house called Lost Art Press (<http://lostartpress.com/>) which has reprinted a number of older books, reviving many older traditional techniques.



Roy Underhill presents a TV show called *The Woodwright's Shop*, having completed more than 30 seasons. He initially trained as an actor before finding his niche.

He has produced a number of books, which are based on his TV show. The books contain a lot of shorter articles, because the episodic nature of the shows, but cover a large number of topics, with something to interest most people. The DVDs for all the seasons and his books are available here.

<http://www.shopwoodworking.com> A selection of episodes are available on YouTube, albeit at somewhat reduced quality, but still very watchable.



Herman's web site and blog

Our new deputy chairman and leader of the turners meetings, Herman Potgieter has a blog which you may find interesting – See <http://treesbankturnery.net/>

