

Crosscut



◀ Toy cars donated at the 2019 Toy-for-charity braai

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Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 2nd March 2020 from 18h00 at the Living Link Hall. Turning gouges – which ones to use when. Practical demonstration with spindle, bowl and roughing gouges

Next General Meeting on Wednesday, the 11th March 2020 from 18h00 at the Living Link Hall. Morells demo on wood finishes, failing which, a video on table saw safety (by Stumpy Nubbs) – arranged by Alistair Brande.

News

3rd February 2020 – Turners meeting – John Speedy showed us how to make a pendant using offset turning. To secure the pendant, John glued it to a backing block of wood using hot-melt glue. A screw centre held in a chuck was used to hold the backing block to the headstock for turning. One hole on centre provided the radius for the outside and a hole offset by 15mm provided the centre for the offset hole in the middle. John shared some tips on the use of hot-melt glue for face-plate work. The picture shows John detaching the finished pendant from the backing block.



Wood of the Month – Chris van Heeswijk presented rubber wood. Milky rubber latex is produced from rubber trees extensively cultivated in tropical areas. When production of latex declines, the trees are harvested for the wood. *Hevea brasiliensis* is a sustainably grown hardwood with low environmental impact, because it makes use of plantation grown trees that have already served a function. The wood is pale and not particularly durable. It is used for imported furniture and turned items, and is available from timber merchants locally.

12th February 2020 – Main club meeting – Finishing a flat panel – demonstration by Jamie Turner from Vermont. Jamie showed how the dual action of the Festool RO150 orbital sander can be used to rapidly smooth and refine the surface of a pine board. Starting with 120 grit and progressing up to 1200 grit, the board was ready for finishing. Using Howard Feed-n-wax, Jamie sealed the surface of the board. The Howard range of finishes are imported by Vermont and are available from Hardware Centre.



Club Notices / Committee Matters

Hobby-X 2020 – 5th to 8th March 2020 at the Dome,

Northgate. You will have already seen the email from our chairman, Alistair asking for volunteers to demonstrate, man the stand and provide items to display on the gallery. The volunteer lists have been circulated at the February meetings, and will be at the 2nd March 2020 turners' meeting for any last-minute additions. Please check the list for any opportunities to volunteer to man the WWA stand. If you are at Hobby-X, please visit us at the stand to support the club, and encourage others to visit us too.



Woodworking 101 – Bobby says:

In March, we will be continuing with the stools from February, cutting mortises and doing some assembly.

For further information you can contact Bobby at 083 873 3872 or bobbymel109@gmail.com.



Toys-for-Charity 2020 – The chairman, Alistair, reminded members to start thinking now about the toys that they will make for the end of year braai.

(Note from the editor – I have lots of pictures of toys from the 2019 braai, but I can't credit the makers, as we don't put labels on the toys. Perhaps we need to put labels on the toys next year, so we can give credit to the makers?)



At the turners' meeting, Barry Mondahl mentioned a source for solvents in 5 litre quantities. If you need quantities, you can contact Mahmed on 0834491786 or Solly on 0828882967 at Tazana
Email: tazana.cc@gmail.com.

They don't want their Price List handed out. Best to phone and get prices, and arrange a time to collect. Mention Barry's name, as they don't supply the general public and are doing him a favour. Solvents must be bought in 5lt quantities.

Regular Events:

Every Wednesday and Friday – Graham Rudings will open the workshop, but reserves the right to cancel at short notice. Graham is setting up an email circulation list for announcements and any cancellations. Please email Graham [grahamcr AT mweb.co.za](mailto:grahamcr@mweb.co.za) to be added to the list. Graham can be contacted on 082 900 0242.

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.

SPIRIT OF THE WOOD - WOODTURNERS

Offering Woodturning lessons, One-on One Training, Classes and Club, Willing to assist persons with limited physical/intellectual abilities. Contact Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183 or Johankramer300@gmail.com

Saturday meetings

1. First Saturday – Bobby Bezuidenhout – Woodwork 101 for beginners. Contact Bobby on 083 873 3872 or bobbymel109@gmail.com
2. Second Saturday of month - Herman will open the workshop – all things turning related – 083-631-0501 hermanpotgieters@atgmail.com
3. Third Saturday of month – Contact Pierre at 083 308 7917 or pm9917@atgmail.com
4. Fourth Saturday of month – Graham will open the workshop – 082 900 0242 grahamcr@mweb.co.za If you plan to attend, please send your email address to Graham, so that he can send out any last minute cancellations.
“SHOULD NO ONE ARRIVE BY 10h00 THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED.”

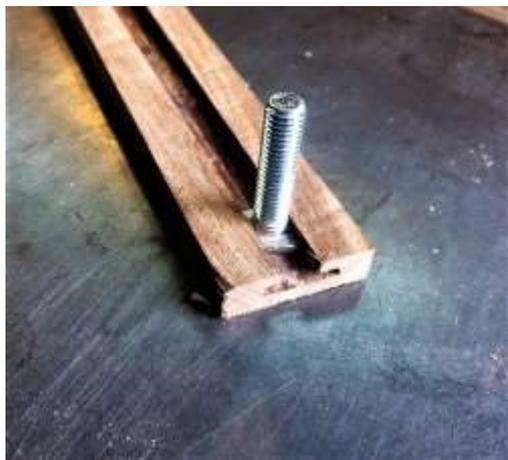
Please can the conveners complete the attendance register on the bar counter, so we can gauge attendance?

The closing up instructions must please be followed by the convener when leaving. Graham has placed the procedure in prominent positions in the workshop.

Albertskroon Wednesday and Friday Report - December 2019 and January 2020

By: Winston Klein.

Clive showed the procedure for making a T-track out of wood. He took two strips and cut a rebate in each, then glued them together to get a strip with a slot through it, and then cut half-way through the slot to form the 'T'. The photographs clarify the procedure.



Barry showed a table lamp in maple which he is working on. Hopefully we will see the finished item soon. ▶



◀ Eugene showed a “chip and dip” platter made out of beech sandwiched between African mahogany. He gave a detailed



explanation of the difficulty in hollowing out the 3 compartments, because of the walls being so thin. He also bravely showed the results of one that did not survive the rigours of a router. The final result is a beautiful piece

Graham showed his jig for cutting mitres on a table saw, ► a rack to store sanding discs. ▼



A shop purchased dowelling jig and a box he made to keep his Kreg dowelling equipment easily accessible, were also shown.

Pat displayed a collection of items made on a scroll-saw. He had a number of clocks, bowls, a fruit basket and a very high quality table lamp. He explained how time consuming making the internal cuts are, but for all that the finished items are fair reward.



Roger Matthews brought in his now completed pot plant holder which was featured as a work in progress in the November Report. The “tub’ has now been rounded and the copper banding attached in place and the stand put together. A very fine reward for the many hours of planning and work done on this project.



Barry has acquired a hand fretwork set and showed us some very intricate patterns he is working on. I hope he will bring more examples in the future as he progresses.

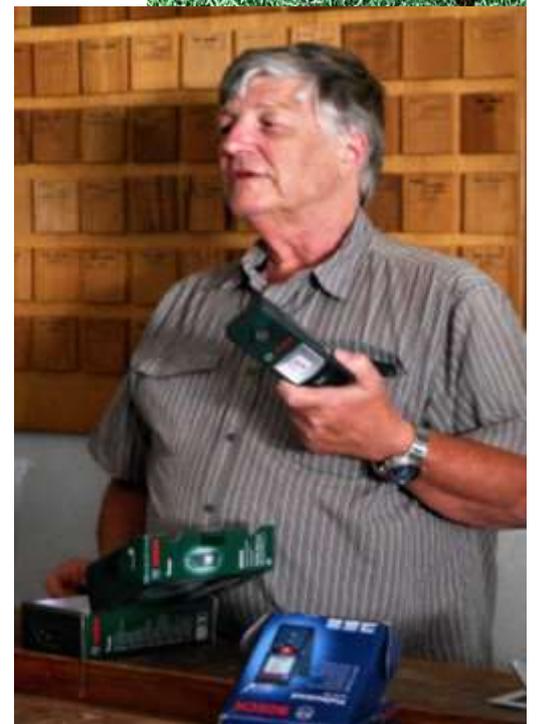
Winston talked about the manufacturers of woodworking tools in Sheffield during the years 1800 to 1900. Those were boom years for the United Kingdom as the Industrial Revolution (1760-1840) brought mechanisation to industry. This, together with the improvement in the high quality steel produced made British edge tools sought after world-wide. Besides the growing local market a very big export market burgeoned. During the 100 years there were 1107 Woodworking tool manufacturers, with a varying lifespan from 1 year to excess of 50 years. The names from that time that we still know today are: Marples, Sorby and Spear & Jackson.

Graham showed us a few of his useful gadgets.

The first was a magnetic unit for attaching to a circular blade to obtain an accurate angle when tilting the blade, it can also be used when tilting a band saw table.

Next was a laser measure, it accurately measures distances from wall to wall. It has many uses and eliminates the need for a tape when measuring a room, for instance.

Third was a metal detector, a great safety device for finding hidden metal or nails in wood prior to sawing or planing. It also finds pipes or cable in walls before drilling.



Graham brought in another epoxy river table top which he is working on and explained the difficulty he is experiencing in polishing out scratches caused from sanding through various grades.



He received numerous suggestions from the members present on buffing substances to try. We look forward to seeing the results at a future presentation.

Chris showed us a band-sawn reindeer, the subject of a Fine Woodworking magazine competition.



Following Barry's showing of his fretwork set, Winston brought in his Hobbies fretwork set which he got around 1951. He still has all the original components, including the handbook, which is unfortunately packed away pending his relocation.



◀ Glenn showed us his "Gum Ball" dispensing machine, better known in the USA than here. He explained how the jar is filled with chewing gum balls, and the balls are transferred from the jar to the receptacle by pulling the protruding knob, which has a spiral inside which runs on a pin and turns as it is pulled out depositing the ball in the groove on the base.

Thank you to Eugene for making the extension for the tool cabinet, and the members who helped him install it. It has increased the capacity of the cupboard and will therefore make it neater with easier access to the contents.

Thank you to the members who got the thicknesser and surface-planer up and running in time for our meetings. I am unable to mention names as there is no record in the Register, but the efforts are much

appreciated by the members. *(Most likely Pierre, assisted by others – Ed)*

Barry showed an old and unusual screwdriver, which he recently acquired, that seems to have a Yankee type mechanism.