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Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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◀ Scheppach dust collector purchased to help with clean-up.

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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 9th October 2013 from 18h00 sharp, at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. **Dremel Demo by Jan Ferreira from Bosch**

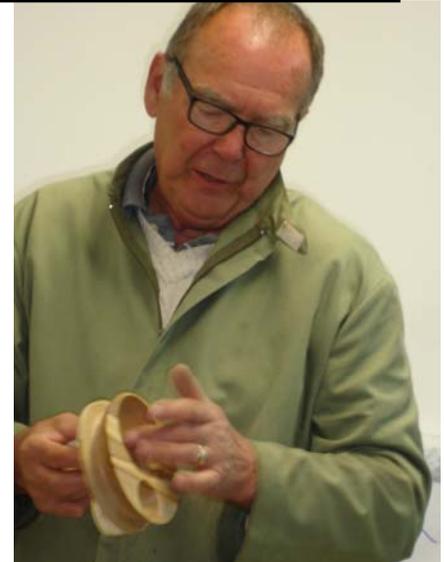
Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 7th October 2013 at 18h00 sharp, at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. **Buddy Lawson will demo the Robert Sorby Bowl Scraper. Wood of the Month is Cedar - Steven Barrett will stand in for Chris.**

News

September Turner's Meeting – Roy Gibbs showed the steps to make a multi-centred bowl by attaching additional centres to the base for holding in a chuck. Roy also demonstrated how to make an olive tasting spoon in three operations. He showed alternate workholding techniques to those shown by John Speedy last month. The picture shows Roy explaining how the bowl is mounted to different centres to hollow out the different parts. ▶



Wood of the month was Pin Oak. *Quercus Palustris* – Chris recently felled one in his garden and he showed pictures of the tree and samples of the wood. The name Pin Oak apparently comes from the use of the wood for dowels used for pinning mortise and tenon joints – a process known as draw-boring. (See left.)



September Meeting – Lionel Soekoe showed his new design of doweling jig that now includes spacers to cater for a number of different wood thicknesses. The jig has three 8mm holes to allow a pin to be used for spacing multiple holes by registering in existing holes.

Wally Pretorius (shown on right) demonstrated the use of the mid-range Leigh Dovetail jig by joining two pieces of jacaranda at right angles with a through-dovetail. The joint Wally made fitted perfectly with no adjustment required, a credit both to the quality of the jig and Wally's understanding of it.

Club Notices:

Summer Challenge with a Braai. Now the **12th October 2013**. The theme is "A Toy for Westview Clinic" There will also be a "Table Lamp Challenge" with both turned and non-turned entries welcome.

There will also be a Turners Challenge for you to demonstrate your skills on the day making a sphere for advanced turners with a skew or any chisel for intermediates or a mushroom for beginners – prizes for the best.



WWA Craft Fair – 09th Nov 2013 will be used for a craft fair at the Parkhurst Recreation Centre, where members will be encouraged to demonstrate and sell wooden items. More details to follow by email.

Pretoria Woodwork Exhibition / Houtwerk Uitstalling.

The Woodworking Association of Pretoria will be again holding their annual exhibition at the New Hope School on the **05th Oct 2013** from 08h00 to 14h00. Admission R20- for adults, children under 12, free. (The New Hope School is a specialist school for children with various disabilities.) The school is in Cecilia road, just West of the N1, close to the Atterbury Off-ramp. GPS co-ords S 25° 46' 43.70", E 28° 16' 02.21". See

www.ptawoodworkers.com or contact 084 515 2773 for more information.



Seen at the 10th Annual East Rand Woodworking Association (ERWA) Annual Fair – Ari Mansur - above ►, and Dries making a flower from wet privet – below ▼►.



Saturday Workshop. Ken Bullivant previously held the Saturday workshop at the clubhouse, but when we moved from Helpmekeer, 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@worldonline.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



Woodturning lathe. Electra Beckum HDM 800 and comes with a full set of turning tools, centres and faceplate. The condition is as new and the asking price is R6,000.00.

Universal combination machine is a 200mm planer with thicknesser attachment and table saw 200mm dia with a cut depth of 60mm. The saw motor is 3/4 hp and the planer is 1/2 hp. The saw also has a table guide, wobble attachment and two new dado sets. The asking price is R6,000.00

Contact Dave on 011 264 0270 or 082 893 0193

Nico Swart

By Donovan Adams



On a recent trip to my home town of Port Elizabeth, I visited Nico Swart at his business premises "Barenesta" in North End. For those of you who don't know Nico, he is a professional woodworker and artist, specialising in turning and wood sculpture. It is here that Nico runs his furniture restoration business, mostly handled by his staff, which frees him to work on his art forms. It is a perfectly suited building, with offices, display room and workshop downstairs whilst his wood turning school workshop is upstairs with 6 lathes and top quality tools to boot. Three are shown in the picture below. He also has a large variety of Bonsai Trees outside but I never got to query him about this other passion of his. Not to mention piles and piles of wood!



He is turning 60 soon, and to mark the occasion will be exhibiting his fifth solo exhibition by displaying 60 objects. His work ranges from precise, high quality turned pieces including bowls, platters, murals, hollow forms, drift woods extending right through to highly sort after creative one-off art gallery sculptural pieces. It's easy to see that he is an artist at the top of his game - yet he remains very humble maintaining a thirst to keep learning. I so enjoyed some time hearing about his story and passion for the art form and after all these years he still gets such joy from creating wood art and mentoring students.



He invited me to attend his Saturday beginners turning class as he had a spare lathe open and what a joy to be taught how to turn apples by the master himself. This is an 8 week course and I only wish I was living back home in PE if not just to be able to have the privilege of completing the course with him. He seemed pleased with my efforts, and I'd like to think that I represented the WWA members proudly. I learned specifically how to handle a spindle gouge with confidence. Nico expressed his desire to see more cohesion and sharing of knowledge between wood turners around the country. Do pop in for a visit if you are ever in the area - he would love to meet you!

