



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association
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◀ Jacaranda Bowl by Willie de Wet – displayed at the Pretoria Woodworkers Show

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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 14th September 2011 from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. We have the opportunity to have Jan Groenewald from Stilbaai demonstrate “The Router” and his jigs.

Next Turner’s monthly meeting is on **Monday, the 5th September 2011** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. John Speedy and Peter Middleton will demonstrate turning wheels for toys.

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Turner’s Meeting

John Speedy demonstrated a miniature version of the technique shown by Jo Winter called “Shadow Turning”. John showed some of the special scrapers he made to fit into the small dimensions of the work-piece. He used basically the same process shown by Jo, but it seemed less scary at the smaller scale. Due to the smaller size, John was able to simplify the work-holding, using a dowel to hold the blank to start with.

Wood of month – Chris van Heeswijk presented Black Walnut – *Juglans nigra* – and European Walnut – *Juglans Regia*. In addition to the wood and nuts, walnut oil is also a product of the tree. Walnut oil is used as a salad dressing. It is a drying oil and does not go rancid, so it may be used for finishing wooden items that will be in contact with food.

Main Club Meeting

Shaun Sampson demonstrated routing of intricate items, applied to the making of a Solitaire board.

Club Notices:

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

East Rand Woodworkers Association Open Day – 10th September 2011 at the Northfield Methodist church, Benoni.

At the corner of Webb St and Aerodrome Avenue, Airfield (just off Great North Road) from 9h00 to 14h00. Safe parking in church grounds – entrance from Hurricane Avenue (GPS: 26°09' 59.84" S, 28°18' 48.79" E)
Contact Georg Stroebel (082-497-5065) or Denis Lock (011-616-6576) for further information

Introductory Turning Course. To assist beginners, a short introductory turner’s course will be given, starting in September, when the weather is warmer. It will last one to two hours. Contact the committee to show your interest, so times can be arranged.

Melville Koppies Tree walks. Intense Tree Identification course with Landscape artist/gardener Tim Conradie. Three sections of Melville Koppies Central reserve will be visited and the trees in each area identified. This is a chance to really get to know your trees as a limited number will be studied each session. Each session is a stand alone one but to get the full benefit of the range of trees - and some revision - all three sessions are recommended. R75 per session or R200 if you book for all three sessions. Booking now open.

Dates: 8th Oct - Trees 1 - Arboretum area - two hours; 22nd Oct - Trees 2 - Lecture Hut area - two hours; 29th Oct - Trees 3 - Reception hut area - two hours

Contact Wendy Carstens for booking - prepayment essential to confirm - on 011 482 4797. See www.mk.org.za – you are responsible for booking and paying for these courses as individuals

Special General Meeting. In accordance with the WWA constitution, a special general meeting has been called for the 5th September 2011 to approve proposed changes to the constitution, so the WWA can meet the requirements for registration as a non-profit organisation. The special general meeting will form part of the evening's agenda, and should not take long. Thereafter the normal meeting will proceed. The proposed changes have been distributed in form of marked up changes to the existing constitution by email to all members who receive email, by the secretary. The committee believes that the club has been run in accordance with the principles for a non-profit organisation to date, so the changes are merely a formality to reflect this correctly.

Gorilla Glue: Unfortunately we were not able to put together an order which would qualify for the discount. Hardware Centre are now stockists and club members should receive a discount from them. Members can also buy over the internet from www.bestglue.co.za but will pay for postage.

WWA Club Fire Extinguisher.
Technical Fire Innovations have serviced our fire extinguisher for free.

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Wanted:

Woodworking Workshop Supervisor, for the Wits University woodworking workshop, from September 2011. Duties include managing the workshop, supervising and assisting architecture students with models and in 2nd semester, assisting 2nd year furniture making students with their chair project. There are usually never more than 5-10 students in the workshop at any one time, mostly just 3 or 4. Towards the end of the year, that number jumps to 15 for a week or two. Hours are roughly 8am to 3.30pm with lots of holiday time (mid-term breaks, year-end breaks etc.) The workshop is equipped with a good selection of wood working equipment as well as some welding equipment. There will be times when the manager will need to supervise a handful of students and show them how to use machines. Suited to someone who's retired that has wood-working experience. Ben dos Reis runs the 2nd year Furniture Making elective course for the Architecture department, in addition to an architecture and furniture/interior design practice full time as well. Contact Ben for more information on ben@reis.co.za or 072 412 9221

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,
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Lionel Soekoe 60 Darwin Street CNR Bowling avenue Wendywood
Tel (011) 802 3046 or 072 989 6310

Second-hand turning tools. Wanted by a person on pension If you have any for sale, why not contact Dennis on 0722679451.

Please Note:

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.

Houtwerk Vereeniging van Pretoria – Skou

The Pretoria Woodworking Club Open day on the 27 Aug 2011 was held a new venue – the New Hope school. There was the usual impressive display of turnings.



The red chair was designed by Brian Addis, who died suddenly on 20 June 2011, aged 70. Visitors to previous shows will remember

Brian's intricate working mechanisms that were so intriguing. This chair design is special because it is designed for cerebral palsied children. To prevent the child sliding out of the chair, a large knob is installed in the front of the seat. A series of these chairs has been made by the club as a special project to benefit the New Hope school, in memory of Brian.

Pictures of a few of the items that caught my eye are included below.



This is a tip that Herman found on the Internet that he thought would be of interest. (I don't know the source, unfortunately – try Google)

BAND SAW FENCE

This fence is nothing more than a big T-square made from hardwood scrap. It needs no rails because it slides against two panhead machine screws in the cast-iron table. I added locknuts to mine so the fence can be adjusted for blade drift by screwing the bolts in or out.

I found the fence so useful that I added a taller fence for resawing. If your band saw table does not have threaded holes as shown, drill and tap them.

- Lonnie Cook; Orlando, Florida

