



Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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When we think of woodturning, we think of bowls and candlesticks and pens and goblets and

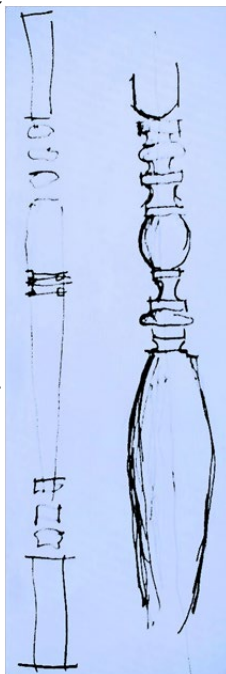


We often forget that for centuries woodturning was important as a mundane, functional skill applied to many objects that were not just decorative or domestic but rather, large structural elements such as veranda or building posts, stair balustrades and the like. They were designed to stand outside in the elements for as long as the buildings stood, and in many cases added splendour to what would otherwise be very ordinary buildings.

It has been suggested that the club could take on a project to produce nine full sized veranda posts to be installed to replace the miserable ones that grace the front of our clubhouse at present. The aim would be to showcase the skills of the Blue Mountains Woodturners to all our visitors.

The design of columns can be a fun exercise in fanciful indulgence, or a sombre tribute to simplicity and elegance. I am sure you are all better at both these aspects of design than I am.

To add a degree of frivolity to the exercise, I suggest that each column be different and suggest that interested members submit



proposals.

The best ones would be turned on the **Barrie Ward Big Lathe**, a purpose for which it was designed.

If the club agrees, lets get started!

Mike

Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone.

These cost \$18 per lesson which goes to the Club. If you'd like some lessons please talk to Allan Game on 4739 1028 or Jan Pennell on 0417 400 268.

Ernie Newman also has vacancies in Tuesday lessons. No experience is needed. The classes run from 9 till 1 on Tuesdays at 87 St Johns Rd Blaxland. The cost is \$15 per day which goes to the Blue Mountains Woodturners.

This course covers all aspects of woodturning.

Ernie has taught woodturning in 9 countries as well as teaching the TAFE trade woodturning course. Contact:

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Presidents Report – March 2019



Our February meeting was well attended. Brendan Venner, a professional furniture restorer, brought some of his wood turned plates and demonstrated some creative painting techniques he uses. Brendan also showed us how to reproduce and fix chipped or damaged furniture parts. Thanks Brendan for all the effort you put into preparing and demonstrating for us. We always learn a great deal from you.



It was with great pleasure that we were able to present Mike Boyle with a Certificate of Appreciation from the club for his leadership and efforts in designing, planning, guiding and making the Armistice Centenary Project. The project took over a year to make and concluded with a great ceremony at Whitton Park in November 2018. Well done Mike.

Some of the poppies on display at the park were sold. If you have time it would be much appreciated if you could make some more poppies in readiness for upcoming celebrations.

The Sturt Workshops in Mittagong have new woodworking exhibits being displayed from their best students between 17th Feb to 7th April. They also have courses you can attend from 8th to 12th July. The gallery and shop are well worth seeing and the courses are of international standard. Visit their website for more information.

<http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/>



The 'Timber and Working with Wood Show' has a new name. It is now known as the Timber, Tools and Artisan Show'. It includes other trades as well, and should be an interesting visit. The show is in Sydney at Rosehill Racecourse from 7th to 9th June. Visit their webpage for more information.

<https://www.timberandworkingwithwoodshow.com.au/sydney/>

Coming Events:

- March Meeting (Sat 2nd March)
Darrell Smith will be demonstrating.
- April Meeting (Sat 6th April)
Alan Game will be demonstrating.
- Springwood Foundation Day (Sat 27th April)

Don't forget my challenge to you, to bring something along for 'Show and Tell'. We always learn a great deal from each other. Thanks to those regulars who always give it a go.

Keep turning,
Andy



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Thank You Brendan for putting on a very informative demonstration on how to do '*Cosmic Cloud Painting*' ... a simple technique that will bring out the artist in all of us.



Up and Coming Demonstrations

Darrell Smith
Alan Game

2nd March 2019
6th April 2019



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Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. Membership Application / Renewal

Membership No: _____ Membership Fee Payable: **\$30**

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email Address: _____

**I hereby agree to be bound by the Rules Constitution and By LAws of the Blue Mountains
Woodturners Inc. for the time being in force.**

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Please show your age category by ticking the appropriate box below:

14-17 years old ☐ 18-54 years old ☐ 55 or over ☐

UP COMING EVENTS

Springwood Foundation Day
Leura Harvest Festival
Penrith Anglican College Fete
Glenbrook Spring Festival

27th April 2019
5th May 2019
September 2019
November 2019



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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	02/03/19	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	07/03/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	09/03/19	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	14/03/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	21/03/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	23/03/19	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	28/03/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards