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March 2009 Newsletter

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Meetings 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:- Next Meeting 25/3/09

EXPO

Unfortunately I didn't get to EXPO this year but Ray King has provided a couple of pictures of the Super Foot competition with Ron Croft's mechanical marvel winning the Challenge and also the Popular Choice. David Ross won the novice for his clock.

Joe White's Expo Roundup.

Once again we were blessed with a fine weekend weather wise with lots of music courtesy of the Jazz and Blues festival. We were even serenaded by two youngsters somehow related to our "old tool" guru John and they were very good without a sheet of music to be seen. On the woodie front the Expo was very well patronized once again with bumper crowds on both days. I was unable to demonstrate this year courtesy of a "Dickie Knee", and I would like to express my thanks to those who entertained the crowds with their expertise. We had a new demonstrator this year, Kit Tanner, who showed off his marvelous band sawn boxes. He had a ball even though confessing this was his first time, and agreed to return again next year. All exhibitors were happy and also agreed to return next year too, making my job that much easier.

The standard of entries in the club challenge rose to new heights this year with Ron Croft taking away first prize, and public choice, with his mechanical marvel, and David Ross winning the Novice award. I believe the quality of ALL the entries was second to none and the judge had an extremely hard task choosing a winner. In fact she had three attempts before finding a winner and this has never happened before. Congratulations to everybody.

It would be remiss of me not to thank all those who helped in some way to put the show together, and I will always appreciate the help received both before and during the show. Putting a show like ours together is not just logistical such as making arrangements for hall, exhibitors, and publicity. It takes a joint effort from many people to provide security, preparing the hall and packing away afterwards, assisting throughout the weekend, selling raffle tickets, demonstrating, taking money etc, etc. As usual though there is always something that goes wrong, and this year was no exception. My sincere apologies go to John Unwin, Baden and Darren Kean who kindly brought over the tables and trestles from the OFS only to find that there were more than enough within the hall owing to the purchase of new ones. Obviously we were not to know this, but it does highlight that Murphy's Law is alive and well.

I hope that everyone there enjoyed themselves, as I did, being able to talk to other woodies from all over NSW. Those that could not make it missed out, but will be able to join in the fun next year always assuming it to be on for young and old.

Old woodies never die they just become stiff as boards.



March Club Demonstrator

Last meeting we had some lively discussion about types of finishes the members used on their woodwork and formulations by Ted Batty. See minutes of the last meeting for more information. **This month we have the privilege of hosting Art Burrows of AWW magazine to give his presentation on Ancient Egyptian Woodworking Tools, please ensure you are at the meeting to support this demonstrator, will be definitely worth seeing.**

Rolling Events Calendar

March - guest speaker is **Art Burrows** from the AWW and will be on Ancient Egyptian Woodworking Tools. This will be an interesting talk, we may just find out how they managed to build the pyramids or maybe coffins!

April - meeting will be held at the Pilots Cottage

August 4- 10 – OFS Display and sales

August 9 – Timber getters street parade in conjunction with the Kiama 150th anniversary

Kiama 150th Anniversary Parade schedule is as follows: 9 August 2009

9.45am Assemble at the Kiama Showground (Terralong Street end)

10.30am Commencement of parade, travelling from the Showground along Terralong Street to the Collins Street roundabout and then returning to the Showground back along Terralong Street.

11.30am Conclusion of the parade which will be followed by a family filled day of events such as: Concert, Markets, Heritage Town walk, Wood Work and Art Exhibitions, Steam Train Rides, Fireworks.

Woodcraft Display in conjunction with the anniversary celebrations

August 4th – August 10th 2009

Old Fire Station booked – Council to waive associated fees

Council has agreed to purchase a cedar log for the display which is to be carved with Councils 150th logo. Agreed purchase price between \$200-\$250. Invoice to be addressed to: Kiama Municipal Council PO Box 75, Kiama NSW 2533.

The Old Fire Station will be available on Monday Aug 11 2009 to allow the group time to pack up.

Sunday 9 August 2009 – displays of wood sawing

Show and Tell from the February meeting



Ted Batty's items



Ern Thomson's band sawn bowls

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. General Meeting, February 25th, 2009.

President John Hanrahan opened the meeting at 7pm with 19 members in attendance.

Apologies: B. Mather, J. Jenkins, J. White, L. Harrison, B. Keen and D. Keen.

Show and Tell:

A. Finishes: Members' Experiences:

Barry Long: Displayed his French Polished plane and spoke of the use of "pudding" (semi-evaporated shellac solution) and its usefulness for holes and blemishes.

John Hawkins: Spoke on the use of Danish Oil on fretwork pieces, the usefulness of a sponge-backed rubber and the 240 – 1200 grit papers.

Ted Batty: Tried a new finish on salt and pepper shakers. Ted successfully used 10% ESP (Easy Surface Penetrol) with 90% Satin Estapol to make the brushing easier.

Ern Thompson: Displayed a series of varied band-saw made bowls. Most were segmented and made from flat pieces of timber.

Enn Muller: Spoke of the usefulness of polystyrene-based sealers (lacquer thinner + polystyrene) in carving and his use of 100 – 150 grit abrasive paper. Enn finishes with organ oil and to restore a finish he uses orange oil.

John Hanrahan: Spoke of his finishes viz. Feast Watson "Proofseal", F.W. Chinawood Oil, and F.W. Fine Buffing Oil as a valuable finisher. John uses Cabot's Danish Oil as a permanent finish and also uses a variety of waxes.

To conclude, John Daniel stressed the importance of patience and care in finishing an item and how the finish is of the utmost importance.

B. Show and Tell:

Ted Batty displayed an impressively turned large hollowed-out vase of golden cypress finished in Danish Oil.

John Unwin: Showed a piece of Leichhardt timber and its interesting aged shavings

Members spoke of the variety and cheapness of abrasive papers (e.g. Alum. oxide) at Illawarra Industrial Supplies at Unanderra.

Minutes:

Moved D.Hanbridge/Long that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

John Hawkins informed the meeting that the National Scroll Saw Show is now open for other clubs to seek to host the event as Redcliffe have withdrawn their offer.

Correspondence In:

Seniors Expo, March 16th, sponsored by Kiama Council

Sydney Woodcarving Group...appreciation for permission to run raffle at Expo.

Johno Signs, Invoice \$77 for altering dates on Expo Signs (14)

Australia Post, renewal of Postbox Service, (\$75)

Illawarra Community Services, re- Illawarra Craft Spectacular (Secretary to reply saying that this clashes with Group's Exhibition at O.F.S. Exhibition in April/May.)

Camp Counsellors U.S.A.

Correspondence in: (cont.)

Blue Mts Wdturners Inc. re Woodturning Challenge, 2009 (Secretary to write and explain our Group's inability to participate due to clash of dates)

Newsletters: Carroll's Chronicles

Woodworkers' Association of N.S.W.

Cooroora Woodworkers Club

The Hobby Turner

Treen Topics

Traditional Tools Group

Correspondence Out:

Invitation to Illawarra Woodworkers and the Shoalhaven Woodies to attend our March Meeting.

Moved King/Thompson that the correspondence be accepted.

Note: Secretary to send Get Well Cards to members as required.

General Business:

President John complimented Ton Loosz on the professional and interesting Newsletter produced each month.

Reports:

1. April Meeting: To be held at the Pilot's Cottage

Moved Hawkins/Ross that the Club pay the \$2 p.h. admission charge to the Museum.

March Meeting: Supper to be arranged by John Unwin (i.e. Noelene!)

2. O.F.S. Gallery Exhibition: It was agreed that the hours be 9am to 4pm for the 28th April – 4th May.

3. Men's Shed: It was reported that the Men's Shed on Uniting Church land looks a practical venture and a steering committee has been elected. Insurance is covered by the Church's policy.

Expo:

- a. A portable bandsaw will be needed for Kit Tanner for his box-making. John Unwin agreed to organise the supply of the band saw for Expo.
- b. Extra tables/trestles may not be needed and a decision will be made on Friday evening. John Unwin will supply a trailer if required.
- c. Set-Up will commence at 3pm
Night Duty is covered
Secretary to phone Baden Keen to check on tagged electrical leads.

Lance Smee's donation of W.A. banksia nuts was accepted gratefully and the canny chairman sold each for 50c with the proceeds going to the Club.

The Next Committee Meeting will be held at Joe White's home : 7.30, Wednesday 4th March.

The Meeting Closed 9.20 pm.

[Committee Meeting, 4th March, 2009.](#)

Present: John Hanrahan, John Jenkins, John Daniel, John Unwin, David Ross, Joe White, Ray King.

Apologies from Col and Dorothy Hanbridge and Barry Mather.

Correspondence Out: Blue Mountains Challenge (re- apology for inability to attend)

Illawarra Craft Spectacular (re- apology for inability to attend)

Get Well card Mrs. June Jenkins.

Minutes: Moved Ross/King that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

Matters Arising: Guest speaker for March Meeting, Art Burrows (foundation Editor of Aust. Woodworker), requires his dvd to be tested/prepared for his talk. John Jenkins to organise.

General Business:

1. Proposed Cedar Getters Project, 4th to 11th August:

President proposed our Group's participation in the event, part of Kiama Council's sesquicentenary celebrations, reported by the cultural officer of the Kiama Council and organised by Hope Prosser.

Details Mooted: Street procession 9th August, period costume for timber getters.

Old Fire Station to be available for Group's display and activities (Hope Prosser to organise our occupancy)

Posters, cedar items, possibly cedar log and woodies in period costume to feature at the O.F.S.

Members to gather traditional timber tools, Group to investigate constructing a pole lathe.

Note: Our club will need to agree as a group to participate in the proposed procession and activities.. The current Committee to be responsible for Group's participation in the celebrations.

2. Expo: Street signs organised

Kit Tanner's demonstration organised; John Unwin to arrange spare blades for the band saw.

Security : Sat: 5-10: Ross/White Sat 10-6.30 am: Brennan/Costigan

Sun: 6.30-9: Baden Keen.

A new trophy for Club Challenge foreshadowed in discussion.

3. John Hanrahan, John Unwin and J. Hawkins to represent the Group at Council event, 16th March.

4. April Meeting: Historical Society member to speak to Group at the Pilot's Cottage.

5. Library Display scheduled to be held by Group 1st to 26th June.

6. **NOTE: Group's Library:** David Ross is our new Librarian, replacing Col Wiggins who has given many years of service. Members are encouraged to borrow the books, DVD's, magazines but must sign all items in and out.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm.