



Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

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October 2011 Newsletter

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Meetings 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 28/9/2011

Rolling Events Calendar

- Christmas / New Year Sales and exhibition
- Guilio Marcolongo will demonstrate at Kiama 28th April 2012

Guest Speaker

- Ross Simmons: Ross is a direct descendent of John Simmons, an Architect, Stone Mason and Builder who arrived in Australia in 1857 and is responsible for many of the fine heritage buildings in this district.

Out of my shed

John Daniel

Grandfather/ Grandson Project

It all started with a website (<http://www.byoguitar.com/>). Ben, our 16 year old Grandson plays guitar and has been building up quite a collection. He thought it would be an experience to build his next one by customising a *byoguitar* kit (with the help of grandpa of course) for a solid body Gibson .Ben, now living in Connecticut, U.S.A., managed to acquire a suitable challenge to share with me up in the back shed on his visit back here. He arrived a few weeks back with said challenge tucked under his arm. After some head scratching, consultation and finally reading instructions, we accepted the challenge.

The kit came with a solid Mahogany body, a Mahogany neck with frets and a Rosewood fret board, electronics, controls and instructions that perhaps were a little inadequate for amateurs to follow for that specific model. Unfortunately it was missing a scratch plate and brackets for the pickups which we were able to purchase from Haworth's Guitars at Albion Park, Ben had upgraded the neck pickup which may have confused the dispatchers; however all considered, the kit was good value.

We enjoyed the shed experience and as the photos indicate, Ben went home with a quality guitar .The stamp of approval of his well-recognised and qualified teacher back in the States says it all. I wouldn't have missed the experience for quids.

Ben's Email:

My guitar teacher really loved the guitar and commented on how solid it feels and he thought the

finish was amazingly professional. He said he has seen \$3000 Gibson's with less impressive finish. So we should feel very proud of our work now that a professional has given it the thumbs up.

Note: - The finish used was Tru-Oil, a Gun Stock Finish manufactured by BIRCHWOOD CASEY in USA. This finish can be applied with either a firm pad or hand rubbed and dries in a couple of hours. Apply as many coats as required to achieve the desired finish buffing lightly with 0000 steel wool; we applied five coats using a firm linen pad, then hand rubbed the surfaces that required highlighting. Overall a satisfying result.

Ben would like to acknowledge the advice generously shared by the staff at Haworth's Guitars and in particular Phil who sorted out an electronics problem.



Great story John; looks like you came out of the project without losing any hair in the process and a great guitar as well. I feel inspired to make a musical instrument too, I might start with some aboriginal style clapsticks and slowly work my way up to something more complex. As always, John Daniel makes woodcraft look easy!

I've thinking about taking up the violin,

[From the Library](#)

Tony Walsh

A big thankyou to Ted , John , and David for their book donations last meeting. Subjects include, Woodcarving, Finishing, Woodturning, Toy making and an interesting book about Historic Machines which can be scaled down and made into working models. There's also a couple of books on loan to our library for a short while, the first, Bending Wood. This is a collection of articles from the Fine Woodworking Publishers, with some fascinating history about the manipulation of timber over the years. Plus,

some simple jigs to try,.....test your own bending skills !Scrollsaw Zodiac Signs, is the other book, this is a recent publication (2009) containing 30 projects covering both Eastern and Western calendars. These are in the 'puzzle piece' format, some designs feature the placement of the stars found in the night sky A few of the ideas would be quite nice made just as kids puzzles, like the Rabbit,Dog, and Dragon also Leo, Aries, and Capricorn. The short commentary along side each design makes interesting reading too, worth a look for something different. The latest issue of Woodsmith (no 88 now available in our library) has a clever 'Folding Router Table' project. It's simple and I would say economical to make. There are also suggestions on tidying up your mitre saw cross cuts, plus half a doz. special jigs to make for your workshop. Growing at 1mm in diameter every 4 years it's believed that Huon Pine is one of the slowest growing trees on the planet, this is , according to a nice little article on page 16, something very special about holding and re-shaping a piece of wood that could be a thousand years old. So.....I bet you find at least one useful idea in the current issue of Woodsmith.

Cheers for now.....Tony

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. General Meeting 28th September 2011

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm.And was chaired by Ted Batty.

Present:- As per the attendance book. (18)

Apologies:- John Unwin, John Jenkins, Mark Robinson and Mike Tikkeros.

Moved By :- David Ross **Seconded By :-** David Oliver apologies be accepted.....Carried

Guest Speaker:- Our own John Daniel delivered a most enlightening presentation on the early history and development of Draw Knives and Spokeshaves up to the present period. John also gave practical demonstrations on the majority of items on display and explained the industry they were used in.

Show & Tell:-

Barry Long had found a long lost small orbital detail sander that he had forgotten he had and shared it with us.

David Oliver presented a CD storage cabinet of Jarrah and New Guinea Rosewood. The front of the cabinet consisted of a silhouette of a musician cut on a scroll saw by his wife Judy attached to a ply backing. (Great to see our new member in S & T.)

Ray King presented us with His last two Mallee Root sculptures, a very well finished bowl and a candlelabra both finished with a polyurethane estapol.

Tony Walsh showed off his restored plane box the plane has pride of place some where else. The box fittings have been replace with antique solid brassware. And is now complete with with hidden compartments.

David Ross shared with us two jigs which make his lantern making less labour intensive and safer. The first puts small offsets in the metal straps and the second punches the required holes. Both do a great job.

Ted Batty another very well finished deep turned vase 290mm to be exact made from Calderwood Cedar. Ted advises is still working on deep boring tools..

September Minutes:-

From last GM. meeting were accepted as circulated.. **Moved:-** Dorothy Hanbridge & **Seconded:** Judy Oliver Carried.

Business Arising :- Nil.

Correspondence In:-

Kiama Council - First Half Year Bookings for 2012

Daisy Carers 2011 Week.- 18 - 24th Oct. Old Fire Stn. .

Newsletters & Magazines:-

The Southern Region Woodturners Inc., "Cubby House News" September 2011.
"Australian Woodworker" #159 October 2011.
"Australian Woodsmith" #188 October 2011.

Correspondence out:- Nil

Moved :- Barry Long **Seconded :-** Len Harrison the correspondence be accepted. Carried

Business Arising :- Nil.

Treasurers Report:-

Treas. Dorothy Hanbridge advised Balance brought forward	NFP
Balance at 2/09/2011	NFP

Treas. Dorothy moved that the report be accepted **Seconded:-** Tom Loosz.....Carried.

Expo Co-ordinator:-

Mike Tikkeros:- An apology Ted Hawkins advises Mike to see Malcolm Ward while up North re Expo date. Ted has contacted Stan Keough re Masonic Hall, only date available 25 March. Ted to let Malcolm so can discuss with Mike. Ted Hawkins advises April 2012 Demo day is definitely on. Council grant has been applied for and has been contacted by Julio Marcolongo he requests we supply timber for bowl turning.

Co-Ordinator:-

David Ross :- Working on speaker for October.

Co-Ordinator O. F. Stn.:-

Ted Batty :- .Has all paperwork for first half of 2012 including insurance cover and will attend to.

General Business:-

Sect Barry advised will be circulating a sheet for clothing orders.

Ray King to book library for early April for our annual display.

"Daisy Carers Week" Sect Barry encouraged members to display projects to assist this cause. Can be delivered to Old Fire Stn from 12 3pm onwards on 18th of October.

International Mens Day 2011 invitation from Kiama Council. After discussion it was moved by John Daniel **Seconded** Ray King that it be left up to the individual to support if they wish as it would seem that our female members were being discriminated against..... Carried

Tony Walsh has brochures for mail order books and has offered to chase up books for members if they have the titles.

John Daniel to be Chairperson at our next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Barry Mather

For Sale: Lathe, Tanner, ES 100 5 Speed; Makita Grinder GB 800; Silky Oak turning stock
David Hull 4237 7634

September Meeting Roundup.



Ray King: Mallee root sculptures



Tony Walsh: Restored box



David Oliver: CD cabinet



Ted Batty: Cedar Vase



John Daniel gave a suburb demonstration on how when and why to use spokeshaves. Another great job John.