



Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

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September 2009 Newsletter

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Meetings 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 23/9/09

From The Presidents Saw

With the 150th celebrations well and truly over we can now settle into normal routine. (Whatever that is) This club can be proud of our contributions to these celebrations.

However we still have a couple of Community Service commitments to finish off.

- Victorian Bushfire appeal Church collection plates. These are in hand and hopefully will be displayed at September meeting.
- Kiama Scout Hall display shelf.
- Gerringong Church cross. John Hanrahan has this in hand.

Joe White once again has invited us to his workshop for a demonstration with "Hands On" for those who want, followed by a Bar B Q lunch. This is a great offer and recommended to all. 1st Saturday in October (3-10-09) starting 9-30 am. See you there.

I have been doing a small investigation of cheaper brands of scroll saws. With emphasis on their ability to conveniently use the modern fine painless blades. The GMC is now off the market, (no further comment) the Scheppach Deco Flex saw is reasonable quality but the adaptors for painless blades, in my opinion, are badly designed and I could not recommend this saw for fretwork. Makita sent me an obviously much used saw in a dirty box without any packing around which on examination had a broken frame casting, probably through the lack of packing protection. A pity as the painless blade carriers were such that I would recommend this saw as a low cost entry level machine.

John aka Ted

REMINDER:- Outstanding Subscriptions are now Overdue. Please pay at the next meeting if you haven't already done so.

CLUB CHALLENGE:- Superfoot slabs will be available for purchase at the next meeting.

Rolling Events Calendar

- 25th Sept to 14th Oct Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Exhibition
- 3-10-09 Joe White's workshop 9-30am
- 6th December Shoalhaven Woodcraft Picnic at Kangaroo Valley Showgrounds. 10 am
- 29th December to 4th January Old Fire Station Exhibition
- 13th & 14th March Wood Expo
- 21st 22nd 23rd May National Scroll Saw Exhibit

Guest Speaker

Dr. Andrew Moss, local Dermatologist will be our speaker next meeting on a subject all Woodies have worries about. "Plants and Timbers Dermatology."

August Show and Tell



- 1: John Daniel presented a restored plane. See below for more information.
- 2: Ted Batty with a turned and routed hollow form with striking colour.
- 3: Barry Long showed off his segmented Aus. Red Cedar pot stand.

Historical Note: By John Daniel

The William Steers patent 22 inch (558.8 mm for those in the 21st Century!) bench plane was manufactured by Brattleboro Tool Co., Brattleboro, Vermont operating from 1883-1887. The blade on this specimen is marked Steers Patent – Pat'd Sept 11 1883). William Speers was the superintendent and inventor with the company and were probably marketed through C E Venning Co. of New York. Ref. Patented Transitional Metallic Planes – America 1827-1927, Roger Smith. Got to hand it to the early craftsmen, they surely made things to last, a throw away society was never contemplated, thanks for the piece John. Is it true a Plane bigger than 30" is called a Jumbo!

Sanding Machine Tip!

Investing in an abrasive belt cleaner is a great way to make your sanding consumables last much longer. When the tool is running, simply hold a belt cleaning stick against the sandpaper surface and apply light pressure. The cleaning stick helps remove debris from the sanding surface and in between the grit, cleaning the sandpaper medium and restoring it to a newer condition. They are an inexpensive accessory that will help extend the life of your sanding medium. Commercial belt cleaning sticks are available for a small investment, however by using the contents from a dried out tube of silicon that has solidified is equally useful. Others have even used rubber shoe soles to achieve a similar result.

The benefits of cleaning sticks are:-Increases the abrasive life of sanding belts and discs up to 10 times as long, fast and easy to use, cleans while your sander is running, saves time and money, improves the finish quality. *Reference: Triton.com.au*

Wood Dust:-A prelude to Dr Andrew Moss's talk, I guess the message is no dust is good for you!

Wood dust is produced when timber is being worked such as in chipping, sawing, turning, drilling and sanding. Sanding is by far the most dangerous as the particles are so fine that a lot of masks do not entirely filter the particles, and, as a result, pass into our nasal cavities, sinuses and lungs.

Hardwoods in general such as beech, oak and mahogany and native hardwoods (eucalypts) generate fine particles of dust and this has a prime link with nasal cancers. Softwood timbers from coniferous trees such as pine, are less of a risk. Medium density fibreboard (MDF) poses another problem due to the bonding agent and should be treated the same as hardwood. A properly designed and maintained exhaust system is the best method of collecting the dust and is the ideal way. However if this is not practical, dust respirators should be used whenever you are exposed to dust, not only when you are actually processing your work.

Reference:-Victorian Wood Workers Association, www.vwa.org.au

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. General Meeting August 27th 2009

Meeting Opened at 7.00 pm. Chaired by President John Hawkins.
John thanked all for attending and apologised for Dr Moss who had doubled Booked, our speaker for next month kindly offered to fill in. Pres. John introduced Michael Foye.

Present:- As per the attendance book. (18) **Guest Speaker:** Michael Foye

Apologies: John Unwin, Ray King & John Jenkins.

Moved By:- David Ross. **Seconded By:-** Sandra Hamblen.....Carried

Guest Speaker:-

Our guest speaker Michael gave us plenty of information and warnings on just how dangerous a place the Internet can be. If we don't take the necessary precautions to protect our valuable data we can lose it due to a virus infection, or worse still our on line banking details stolen. Michael stressed the importance of having a full internet security suite installed and went on to explain about firewalls, spam, malware, etc. I think the lesson that came from our talk was be careful. And the golden rule if losing data will cause you grief then Backup to at least two different media i.e. Second Hard Drive and CD/DVD. Michael explained why and how computer sizes are being able to be kept quite small and the advantages and cost savings in power consumption. A very interesting question time followed which I am sure could have gone on for longer if time permitted.
Pres. John Hawkins thanked Michael and presented one of our pens.

Show & Tell:-

Barry Long presented a very well finished pot stand of Australian Red Cedar all segmented.
Ted Batty by his own admission always trying something different showed us a Jacaranda Bowl with a difference, it had been coloured with food colouring and finished with Danish Oil. At first glance it looked like it could have been a ceramic piece.
John Daniel Showed us a quite old plane in very good condition 1883 - 1887 made by Spears, the mouth was adjustable and Brazilian Rosewood inserts dovetailed into the base to reduce friction.

The Minutes:-

From last GM. meeting were accepted as circulated.. **Moved:-** David Ross & **Seconded:-** John Daniel.
.....Carried.

Business Arising:- Nil.

Correspondence In:-

Kiama Show Society - Re our support and advertising.
Australian Furniture Timbers - Advertising.
Kiama Council - Environmental Solutions - Sponsorship Program.
Woodworkers Association of NSW - Design + Wood Exhibition 4th 16th August
Kiama Coachlines - Warehouse Shopping Tours.
Albury Wodonga - Fund raising for Victorian Fires.
Sebel Harbour Side - Advertising function rooms.
Router Bits Below Cost on Line at www.bitsbelowcost.com

Newsletters & Magazines:-

Milton Ulladulla Woodworkers - A Woodchip@
The Hobbyturner July 2009.
Cooroora Woodworkers Club Inc. July and August 2009.
TT Group August 2009
Cubby House News June 2009
Tamworth Woodturners July 2009.

Correspondence out:- Nil.

Moved:- Ted Batty . **Seconded:-** Sandra Hamblen. That the correspondence be accepted.....Carried.

Business Arising:- Nil.

Treasurers Report:-

Treas. Dorothy Hanbridge advised Balance brought forward \$ 1,173.53

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

Expo Co-ordinator:-

Joe White - Hall has been booked for expo. Kit Tanner not available for bandsaw demos. will approach John Jenkins.

Co-Ordinator:-

President John suggested at this time we will leave the position open.

Co-Ordinator O. F. Stn.:- Nil.

National Scroll Saw event :- Pres. John, Application for grant has been made and the President of the National Scroll saw Association will be in Kiama in September. Council has suggested that we might think about running an event in the O.F. Stn. at the same time as the Scrollsaw Nationals.

Enn Muller advised that he was sure he could organise some carvers (students etc.) to man the O.F. Stn on that Weekend. It was agreed that we take up Enn ' s offer and proceed with Councils suggestion .

Dorothy Hanbridge objected.

There was discussion concerning the name of the carvers group, members agreed that it is known as the Sydney Wood Carvers Shellharbour Branch.

General Business:-

John Hanrahan gave a report on the our involvement in the 150th celebrations, John advised two cedar plaques had been made and presented to council and a certificate of appreciation had been received. The Governor General had been presented with a cedar platter which John H had made. John advised The meeting he had received a personal letter of thanks from the Governor.

Pres. John moved a formal vote of thanks to John Hanrahan John Unwin and John Daniel be included in the minutes for their contribution in making and presenting the plaques.

Discussion on slabs of cedar left over from recent event. Suggested uses Scout hall shelves, cross to be made for Gerringong Anglican Church and Enn Muller may be interested in purchasing.

Re letter from Albury Wodonga requesting assistance in making collection bowls for local churches damaged in bush fires. Members Ted Batty John Hanrahan Joe White and Tom Loosz volunteered to assist if timber provided.

Club Challenge John Daniel will pick up timber from John Unwin and bring to next meeting. (Bring your money.)

Roger Graham 42341431 has some Golden Cyprus available. Two cedar doors at Minnamurra 42377708.

John Hanrahan moved vote of thanks to all members who participated in the Cedar Getters Event and a special thank you to Col Hanbridge for his design and construction of the camp.

Pres. John asked members for suggestions on what they wanted to see at our meetings.

Ted Batty asked what happened to the idea of a timber identification segment? Ted volunteered to organise for next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

The next Exec. Committee meeting will be on Tues 1st Sept 7:30pm
At the home of John and Joy Hanrahan 2/130 Shoalhaven St Kiama 42331067

Barry Mather