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Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc.

Sue Wraight

Ms Sue Wraight, with the assistance of many and varied colour slides gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on carving in miniature. Sues' description of her work was enlightening and very entertaining. The attention to detail in her work was such that each piece gave the impression of containing a life of its' own. Incidentally, one very strange but familiar instrument used by Sue in her work came from a Dentists Surgery! Anybody want their teeth carved, er, cleaned? If so, ask Sue.

All in all, this was a marveious night and the level of interest shown by club members was fantastic. So what about it Committee Members, when do the carving classes start?

Club Library

Sue Wood has set up a club library. Bought and Donated books and magazines have been numbered for an easy borrowing system.

Club members will be able to borrow simply by signing for the books/magazines taken, and a borrowing period of 4 weeks will apply.

The borrowing period can be extended.

An exercise book has been set up as a borrowing register and will be available at each club meeting.

Please see Sue Wood or another committee member if you require assistance.

Woodturning Demo

On Wed. March 20th at 7.30pm. a number of people gathered in the doorway of a factory at 53 Rushdale St in Knoxfield. At this point most were strangers to each other. (Later we were to find that there were members from no less than three clubs present). After the compulsory few minutes of foot-shuffling and other means of showing discomfort amongst strangers, we were shown into the factory proper for a "brief" look at the machinery. First we saw an automatic lathe and its accompanying automatic sanding machine. The sanding machine can do in a few minutes, all the work the lathe takes a couple of hours to do. Then we were shown some Semi-Automatic lathes. They were FAST. Just running slowly for our benefit, they were still able to produce legs for a footstool in less than a minute. Eventually Wally gave us a demo of his skill at hand-turning. (WOW) followed by a demonstration of Tool-Sharpening techniques.

All-in all, an evening (although it went a little longer than the anticipated one hour) that was enjoyed by everyone.

On the educational side of things, the one message that was made loud and clear by Wally (Ex RMIT Woodturning Teacher) was that there is no golden answer for all of us. The way to improve you own skill is to try as many different techniques that others use, until you find the mixture of these **that works for you**, as there is no other "CORRECT" method.

Club Meeting Demo Dates

April 3	SYMTEC LATHE Demo by Lester Ham.
May 1	DOVETAIL and JOINTING Demo by John Doyle
"	BE - IN - IT Competition
June 5	DO's and DON'Ts with LAMINEX by Clinton Buckwell
July 3	CLUB AUCTION - Tools, Timber, Hardware, Wives???
August 7	FRENCH POLISHING Demo - To be confirmed
Sept 4	SPINDLE TURNING with Keith Little - to be confirmed
Oct 9	CLUB AGM - Elections

Ideas from members for the Nov and Dec meeting nights would be appreciated.

Knox Festival

The weather was perfect for the weekend of 16-17 March for this years Knox Festival. The theme for this year was Farm-Yard Crafts. A good crowd attended on both the Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately, the same can not be said for the club membership. Less than half the members attended throughout the weekend, and of those that did attend, only a few got involved in the activities on the stand.

A big vote of thanks to the couple of people who looked after the carving needs of the kids for a large part of saturday.

The Knox Project woodturning is all but finished. (Well done to all those concerned for the duration of the project)

Again it was very obvious that the success of this type of demonstration comes largely from the amount that the public can participate in the activities available.

Tips, Traps & Trivia

1. A big thankyou to Stan Gunther for his efforts in organising the Tea, Coffee and Bickies on meeting nights.
2. Quotable Quote:-
" *The Finish - It's the First thing the Eye sees and the first thing the Hand feels.*" - Even if the workmanship isn't perfect, you can often get away with it if the finish is good. - Steve Ross 27-03-91.
3. On behalf of my wife and our **new daughter**, I would like to thank the club for the Card, Flowers and good wishes extended to us on this happy occassion - Ivor Davies.
4. Did you know that there were rules governing safe work practices found inscribed on the walls of the pyramids.
(It seems a pity that we still don't always take note of them until it is too late!!!)

Until next time
HAPPY GLUEING & SCREWING

Meeting Dates for 1991

	General	Practical	Committee
Jan			
Feb	6	13	27
Mar	6	13	27
Apr	3	10	24
May	1	8	22
Jun	5	12	19
Jul	3	--	24
Aug	7	14	21
Sep	4	11	18
Oct	9 (Agm)	16/23	23
Nov	6	13	20
Dec	4	11	--