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May 1990

7.30 Wednesday 3th May

All hosts

From the Presidents Pen.

April 1990 meeting was the scene of our second annual sale of all the bits and pieces we have no further use for in our home workshops. Our resident auctioneer, Alex Davis was at his best, voice and hammer working very well. If Flinders Street Railway station had been in sight, he would have sold that also. Ken Winn, one of our Tuesday afternoon members, was unable to attend the evening meeting, but donated a large bottle of Whisky, which was raffled and brought in \$55 for club funds. Thankyou Ken.

One of our foundation members, Bill Hall, passed away during March. Bill only attended a couple of our early meetings. before he was taken ill with cancer. Mrs Hall has asked me to try to sell all of Bill's tools for her. a Pedestal drill, Ryobi Router, Ryobi bench grinder, electric planner, work benches, lots of small bits and pieces. If you have any interest in these tools please give me a ring 758 3599.

It was back in the 1960's a party a carpenters were sent out to demolish a very old timber home to make room for a new one to be built. Before we started work somebody suggested an early smoko. Yep you might have guessed, the boss arrived unexpectedly early while the boys were all sitting around having a smoke and drinking tea. "Silence remained supreme". Someone with a very guilty conscience jumped up on his feet, looked the boss straight in the eye, "Look Harry, this timber is full of white ants."

"Yeh," said the Harry, "and don't disturb them, they are the best workers I have!".

Hope to see you on Wed 2nd May 6:30pm Alf.

MEMBER LIST

I am currently updating the details on the membership list. Would all members please check the details and record your telephone number on the records. Would you also ensure that you have ticked off the list to indicate that you have received this newsletter and so save the club the cost of posting an extra copy of it to you.

Once the list is up to date, I intend to print a copy for all members. If you would like (for any reason) your name to be kept off that list please let me know.

DISPLAY at LIBRARY

REMINDER....We have been invited to mount a display in the cabinet at Ferntree Gully library during May. Members are therefore invited to leave items after the club competition for inclusion in the display.

As the cabinet is only about 6 feet tall and 2 feet wide, small items only can be accepted and, if necessary, a limit of 2 items per person may apply.

It would help considerably if the items left for display have the makers name, type of wood, description of item, and if desired, a telephone number.

Anybody able to help set up the display on the Friday evening, please see Fiona at the meeting.

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Invitation from Dandenong.

A cordial invitation is extended to all at F.T.Gully Woodworkers Club by the Dandenong Woodworkers Club to attend our May 16th meeting at Dandenong Technical School, Cleland Street Dandenong with your wives and friends from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. No charge just ask the ladies to bring a plate for supper. At about 6:30pm Gordon Griffith will give a woodturning demonstration on making lamp bases. This will be followed by a lady giving a demonstration on lace making by the old traditional methods. What has this got to do with woodworking?? Well, the old traditional method which dates back many centuries was to use bobbins manipulated by hand; and to get the bobbins you need a woodturner. At our club we have a Mr Toby Neve, a gentleman who specialises in turning lace bobbins, and it is his lace bobbins that will be used in the demo. For the most enjoyable evening especially for the ladies followed by a supper and social; remember the date May 16th

See you there, Alex Davis.

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CARVING COURSE

The Carving course start this Saturday, with nine confirmed participants, including three non-members taking part.

A progress report will appear in the next Ingrained . Hopefully some of those taking part will be able to pass their newly acquired skills to others. "BE IN IT"

Competition

May Meeting, 1990

All members are invited to "BE IN IT" and enter items of woodwork they have made in 1990 in any of the categories listed below.

All categories have two levels - ADVANCED and HOBBYIST. You decide which level you wish to enter.

Judges from outside the Club will select and comment on the entries. They will present "BE IN IT" cards to placegetters.

They also will make Special Commendations and Encouragement Awards. These will be the prizes. Entry fees will not apply.

The Committee reserves the right to combine categories and/or create additional categories to suit the entries.

Consider this "BE IN IT" competition as practice for future competitions let your fellow Club members see what you can do. The "BE IN IT" competition will be a great success if we are all in it.

PLAN IT NOW, DO IT WELL, AND BE IN IT IN MAY



Categories "BE IN IT" COMPETITION

* TWO LEVELS OF ENTRY - ADVANCED and HOBBYIST

FURNITURE - MAJOR

FURNITURE - SMALL

FURNITURE - CONTEMPORARY

FURNITURE - TRADITIONAL

BOXES

ORNAMENTS

MODELS

TOYS - SIMPLE

TOYS - COMPLEX

MARQUETARY

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

WOOD CARVING - MAJOR

WOOD CARVING - SMALL

CLOCKS

TURNED FACEPLATE

TURNED SPINDLE

TURNED SMALL BOWL

TURNED LARGE BOWL

Additional Categories may be added by request

"BE IN IT"

Gordon Hill (059) 68 42 45

COMMITTEE

Peter Johnston 758 6617

Sergio Meilak 762 6894

TIPS, TRAPS, and TRIVIA.

Glue Joints.

If you've ever had problems with glue joints coming apart, one possible reason (apart from poor preparation of the timber) can be because of the natural oiliness of the timber.

Working in the marine trade, I use a lot of solid teak, teak veneer, and Iroko which are naturally oily woods.

Taking the advice of a shipwright friend years ago,. I completely saturate the joint lines with acetone, several timeswiping off excess each time - until as much oil as possible is removed.

This preparation ensures better adhesion between the surfaces with most types of glue. This pre-jointing preparation can be applied to other oily timbers such as Queensland Rosewood and Cypress Pine as well.

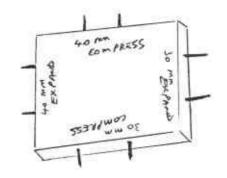
Stephen M Ross.

Simple Marker.

Frustrated by always having to find a ruler and pencil to measure and mark a diameter on a turning blank to cut a rebate or foot to take our multistar chuck, I decided to make a simple marking gauge.

While it may not be original, it has greatly simplified and speeded up this process when faceplate turning. This particular gauge enables me to mark two different chuckjaw sizes in both expansion and compression mode. I'll have to make a new one when we get the other sets of jaws for our chuck.

All that is needed is a square block of wood, and several inch-or-so brads. Each side of the wood was marked with two points equal to halt the diameter of the particular jaws. Two brads were then hammered into these points (ensuring that they were vertical). Their heads were cut off and then filed to points.



Fiona Ross

A useful idea to overcome the problem of finding a rag or cloth for applying oil or wax when turning is to get an old, unwanted cotton sheet and spend 10 minutes ripping it into small squares.

A bucket filled with these little clothes somewhere near the lathe is so handy you will wonder why you never though of it before.

For those of you whose wives wouldn't appreciate you tearing up the bed linen, the St.Vincent de Paul depot or any Op Shop are a good source. Make sure that you pick lint free cotton sheets.

Fiona Ross

Any members who might have some useful ideas, original or not, which may make woodworking easier, safer, or more pleasurable for others, feel free to put them in writing and pass them onto David. Hopefully this column will become a regular feature of Ingrained.

We also need a catchy name for the column (my suggestion currently heads the column...Ed) any suggestions would be gratefully received and can be passed on to David, Steve or Fiona.

MINUTES OF MEETING - April 4.

Meeting opened 7pm, 33 members present.

Alf welcomed guests Erik Voorzaat and Ivor Davies No Apologies.

Business arising from minutes of March Meeting:

General Business.

Gordon hill reminded all present of the Be In It Competition for the May meeting and advised that three judges have been organised.

Moved Ficna, Seconded Burnie, that committee be formed to organise Stringybark Festival and Working With Wood Show.

Burnie Murphy, Herman van der Breggan, and Len Rowson were duly elected.

Alf advised that he was able to get 15% discount cards for Bowens.

Fiona mentioned F.T.G. Library display in May.

Ken Wynn donated bottle of Whiskey for raffle.

Meeting closed 7:45pm

Auction Raised \$195.50
Raffle raised \$52.00
Fines & Coffee \$6.20

