

Wealden Woodturners

CUTTING EDGE

February 2012



Ken - Oh Ye of little faith!!!

January's Hands-on Session saw us turning Natural Edged Goblets. We started with a chat about suitable woods, the need to avoid the centre pith and various ways of securing the tail-stock end when dealing with a thin spindle etc. The lathes then came out and all (apart from the usual layouts) set to in an industrious fashion. Here we have Ken doing a marvellous job in the 'slips'.

Well worth a read:

Classic Forms by Stuart E Dyas. Published by Stobart Davies Ltd ISBN 978-0-85442-190-9 (£22.50)

This is the best source of shapes I have come across. We all know how to make beads, coves, fillets etc. but it can be very difficult, however, to put these together and come up with a truly pleasing article in the correct proportions.

This book covers columns, pedestals, vases, tazzas, urns, candlesticks, lamps, chair legs, newel posts, handles etc. etc. In fact there is nothing I can think of that is not covered. There are about 150 pages of line drawings which can be scaled up or down to suit any project, faceplate or spindle.

An excellent book well worth the money (and would make an excellent addition to our Library, Dave?)
— Mick Briggs

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Record CL3 lathe, 4' bed. Complete with outboard unit and spare Brooks motor £300.

Tools and large bench - negotiable.
Contact Mick Briggs 01424 447307



Members Collaborate to assist Charity

Mike Knight and Peter Castle recently came to the rescue of the The Royal Agricultural Benevolence Institution. To celebrate their 150 year anniversary there was to be a service in various cathedrals around the country and a new banner had been created for the occasion.

The banner was in need of an 8' pole and so our two stalwarts stepped up to the line. With Mike's contacts and expertise plus Peter's input, the job was soon done and hopefully will last for another 150 years.





Members' Work



Who is good at making Salt and Pepper Mills?.....

The Worshipful Company of Turners will again be running their biennial Turning Competitions on 16th October 2012 as part of the Company's 'Wizardry in Wood 2012' Exhibition. It will be open to the public from Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th October. The prizes will be awarded on the afternoon of 16th October and all entries will remain on display until the end of the exhibition. These competitions are arranged in conjunction with the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB), the Society of Ornamental Turners (SOT) and The Association of Pole-Lathe Turners (APT). The competitions are designed to offer opportunities to both the expert and the relative newcomer. There will be four competitions open to any turner resident in the United Kingdom:-

- The Master's Competition for a matching pair of Lidded Chalices. This is split into two categories, one for plain turning and one for ornamental turning. For each category, cash prizes of £1250, £500 and £250 will be awarded.
- The Felix Levy Freestyle Turning Competition for which a trophy and £1250 will be awarded.
- The Open Competition for a matched pair of Pepper and Salt Mills for which cash Prizes of £250, £150, £100 and a runner-up prize of £50 will be awarded.
- A further Plain Turning Competition will be open only to members of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. There are no restrictions as to subject or techniques employed. The Senior Class will have Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and cash prizes of £200, £150 and £100 plus up to 3 runner-up cash prizes of £50. The Junior Class will have Silver and Bronze medals and cash prizes of £125 and £75 and £50. There will also be 'The Ray Key Competition' for juniors who have attended an AWGB Youth Training Day.



There is a Special Competition this year for a 'set piece' Candlestick for use at Company banquets. While there will be no prize for this, there will be a special book of historic importance which will record the details of those whose pieces are chosen

Entry Forms and Rules will be available from the
 AWGB Website
 The SOT Website
 Turners Company Website

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Date of next Meeting:
Sunday 18th March
Hands-on Session
Details at AGM