



Molested
Heron
does a turn



Les Thorne gave us his usual excellent demonstration last month. Starting out with his own design of a pepper mill, Les described each process and the techniques developed to ensure uniformity in design and ease of construction.

The finish used is normally spirit stain starting with the darkest colour and working up to yellow to finish. It was then sprayed with clear acrylic lacquer and buffed with cream.

Les then went on to produce a textured box with an interesting twist at the top. This was achieved by cutting away most of the top with an Arbotech fitted with a grinding disc (see overleaf for details) and finished by texturing with a Dremel. Colour was then added to emphasise the irregular texture.

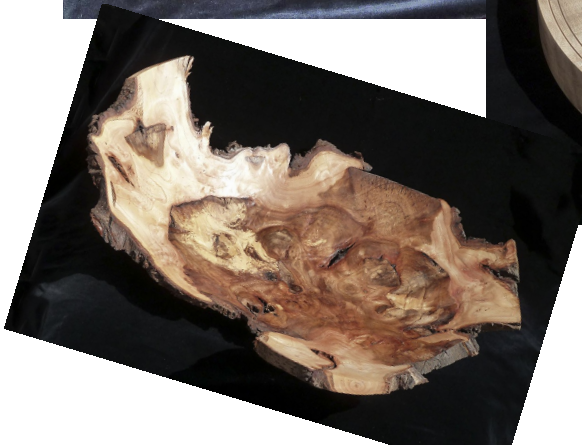
To finish, Les went into 'production mode' and showed us how a candlestick would be produced if quantity was required. It proved to be an excellent design (taken from a book which we happen to have in our library ('Text and Form' I think)) which, to my mind, would make an excellent item to copy in a hands-on session.

The box that Les produced was kindly donated to the club and will be auctioned at our next meeting i.e. The Summer Competition and Social.

For Sale

Elektra Beckum HDM55 Lathe
4 speed manual with stand and Henry Taylor (*Masterchuck?*) chuck with fittings
Contact Brian Pope 01424 441920

Members' Work



25mm Carbide Cutter

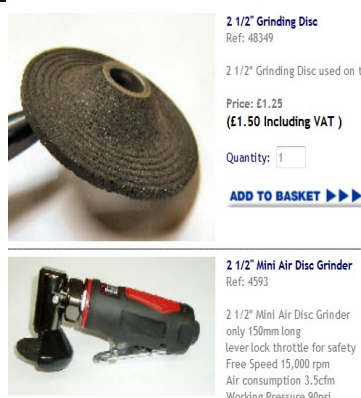
If you go to www.kaizenbonsai.com you will find a 25mm cutter that fits in your electric drill. It consists of three circular carbide cutters which you simply rotate when blunt in the same way that you do with hollowing tools. It is around £55 including VAT & P.P

There is a smaller version for around £10 less.

A number of members were interested in the cutting discs that Les was using to shape the top of his box. I thought he said they were available from Simon Hope but I could not find them on his website. You will, however, find them at The Toolpost or at Axminster.

The 4" versions can be used on a normal grinder but the 2" really requires either an Arbotech or Proxon which are designed for this size. The 4" can be quite aggressive so the 2" is favoured but the kit will set you back around £150 including a disc or two.

I have therefore added a couple of alternatives:



2 1/2" Grinding Disc
Ref: 48349

2 1/2" Grinding Disc used on the below Grinder

Price: £1.25
(£1.50 Including VAT)

Quantity:

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2 1/2" Mini Air Disc Grinder
Ref: 4593

2 1/2" Mini Air Disc Grinder
only 150mm long
lever lock throttle for safety
Free Speed 15,000 rpm
Air consumption 3.5cfm
Working Pressure 90psi

Price: £28.75
(£34.50 Including VAT)

Die Grinder

If you have a compressor then you may wish to consider buying a die grinder. RDG sell a very reasonable model for £34.50p. This item was highly recommended by Nick Arnall at the last Loughborough Seminar.

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Sunday 17th August
Gary Rance
Demonstration