

At last month's meeting Maggie showed us how to turn pots and then flowers to put in them.



In the afternoon, members enjoyed themselves having a go with help from senior members. The flowers seemed to be fun.

I personally did not have a go but was inspired to try it out at home. I have always liked little pots and have a pair given to me by a good friend. They were turned from a piece of apple with particular associations in the days before I had taken up turning myself. I liked the shape so decided to turn a similar profile.

I used a piece of maple branch and thought the result was ok. It was however nothing special so having recently read about decorating techniques, I decided to try some of them.



Maple is suitable for ebonising as it has a close grain so that was my first choice. I used black stains followed by black wax. It was straightforward and fairly successful.

I then decided to add some embellishment in the form of inlaid brass wire. The main problem was cutting an accurate groove for the wire to sit in. It is supposed to have straight sides and as the wire is only 0.8 mm. diameter, it was not easy with my tools. The result was far from perfect but gave me an idea of how good it would look if done well so I shall have another go at some point. First I am going to grind an old screwdriver blade for cutting the groove. Do any members have any tips for the inlaying technique?

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Members will know by know that newsletter editor, Peter Castle, is retiring from the post after over nine years.

I have agreed to have a go at the post but I have no experience of desktop publishing so will be feeling my way rather. There will inevitably be teething problems but hopefully not too many.

I am having a trial run with a belated February edition and as I attempt to put it together I am already beginning to understand what a sterling job Peter has done for the club as editor and photographer.

We owe Peter a great debt of thanks.

As the post includes photography I shall be ably aided and abetted by Roger Smith with his camera. As yet I still have to sort out the photo editing side of things.

In the meantime please bear with us during the change over.

This is your club newsletter so:

If you have any features you would like to see included or any thing to say, maybe write a short article, I need you. Please don't be shy . How do individual members feel about writing a short report on the professional demonstrations? With 45 members and 3 demos a year, if everyone took a turn you would only have to do it once every 15 years. Not too arduous surely?

Members' Work



For those of you who haven't been before, the **South East Woodworking** show is being held at Detling on March 6th and 7th. Tickets £8 on the door or £6 in advance. Plenty of woodturning, trade stands and demos.

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Next meeting

March 22nd. Critique followed by hands on.

Bring those pieces you need advice on or the ones that are perfect for the rest of us to aspire to and bring your tools.