



WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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Chairman's Comments

Following on from our successful Hands On Day in July, attended by almost 80% of the members, a remarkable turnout, we have held our 6 monthly review committee meeting where we discussed at length how we can build on the enthusiasm for Hands On Days and the new interest events ie, *gadgets and gizmo's table*'. Thanks to all the entrants for their entries & explanations.

We are hoping to formalise some of the Lathes to be project related and notified in advance so the members can request techniques & project demonstrations and "practice" at future meetings. Similarly, if you wish a visiting demonstrator to show and/or explain a particular technique or project, ask Peter to arrange for it to be included in the demonstrators program.

I am also determined to attempt to revitalize the monthly Chairman's Challenge and will try and publish in advance an annual list of projects, so we have more time to prepare and perhaps use the project for a theme for one of the lathes at a Hands On Day. So watch this space and let's make some shavings!!
Brian.

Chairman's Challenge Project



An Artist's Paintbrush: 30cm. max. & in proportion.

WMWT PROGRAMME

- ◆ 9-11 August: AWGB international seminar. Loughborough.
- ◆ 18th August: Steve Heeley Demonstration day.
- ◆ 15th September: Open day
- ◆ 20th October : Gary Rance Demonstration day.
- ◆ 17th November: Hands On
- ◆ 8th December: Christmas Party and Keith Lanchester Demonstration.

Club Demonstrations

Mid-Staffs WT:
7.00 pm. 16th August
Curt Theobald—See flyer at end of this newsletter. Contact Ted Gill.

Burcot Woodturners
10.00 - 4.30 31st August
Mark Sanger.
Contact:
john.smith@burcotwoodturners.co.uk

For details please see "flyers" at the end of the newsletter



Hands On Day

Chainsaw Demonstration.

Graham Hunt gave us another outstanding chainsaw demonstration, including sharpening and looking after chain saws. Those of us who followed him outside were disappointed that he did not cut down that conveniently located tree next to the small building, but he more than compensated by cutting up some large pieces of tree with considerable ease; explaining carefully the steps and techniques involved. Graham ensured that attention was paid to the safety aspects in using what can be a dangerous piece of kit.



This was a popular demo and we are indebted to Graham for it, especially as all those who witnessed it returned with arms, legs and fingers intact.

There were a number of demonstrations by members, who then assisted other members with similar activities. These were:

Dave Nash : Spinning top



Peter Hockley: Fruit



Cliff Lane: Square bowl



Malcolm Thorpe: Threading Jig



There were also demonstrations by Phil Stephens (Lidded box) and Greg Miller (Sharpening). There are no photos of these because my camera battery went flat early on, so apologies to Phil and Greg. (I'll try to remember to charge it up for next time!)

Chairman's Challenge Results:

Basic Group: No entries.

Premier Group:

1st: Don Lawrence.

2nd: Malcolm Thorpe

3rd Dave Nash





Gadgets and Gizmo's:

This was a great success, with a substantial number of gadgets brought in and talked about by members. These all showed considerable innovation ranging from simple ideas to solve a single problem to complex “makes” to serve a number of tasks.

These included:

Centre finders



Jig for wooden jaws



Spoon making jaws



Centre support



Button jaws



Egg holder



Other gadgets included a cross slide for router, sharpening jig, jaw sizing caliper, diameter finders, gauge for setting calipers, sphere finishing tool, bed way clamp for a lamp, thread chasing support, "granny tooth" chisel, and a spindle spanner. All of these can be seen in the photos below.





Associated Club Demonstrations:

Burcot Woodturners will be hosting a Demonstration by Mark Sanger
 www.marksanger.co.uk
 Saturday the 31st August 2013 from 10.00am to 4.30pm this will be held at
 Burcot Village Hall B60 1BH
 See Map on Club web site.
 Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided bring your own lunch everyone welcome.
 Cost £10.00
 Contact through www.burcotwoodturners.org.uk or Secretary email
 john.smith@burcotwoodturners.co.uk
 Do not miss this opportunity to see this demonstration by a Top Class
 Turner
 Regards John Smith



 <p>Mid-Staffs Woodturners</p>	<p>An Affiliated Branch of The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain</p>	
	<p>MSWA PRESENTS AN EXTRA MEETING ON FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2013</p> <p>FEATURING CURT THEOBALD</p> <p>AMERICAN SEGMENTED TURNER</p> <p>http://www.curttheobald.com</p>	
<p>Following his appearance at the AWGB seminar at Loughborough, Curt Theobald has agreed to visit us at Rugeley to share his insights into the world of segmented turning.</p>		
<p>Internationally-known segmenter Curt Theobald is both artist and instructor, exhibiting in some of the largest and most prestigious galleries, as well as teaching segmented turning workshops in which he demonstrates the processes that he uses to create his amazing pieces.</p>		<p>INVITATION</p> <p>You are invited to join us on the evening of Friday 16th August 2013 at 7.00pm. Members £5.00 Non members £6.00</p> <p>Etching Hill Village Hall, East Butts Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley. WS15 2LU</p> <p>Contact: events@mswa.co.uk</p>