



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairman's Comments.

Our recent demo. by Nick Arnall was the final professional demonstration of our 2008 diary. I believe we have had a very varied range of both style and techniques presented to us throughout the year by high quality demonstrators. I can't believe it has been nearly 12 months since we started the year with Ray Key at our Anniversary Day, not a bad start to the year though was it!. Arrangements are well on the way for organising another exciting program for our 2009 Diary. We are hopefully booking a highly respected International Demonstrator for a Summer Special in August, watch this space!! . At our next meeting our Hands On, 9th. Nov. we have our Sharpening Clinic where those of us who need to can have a sharpening lesson and 'one to one' supervised tuition. Neil & Mick have kindly agreed to visit us again. ---- Let's make the most of it !

Can I here ask you for some help? At the end of every Club event, we have to clear up and we need a few more pairs of hands to make the job easier. It should only take perhaps 15 min. and many hands make light work ----please do your bit!

Don't forget the Chairman's Challenge for our 9th. Nov. date, a Hollow Vessel as demonstrated by Nick Arnall with a narrow neck, perhaps 30mm (or an inch and a bit!) -----for those of you who haven't heard we have been able to secure sponsorship for a Chairman's Challenge Prize by way of a £25 gift voucher from Earlswood Interiors and Craft Centre at Earlswood, this will be awarded at our Christmas Meeting to the person who has accrued the most of your votes throughout the year. Thanks for your enthusiasm for this competition I think it has produced some excellent work and proved to be an incentive to try different techniques.

Many thanks to Dave Wilcox for the organisation and effort he puts into the admin. of the competition.

I am off now to hollow a log! See you on the 9th. Nov.

Brian.

Reminder

Autumn Fair Date 30th Nov. Sale items required, bring along to the 'Hands On' or on the day of the Fair.

Programme 2008

November 9th – 'Hands On' Half Day

November 30th. – Autumn Fair

December 14th. – "Christmas Party" Half Day

Other Items

Rose Lathe Project Update

Everyone has a copy of the plans within the building group and we have started to collect together bits and pieces of hardware we need towards the project.

We are only working and collaborating on this project during the 'hands on' days so it is not going to be a rush job.

An appeal to members is being made by me. We are after some fittings that are used in the modern chipboard type kitchens and cupboards, the bits we want are the cam and pin fastenings so if you are stripping old furniture out please bear us in mind, I will take as many as we can get rather than putting a number on it. We also require a 4" cross slide vice and a router that is shaped like a big Dremel, ie round. The routers with the fixed handles are no good I'm afraid. So if anyone has bits in their cupboards that could do with a new home please bear us in mind.

Our Next Meeting

Sunday 9th. November 'Hands On' & Sharpening Clinic - Half day. Start 2 'til 5p.m. (Fee £3)

Don't forget a cup for your tea.

Tea Table -----Volunteers needed for the tea table.