



West Midlands Woodturners

Wood Turning and Wood Art

October 2024 Newsletter

Programme of meetings 2024

October 20th	Demo: Darren Breeze
November 17th	AGM; Hands-on: Using a Buffing system
December 15th	Demo: Steve Heeley



Demonstration Days: Start at 9.15 and conclude about 4.30pm

Hands-on days start at 9.30 and conclude around 4pm.

Venue: Kingsbury Sports and Community Centre, unless otherwise stated

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Chairman's Comments:

The weather has definitely turned autumnal over the last few days which has meant I have been able to desert gardening activities and get back into my workshop. I have just finished a batch of Christmas tree lapel badges for a local church's Christmas fair and now have time to make my entry for this month's Chairman's Challenge. Have you managed to get into your workshops lately?

Our October demonstrator is Darren Breeze who is a new face to the club so I for one am looking forward to seeing his demo.

And don't forget the November meeting starts with our AGM so watch out for announcements from our Secretary. If you wish to put your name forward for any of the vacancies or need more info on the positions then speak to a member of the committee. Remember that the club cannot function without the committee so please step forward and help to run your club.

Club Annual General Meeting

This will take place before the Hands-On session at the November 17th meeting. It is important that as many members as possible attend in order for it to be quorate.

The AWGB fee for next year has gone up to £24. This will be collected with the club fees once they have been agreed at the AGM.

WMWT Chairman's Challenge October and November

Basic

Intermediate

Advanced/Artistic

October 20th

Christmas tree



Hanging Christmas ornament



Inverted Christmas decoration



Ball 50-75 mm diameter (as round as possible—no jigs)

Hollow form pierced

Hollow and pierced sphere

November 17th



Results of Chairman's Challenge September 2024

Novice Group: Goblet max 150mm high (2 entries)

1st place: Rob Marlow



2nd place: Rick Nelson



3rd place: xxx



Intermediate group: Decorative goblet min 150mm high (1 entry)

1st place: Malcolm Edwards



2nd place: xxx



3rd place: xxx



Advanced/Artistic group: Goblet with twisted or spiral stem min 150mm high

1st place: Chris Chambers



2nd place: Graham Hunt



3rd place: xxx



SEPTEMBER DISPLAY TABLE



Malcolm Thorpe



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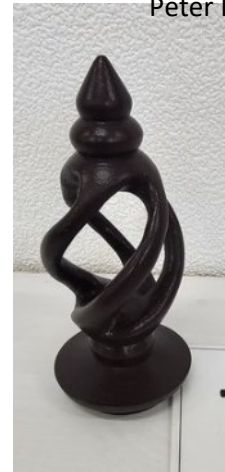
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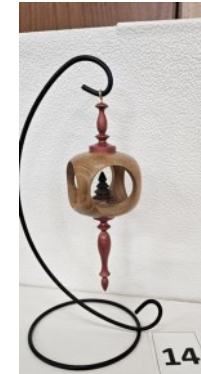
Graham Hunt



Malcom Edwards



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Cliff Lane



Kris Cietek



Paul Greensmith

Pictures and brief report from September Hands-On Day: Finials



September's meeting was a fairly quiet one with only 26 members plus one visitor attending and 11 had to leave early. I was unable to attend as I was on holiday but I was given some brief details.

John worked with some newer turners while several members such as Dave Nash and Malcolm Thorpe demonstrated approaches to finials and guided others to experiment with them. Malcolm Thorpe sharpened and re-profiled a large number of the club gouges and chisels and he and Malcolm Edwards sorted through the sales table stuff and the boxes of wood to see what was usable. Dave Nash brought in some of the tools he made when he was first working to show how you could turn with the most basic of tools. One of them was made from an old engine con-rod. Chris Jones demonstrated how to make hedgehogs and Graham Earp went on to make one.

Rob's wife Helen finally got to finish her mouse with help from Cliff – and a very fine mouse it is too! This means that although Rob is smiling here, he is very worried that his workshop is about to be taken over by the Great Mouse Production Emporium!



Acknowledgements

Thanks to Chris Chambers and Chris Jones for photographs, Keith for Chairman's Comments and John Hooper and Chris Jones for some notes about the day, as I was unable to attend.