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News Letter

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*Steve Heeley
demonstrates turning a
Large Candlestick*

Editors Workbench

What an excellent June meeting. With nineteen attendance, a new member and the demonstration from Steve Heeleys, first of a two part demonstration of turning a large candlestick was a real treat. Although I have seen large candlesticks in Churches, Cathedrals etc, I have always wondered how it were made.

Our competition this month for the Novice Trophy, was an acorn. Unfortunately, maybe due to work commitments or too hot to turn, we did not have any entries. Still we look forward to next months competition..

I hope you enjoy the read.



Meeting Calendar

August

Fri 3rd - Demonstration by Dawn Hopley - Casting & Turning Resin Blanks

There are very many videos on YouTube these days demonstrating casting and turning various items in resin. Dawn decided to do a little research and give it a go, but soon discovered that there is more to this than meets the eye. She will be presenting some of her research, advice and results and hopefully inspire you all to try something new.



September

Fri 7th - Demonstration by Emma Cook - The Tiny Turner

Emma, hails from the great county of West Yorkshire and standing at the mighty height of 4 feet, 10 and a half inches, you may be able to understand why I adopted the business name of 'The Tiny Turner'!

"I adore working with wood because it has a story and a soul of its own" said Emma. "Each piece has lived its own life and that is what makes it so unique".

Her work is outstanding, as you can see from the few examples below.



Forth Coming Competitions

August

Novice Trophy - A Candlestick or Tea light Holder

Our Novice Trophy competition for August follows on from our demonstration by Steve Heeley, albeit a smaller version will be just fine. As well as Steve's example, here are a few from the internet for your inspiration.

Good luck.



September

Challenge Cup - Paperweight

Follow on from our demonstration in August, our theme for the September Challenge Cup is a paperweight. Below are a few examples, selected from the internet, that may inspire our members into something spectacular.

Be inspired and who knows.



At Our Last Meeting

Steve Heeley - Large Candlestick - Part 1

(June Meeting)

Steve Heeley has been to MSWA on several occasions and is always very popular with the members. Once again this turned out to be a very interesting and informative demonstration.

Steve went through the safety procedure of checking the lathe, use of tools and wearing a facemask.



Firstly, Steve turned and finished the base of the candlestick, then onto turning the first part of the candlestick. Each operation making sure that the fitted the easily together which allowed room for the glue.



By the end of the evening we had reached the halfway point where the base and first part of the candlestick had been finished.



My thanks to Philip Watts for the excellent photos.

Phil Williams

Competition Results

Novice Cup

Unfortunately, this month, we did not have any entries, so no points were awarded for the Novice Trophy.

Members Work

Vance Lupton

From time to time, we get examples of the work that our members have produced. This month, we have an abstract work from Vance. It has been christened by Dawn Hopley as the "Blue Wave", because it reminded her of the blue ocean surrounded by a sandy beach.



A lovely piece of work.

Phil Williams

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Come & Join Us

We usually meeting on the first Friday of the month between 7:00pm and 10:00pm. Visit our website www.mswa.co.uk and click on the Meeting Calendar to confirm the dates.

We Meet At:-

Etchinghill Village Hall
East Butts Road
Etching Hill
Rugeley
WS15 2LU

How to Join

MSWA encourage new members to develop their skills of wood turning. To obtain a Membership Application Form, visit our website and click on the Contact Us in the menu bar and download an application form.

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Mike Taylor likes working with Alder Wood. If you would like to try this hardwood or have tuition on Pole Lathe Turning then contact Mike on 07871 994959 and mention MSWA.

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Ken Allen	1990-1997	Peter Worrall	1997-2005	John Smith	2005-2010
Dawn Hopley	2010-2012	John Smith	2012-2013	Philip Watts	2013-2016

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