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News Letter

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*An example of work
from last month's demonstrator*

Editors Workbench

Pleased to be able to bring to you this month's NewsLetter, it has been a while since one has been published. I hope you enjoy the edition, it shows that the club is very active and full of enthusiastic woodturners, as you will see from the number and quality of examples in this NewsLetter.

Phil Williams

Meeting Calendar

September 2023

Fri 1ST - Dawn Hopley

Dawn will be demonstrating "Fun & Games" and how to make a "Tyrolean Roulette" board game.

All very interesting and well worth seeing.



At Our Last Meeting

Decorated Vases - Wolfgang Schulze-Zachau

(July 2023)

We welcomed Wolfgang back to the club in July to give us a demonstration in the making of small carved vases.

Despite a hectic set up caused by traffic delays, Wolfgang soon settled into his easy going and informative demonstration coupled with interesting and amusing anecdotes. As always he was happy to answer questions and give us the benefit of his experience throughout the evening.





The demonstration started with a piece of cherry mounted between centres and shaped before a spigot was turned to fit the chuck to enable the hollowing to be carried out.

Once the blank was remounted on the chuck various ways of boring the vase were discussed, but Wolfgang showed us how he uses a spindle gouge presented dead on centre to drill a hole, then still using the same tool, the bulk of the vase was hollowed. The importance of clean cuts was emphasised before sanding the inside.

The inside completed, Wolfgang then returned to the outside to complete the shaping before sanding again. The shape although appearing simple was a pleasing design which has taken a lot of time to develop.

The top of the vase was then shaped with a saw before the piece was removed from the lathe before more shaping with rotary cutters and small carving tools. Once the carving was complete the inside and rim were protected with masking tape before a spray coat of colour was applied.



Care with the application of the paint and the removal of the tape was really emphasised.

It was a really good evening with all of the members thoroughly enjoying the demonstration and the banter!



We will look forward to seeing Wolfgang again soon!

Mike Taylor

Competition Results

Challenge Cup - A Large Lidded Box with Finial or Inlay

This month, we had two entries competing for the Challenge Cup. Both of these entries were submitted by one person, Vance Lupton. You get to decide which one comes first, A or B.

A

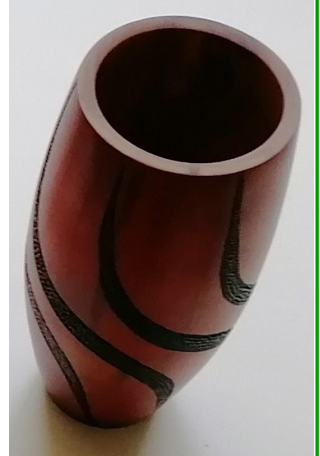


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Showcase

Our demonstrator, Wolfgang, brought along examples of his work. As you can see he has been busy and enjoys his endeavours.



Tyrolean Roulette

There are many wonderful toys and games that can be made by a woodturner. Skittles, Spinning Tops, Solitaire Boards and Chess Pieces are all very common. In September, Dawn will attempt to make an unusual game that hails from a small valley in the Italian Alps. Tyrolean Roulette is a fun game that can be played by all ages and comes in all shapes and sizes. The key item is a spinning top with a simple firing action!



Forthcoming Competition

September 2023

Challenge Cup – Ebony & Ivory

Our September Challenge Cup is a piece of work that must contain at least two different colours of wood. So, let your imagination and skill loose. We look forward to seeing the results. Here are a few examples to help.



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Come & Join Us

We usually meet on the first Friday of every 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:-

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Dawn Hopley	2010-2012	John Smith	2012-2013	Philip Watts	2013-2016
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