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From the President June 2022

Dear members

It was great to see a large body of members on the 4th Saturday to see Bill Elliot's demonstration "making fruits". Despite the cold winter weather, it was a good day. Show and Tell provided some excellent and interesting pieces, with Allan Britcher taking the Halo.

As you know, I am retiring from the Presidency in October at the AGM after three years. During that time we have endured Covid which precipitated a move from Golden Grove High School which had been the home of NT for more than 25 years to our present home at Torrens Valley Christian School. A phalanx of vehicles and trailers made a very efficient move of all our materiel. We have purchased and equipped a container, through the valiant efforts of Graham Reed and several other helpers including David Gilland and Bill Elliot in particular.

Now that everything is running smoothly, it is time for someone else to put up their hand for the job of President. Compared with the roles of Secretary and Treasurer which involve a lot of time, it is mainly a job of chairing a couple of meetings each month, and helping to make decisions with the committee. Just because I write a lot of stuff (much of it could be described as waffle) doesn't mean that the new President has to do the same – delegate that task to others.

I am happy to put up my name for election to a non-executive role on the committee for at least another year, and in that way can offer any help to the new President. Also, I have numerous files on my computer which would help in putting together agendas etc. These are all available to the incoming person.

It is vital that at the AGM we achieve a quorum of about 60 members, and we intend to call a Special General Meeting on that date to make some changes to the Constitution, (especially to reduce the number of members for a quorum). Then we can elect an Executive at the AGM which follows. It is **essential** that we elect an Executive, so please put up your name now if you are willing to stand for President, and have a few months as an *ex officio* member of the committee to get some first-hand experience.

By now the Exhibition Committee will know that Graham Reed is stepping down from his role as head of that committee and supervisor of the Tech Centre at meetings. We owe an enormous debt to Graham for all he has done for the club over many years, and we cannot thank him enough. The exhibitions have been a triumph for the club, allowing members to exhibit and sell their work, and providing a window to the community to show them our skills and attract new members. Clearly, his role will need to be filled by other willing helpers. Also, we will have to develop a roster to open and close the Tech Centre and the container at all our meetings, and we will set that up during the next couple of months.

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Northern Turners Committee	2021/22
President	Tim Smeaton
Secretary	Dale Starr
Treasurer	David Kleinig
Vice President	Bill Elliott
Member	Rob Williams
Member	Guido Guidi
Member	Fred McCann
Member	Nik Surikov,
Member	Graham Reed
Member	Flora Rumbelow

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On a related topic, as I mentioned at the meeting, we now require quite different expertise to run our club in the 21st century. Thanks to Robert Edge we now operate Square for EFTPOS and Xero for our finances. We have a website managed by Gordon Best, and a Facebook page through Lindsay Winen (none of these terms existed 25 years ago). Also we have a camera/computer set-up which projects images for demonstrations, and a new microphone arrangement. I would like to see back-up for this complexity, so that all the responsibility for any of these enterprises does not fall upon the shoulders of any one individual. Therefore, if you have expertise in these areas, let us know and you may be able to play a useful role, perhaps as assistant to any of the above.

I think that is enough from me. Please give some thought to the above, and may Northern Turners continue to flourish.

Cheers

Tim Smeaton

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to forward my apologies for the lateness of the last two monthly editions of Turnout. In May I was brought down with COVID and recently Franky and I had an urgent family matter interstate that called us away, from which we have just returned.

Like Tim Smeaton, I have been involved officially in the club for many years and will continue. However I would appreciate it if someone would take over the role as newsletter editor. The next few years will see my wife and I start to travel more often and unfortunately this may result in my ability to produce the newsletter every month and/or on time.

Minutes of Northern Turners General Meeting June 25 2022

The meeting was presided by the president - Tim Smeaton Attendance: approximately 55 members Apologies: Christine Deguet, Barry Brinkley

President: Tim asked members to indicate by a show of hands that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. This was carried.

Treasurer: The treasurer reported a balance of \$27388 at the end of May.

Exhibition Committee Graham Reed told us that sales at the Home Show were good even though the Friday had low attendance. Total sales were \$7580 and the club made a small profit.

Maintenance Jeff Todd asked members to let him know if any faults are discovered on the school lathes.

Website Gordon Best said there was nothing to report.

Biggest Morning Tea Tim announced that the Biggest Morning Tea raised \$3407 for the Cancer Council, noting that this was good, given that the number of attendees was lower than in past years.

President Tim asked members to please consider becoming more involved in the club. The treasurer and secretary need to have an assistant, and with the increasing complexity of technology, there is a need for more expertise to relieve Robert Edge and others. Members are asked to offer their services. He also said that we may start a roster system for setting up before meeting and cleaning up and closing the venue.

Show & Tell Show & Tell was run by Graham Reed.

3RD SATURDAY DEMONSTRATION

GEORGE PASTUCH—END GRAIN BOWL

The session started with George explaining the differences when turning a bowl from an end grain blank.

- Retaining the bark or natural edge. To achieve this the bowl's design is an ogee shape. Otherwise the bark or natural edge would be removed.
- The blank should be relatively circular in shape. If the diameter is very irregular, the top part of the ogee must be elongated to ensure the rim is the same thickness all round.
- When turning both the inside and outside of the bowl, the direction of the cut is opposite to a standard bowl. This will ensure cutting 'down hill' and minimize tear out.



George completed the demonstration by turning a bowl while explaining the basics of turning a bowl and highlighting the down hill cut.

NOTE: Begin turning the inside of the bowl from outside towards the centre and finish the rim. Do not cut again as the bark may be lost especially if cutting towards the rim.

When turning the inside of the bowl, discussion revolved around the methods to achieve this. These included the following:-

- Drilling a hole using a forstner drill bit to remove the majority of waste.
- Use a scraper
- Use a bowl gouge ensuring the last few cuts are from the centre out.
- Use a cup tool
- Use a hook tool.

Several members turned their own end grain bowls after the completion of the demonstration.

4th SATURDAY DEMONSTRATION—BILL ELLIOT—FRUIT

Bill Elliott demonstrated his method of turning an apple and a pear.

He started with a piece of timber long enough to produce an apple and a pear. It was turned to a cylinder and tenons were turned on both ends for holding in a chuck and the pieces were then parted in the middle.

One piece was then placed in a chuck, slightly off centre since he pointed out that apples are seldom symmetrical. The bottom was then shaped with a small bowl gouge and the indentation in the bottom was done with a small detail gouge.

A hole is then drilled in this indentation to accept the screw from a home-made screw chuck, which was simply a piece of wood to fit in the chuck with a screw through the middle, projecting about 40mm.

The piece was then screwed onto the screw chuck and the top completed, making an indentation deeper than the one on the bottom. A small hole is then drilled to take the stem.

Bill then followed the same procedure to turn the pear.

He then used a base coat of yellow water-based dye. Once dry, this can be followed by spraying on some red dye to achieve the desired effect (assuming you want a red apple).

Bill then said that you can glue a clove in the bottom and cut or turn a stem which is glued into the top hole.

DEMONSTRATIONS 4TH SATURDAY 2022

July 23	Hollow flask – concealed lid (Technique demonstrated by Hans Noom)	Tim Smeaton
August 27	Salt and pepper grinders	Flora Rumbelow
September 24	Router demonstration Toymendous turning Pole lathe demonstration	Guido Guidi, Trevor Green, Roger Humphris
October 22*	AGM Decorative work in jewellery boxes	David Hough
November 26	TBA	

PROGRAM FOR THIRD SATURDAY MEETINGS
DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2022

July 16	Sugar scoop	Ron Allen
August 20	Scent bottles	George Pastuch
September 17	Tea lights and colour spinning	George Pastuch
October 15	Chatter work	Ron Allen
November 19	Miniature bird houses	George Pastuch

Report on the gallery at the Home Show in June.

Kym Jones as usual, gave us another great spot at the Home Show so we could showcase the high quality products that we produce, to the public.

17 exhibitors set up their tables, displaying a wide variety of items.

Friday was a very quiet day as far as people looking at the different displays, surprising enough we had \$2,640 in sales. Saturday was steady all day, with plenty of people visiting our gallery. Sales for Saturday was \$2,670. Sunday, not as busy as Saturday, but overall a good day with sales totalling \$2,270.

The total sales for the 3days was \$7,580.

The demo area was busy making various items but not a lot of people stopping to chat, maybe they wanted to keep moving to keep warm, as it was a shocker of a weekend.

Several people indicated that they were interested in joining the Club, which is good as they may bring along different ideas and skills.

Several customers stated that they come to the Home Show especially to see our gallery to checkout what we have on display at each show, some buy something each time they come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped to make this event a success.

The Craft and Quilting Fair that was to be in August has been cancelled, and the Home Show in October has also been cancelled. Hopefully everything will get back to normal next year.

Another Professionally put together Exhibition by Northern Turners. Congratulations

Graham Reed