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From the President:



Hi y'all. Members of the committee have had a bit of a chat and realised that we, the committee, need to be careful that our enjoyment of our positions does not wane. What is he talking about I hear you ask. Well quite simply we want to be involved in the meetings as participants and not just dealing with paperwork etc. and in order to achieve this we need your help. This mainly applies to the 4th Saturday which is when most of our 'business' is done. We run a business session and most questions/queries should be answered then. Individual queries are more difficult. We as a committee value each one of you as members and value your input but try to pick an appropriate time or method to discuss things with us and then we can get more out of the meetings ourselves.

Food for thought, if you receive Turnout by snail mail you can ignore this bit. If you receive Turnout via email you know this can sometimes be problematic. Size of some files is an issue for some, increasing download time, to print or not to print is another. A suggestion has been made, which the committee supports, is that Turnout is published on our website once per month. It is easily accessed and can be read online or printed. It can also be archived for viewing at a later date. The major 'pro' is that it will promote looking at our website the major 'con' is that it could be ignored. I am all for promoting our website and in relation to the second part if we published the program on the web also it would be difficult to ignore. Comments please, if not nice comments then at least try to be polite.

A lot of work is being put in to ensure our Port Adelaide Exhibition is a success and I reiterate the message from Graham Reed, "You only have 6 months left to prepare some items"!

I have received a request from the gift shop at St. Peters cathedral. They would like some paperweights donated to sell in the shop. They can be as plain, see picture below, or as decorated as you like, the Lady suggested pyrographed or inlaid crosses on some.



If anyone wishes to donate I will collect them at meetings over the next couple of months or contact me direct to pick up. If you would prefer to donate something else for them to sell then feel free to do so. This will not be an ongoing regular request but may recur every 12 – 18 months.

From the committee:

Two new lathes will be purchased complete with chucks etc. In line with our standardisation program these will be M30. Enquiries are also being made re new bearings and spindles for the 2 blue Vicmarcs.

When I joined NT there was a presentation pack which included badges etc. The committee are working on new packs to welcome new members.

We will be looking at a number of ideas for cleaning equipment, i.e. current vacuums, possible new vacuums.

The booking sheet is now open for the TERRY BAKER workshop in November.

Our website, under the guidance of Gordon Best, is being revamped and a lot more info will be added.

A wish list of equipment required is being generated by Mick Adley.

Program Change:

The meeting to be held on April 23rd coincides with Easter; many people have indicated they will be away including the advertised demonstrator. The meeting will still be held but there will be no official demonstration and it will be a general individual project day for those that will still be attending. My apologies.

The meeting on May 28th which coincides with the Merry Month of May at Renmark will continue with the advertised program and Ron Adams will be demonstrating sugar bowls.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMME – SAT APRIL 9TH 2011

WEED POTS

Our next three meetings will follow a progression from weed pots to larger “vases” and finally to hollow forms. The April meeting will start with simple weed pots.

Simple weed pots may be made from timber up to 100mm square and 150 mm long. They do not need to be large.

Natural branch material makes interesting weed pots especially if the bark can be retained. These can be very attractive when made from small branches and only need to be 60 mm or so tall. Mulga Myall etc are excellent as they have hard durable bark.

Banksia nuts make interesting and attractive weed pots.

Old fence posts also make interesting shapes if some of the weathered surfaces can be retained.

SOME INTERESTING INTERNET SITES

Try Googling :- Timberturner and Bowlwood Woodturning: Rustic Fencepost Weed Pots

Simply Google - Turning Weed Pots although this page quickly turns to such topics as Marijuana Cooking and Senior Tokers Turn to Pot. Please don't get any ideas!

At the meeting we will need to discuss programme ideas for July and beyond.

