

TURNOUT

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President's Blurb September 2015

How privileged we are to have such talented, imaginative members of our club who are willing to demonstrate their skills and share their ideas with us. Bill Elliott's demo on Saturday was inspirational. Ron Allen and George Pastuch also teach us so much about turning.... every month so on behalf of our members I thank all the members of our club who have demonstrated this year. Tim Skilton and Greg Jackson have also put in time to organise another great weekend with Neil Scobie in November. If you think you can't afford it, get your family to give you the fee as an advanced Christmas present... great idea!!!

The skills we have learnt enable us to be part of events like the Home Show and our own exhibition at Port Adelaide. I encourage everyone to put in a few pieces – it's very good for the morale when you sell your first item ! If you need more inspiration, make use of our library. For those of us who struggle to make turning our top priority it's good to have an Exhibition coming up to motivate us to get into the shed.

I have 4 days off work, so that's where I'm going to be In the shed.

Happy Turning

Jan

Send all articles to turnout@woodgroupsa.org.au

New Committee

President	Jan Beare
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Robert Edge
Vice President	Tim Smeaton
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Graham Reed
Member	Jake Jacobs

Your Northern Turners

- *Seeking Excellence*
- *Encouraging Individualism*
- *Fostering Creativity*
- *Teaching Skills*
- *Providing Support*



EDITOR'S NOTE

Another very short edition this time.

George Pastuch

Can Turned Gifts Bring Back Past Attitudes?

What Do Woodies Make For Gifts?

Research Project

Going back a few years a joke was doing the rounds: What do you give the girl who has everything?

Answer: penicillin.

These days, just about everyone has everything and selecting a suitable gift can be difficult. Grandchildren, in particular, if asked, will advise: "just money" but my lingering attitude is that the money will just disappear and the gift and giver will soon be forgotten. Presents in the olden days lasted a lifetime and continually reminded one of the giver. I still have some ties, books, records, etc, that I received as presents more than fifty years ago and I remember the people who gave them.

As woodturners we tend to think of woodturnings as potential gifts – even if only to get rid of something that may otherwise be unsaleable. Have you ever set out to make a special gift for someone? I would like to hear from club members about their experiences making gifts for people. If anyone has been commissioned to make gifts for others or corporate gifts, I'd like to hear about those experiences too.

Sadly we won't know all. I know of one or two items that have been sold at exhibitions to people intending to give them as presents. Doubtless many others have been purchased with giving in mind. But there still must be quite a few we can talk about.

- What occasions were your gift(s) for? (Tell us about all, whether wedding presents, Christmas presents, or just the pen you gave a tradesman for doing a good job)
- What did you make?
- Was the gift appreciated?
- Was it used?
- Did it last?

Do the recipients still talk about it?

Just be aware that a summary of the findings – if interesting enough -- could well end up on our website for all to see. If you have trouble working out what to give, the results may even help you.

So, come on, make an effort and put pen to paper with your experiences. My email address is on the Northern Turners Contact List. If you've really lost your pen, then phone me on 8263 4820 and I'll make some notes.

Gordon Best

4TH Saturday - September

Another well attended Saturday meeting. During the usual committee meeting, we were surprised with one of Tim's poem about the previous month's competition. I failed to get a copy but will endeavour to add it to next month's Turnout.



Show and Tell did us all proud. There was quite a range of items with stories to match

The remainder of the day was taken over by Bill giving us an excellent demonstration on how to turn one of his base less shell type bowls. I took a number of photos and will endeavour to put them together with commentary next month after all the exhibitions.

George Pastuch



NORTHERN TURNERS PROGRAMME

AT ALL MEETINGS, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET ON WITH THEIR OWN ONGOING PROJECTS OR TRY OUT THINGS FROM THE DEMO – USE THE LATHES!

	<u>ACTIVITY / DEMONSTRATION</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
OCT 10th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
OCT 9th to 11th	Garden Show & exhibition Northern Turners demonstrating		
OCT 17th	To be decided	Ron Allen	
OCT 24th	AGM Free BBQ		
OCT 24th	Inverted turning	George Pastuch	Why inverted turning—because you can.
NOV 14th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
NOV 21st	To be decided	Ron Allen & George Pastuch	
NOV 28th	Xmas decorations		
OCT 17 th to Nov 1st	Port Adelaide exhibition		Set up and delivery of exhibits Friday 16th Oct Official opening 2pm Saturday 17th
NOV 7th & 8th	Neil Scobie workshop		See Greg or Tim Skilton for reservations
DEC & JAN	Burnside exhibition		
???	Xmas breakup BBQ		