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From the President

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Dear members

The Biggest Morning Tea, with its associated demonstration from South Oz Scrollers and the auction, was a huge success. We are hoping for a record donation to the Cancer Council, all thanks to the hard work of many members, and generous donations all round.

To Anne and Stuart Kerr, to Sue and Lindsay Winen, a huge thank you for providing hot soup, sausage rolls, cakes and biscuits. There is so much work done beforehand, with planning by Anne and her helpers to make sure everything goes smoothly, and we certainly appreciate it.

This year marked the 20th year that Anne has organized the BMT, raising thousands of dollars for cancer research, but Anne has decided to hand over the reins to someone else next year. After such a marathon effort, Anne can take a well-earned rest! If you would like to help in future, please talk to one of the committee.

To the South Oz Scrollers, in particular Ted van Dijk and Franky Pastuch, thank you for your demonstration of the fine skills needed to make the array of delicate pieces on display. I hope that some of our members may take up this challenge, purchase a quality scroll-saw, and combine wood-turning with scroll-saw work.

To all who donated goods for the auction, thank you. Included were about a dozen boxes of wood from Greg Jackson's shed, and thanks to his widow Val's generosity, all proceeds go to the Cancer Council. The silent auction, organized by Alan Burgess with 68 blanks from a former wood-turner, raised hundreds of dollars, and we hope to see some nice pieces coming from that wood.

Finally, to the unsung heroes of the club who helped to move benches, set up trestles and marquees, and do all the organizing which goes with such an event. Led by Graham Reed, who is the best organizer I know, you all helped to make the BMT a success, so thank you.

To those who made spheres – amazing products!! The talent displayed by some of our members, especially those relatively new to turning, is mind-boggling. Flora Rumbelow and David Kleinig found the judging very difficult, but finally awarded the prizes to three equally deserving winners.

A reminder – several members of the Copper Coast wood-turning club will be visiting on the 3rd Saturday in July. The committee decided to have a simple sausage sizzle on that day, with sausages, onion, and sauce, on a slice of bread provided by the club. So, come along and meet some members of another club and make them welcome.

Get busy on those lathes, and stay well

Cheers Tim Smeaton

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

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started 10:05 with Tim Smeaton presiding

Tim announced that due to the large numbers of items to be auctioned and the Biggest Morning Tea the meeting would be short and no formal show and tell would be held. He then handed over to Ted Van Dyke, the president of Southern Scrollers.

Scroll-saw demonstration—4th Saturday

On the 4th Saturday in June, the South Oz Scrollers visited Northern Turners and gave a demonstration of this skill, which demands great concentration and attention to detail. Ted van Dijk, President of the club, started by pointing out that there was a good article in the Jan.2021 issue of the Australian Woodworker magazine which talked about the aspects to look for when buying a scroll saw.

He noted that some cheaper saws only took pin-end blades, which limited what you can do since they need a 4mm hole to fit through. He next went through a few cuts on a practise piece to show how to handle straight lines, curves and tight curves.



Six scroll saws were set up for members to try and ask questions of the various Southern Turners attending. After a bit of hesitation, many of our members had a go, finding it more tricky than they expected to keep “on the line”, and a few blades did get broken. Considering the blades are less than 1 mm across, it is not surprising there were a few casualties.



If you are interested in starting scroll-sawing, best to get in touch with the Scrollers, do their basic course, and be advised about the best saw to buy.



The delicate work which can be achieved was demonstrated by the array of pieces on the table.

Thank you Scrollers, on behalf of all the Northern Turners members.

Sphere Judging—4th Saturday

Flora Rumbelow and David Kleinig then judged the spheres members brought in after seeing Ron Allen's demo from May. Prizes were awarded to Ed Zahra, Bill Elliott and Gil Hartwig for their pieces.



Flora judging



Great effort from a relative new turner

4th Saturday—Biggest Morning Tea

After the scroll sawing demonstration and the come and try session, the rest of the day was reserved for the Biggest Morning Tea and subsequent auction. All for the purpose of raising money for the Cancer Foundation. Anne Kerr with her helpers prepared a virtual feast of sausage rolls, different soups, sandwiches and an endless different sweets. Everybody went away full and there were heaps left over which was wrapped up and sold again to support the Cancer Foundation.

Many, many thanks to Ann and her helpers. Unfortunately Anne is stepping down from organising the Biggest Morning Tea, so we look for a volunteer to pick up the mantle for next year.



This was followed by two different auctions.

The silent auction, organized by Alan Burgess with 68 blanks from a former wood-turner, and a normal type auction with Tim as the auctioneer. There were in excess of two hundred objects for sale ranging from a lathe, children bicycles, books, magazines, lots more timber etc.



3rd Saturday - Natural edge bowl.

The demonstration was conducted by George Pastuch.

On 3rd Saturday in June, George Pastuch gave a very detailed demonstration of making a natural edge bowl. This is always a challenge, especially if the turner wishes to preserve the bark.

George described different ways to preserve the bark. These mainly done by gluing the bark after cutting the blank but before turning. If there was a large gap between the bark and the timber, two part epoxy resin mixed with saw dust. However if the bark could be pressed onto the blank the either the two part epoxy resin or super glue. However with the increasing focus on resin, George has used casting resin to fill in gaps. Unfortunately this can be fraught with danger as the resin will look for escape holes and pour out of the blank and onto your table etc.

A natural edge with the bark removed can still be an attractive piece.

Before mounting the piece George explained visualizing the balance of the tops of the natural edge, and the valleys to obtain a balanced piece. Next were several methods of removing the bark to enable the blank to be screwed to a small face plate, screw chuck or hot melt gluing a scrap piece of timber.

Once all this is complete, turning the bowl uses the same techniques as a standard bowl. The big difference is turning the natural edge component as this will require turning in a “Shadow”.

A fairly wide range of techniques is needed for this task, a challenge for the novice turner, but we hope to see some elegant bowls at Show and Tell in the near future.

Tim Smeaton and George Pastuch.



3rd SATURDAY PROGRAM FOR 2021

Please remember - we do not have to finish by 2pm

July Demonstrator Ron Allen

Chalice

Blank. A section of any branch up to 150 dia and about 180 long. Preferably with hard bark intact. Green wood will be OK, in fact might be an advantage.
Also bring superglue and activator if you have it.

August Demonstrator Ron Allen

Potpourri Bowl.

A turning blank approx. 150 dia x 50 to 60 thick.

A potpourri lid, available from Carbatec or online from Carrolls Crafts and others. These lids vary in diameter and you need to fit it to your potpourri.

A round nose scraper or similar. Something robust would be good (bowl gouges as well). If you have a goose neck or other hollowing tool bring them as well.

September Demonstrator George Pastuch

Ball/Sphere clock

Blank— 90mm long x 80mm dia. No knots. Any decorative timber

35 mm clock insert available from Carbatec or online from Carrolls Crafts and others.

October Demonstrator George Pastuch

Mushroom Box

Blank - 170mm long x 79 to 90mm dia branch with/without bark attached. Preferably with hard bark intact.

Jam chuck process will be demonstrated

November Demonstrator Ron Allen

Involuted turning. A Christmas mystery project.

Ron will purchase and prepare timber and members can purchase same. (Inexpensive - probably less than \$2 each).

Super glue and Activator.

PROGRAM FOR FOURTH SATURDAY MEETINGS DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2021

July 24	Christmas decorations, inverted turning	George Pastuch, Anne Kerr
August 28	Offset turning – bowls, spindle-turning	David Gilland, Bill Elliott
September 25	Finishing to exhibition standard, decoration etc * Competition as below	Graham Reed, + *Members
October 23*	AGM	
November 27	Metal inlay, combining metal with woo Judge competition*	J.Todd, P.Page, R.Humphris

Competition:* Members to take away similar pieces of wood at September meeting and return in October with a finished item – best effort wins a prize!