

Waveney & District



Wood Turners

E-News

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October Demonstration.

October saw a welcome return visit from Mark Baker whose demonstration piece this month was a lidded bowl the design of which was of Eastern origin. The technique demonstrated maximised the use of the bowl blank in that the lid was made from a piece cored from the blank using a long, and very strong, parting tool.

I have tried twice to write this up but have failed badly so far, even resorting to making a smaller version to clarify the process in my mind and although I have finished up with a presentable (well fairly presentable) piece I am sure that I did not use the same methods as Mark.

The following, then, is a brief account of how I recall the piece being made and includes some learning points along the way. The blank, about 225mm in diameter and 150mm deep was mounted between centres to enable a spigot to be turned on what would be the top of the bowl and this was then mounted in the chuck with tail-stock support. As the piece was so large and slightly off-centre it wanted to bounce the lathe all over the place so Mark had to keep the speed of the lathe quite slow. This in turn meant that the cutting speed had also to be slow and the point was well made that the speed at which the timber is travelling directly influences the traverse speed of the cutting tool. The bottom of the bowl was shaped and decorated and a spigot was cut for remounting.

The piece was remounted, again with tail-stock support and with much of the weight taken off the blank it became more balanced and so allowed the speed of the lathe to be increased. At this point the parting tool was used to core a section from the blank. I cannot remember whether the parting tool entered the face of the blank or the side but in any event as the tool progressed into the cut it was withdrawn and a clearing cut made to prevent overheating and binding. With about 25/30 mm of wood left in the centre the lathe was stopped, the tail-stock removed and the core given a good thump on one edge which neatly split it from the blank.

The lid was then placed in the chuck, shaped and sized to fit the bowl. It is here that I totally lose the plot as I cannot remember how the top-side of the lid was finished or the underside of the bowl although I seem to think the lid was used as a jam chuck to finish the underside of the bowl and that a friction chuck was used to complete the top of the lid. The finished piece was a very striking lidded bowl which Mark has taken away to properly finish as he did not do any sanding .

We are also grateful to Mark for giving a critique of our work, a critique which I find is always very encouraging and positive.



The pictures above are examples of previously made lidded bowls in a similar style and showing alternative finishes.

The picture to the right is the bowl Mark made for the demonstration



Table items

As I said earlier in the newsletter I am always encouraged by Mark's critique. He always finds something positive to say and often has tips on how to improve a piece or make some design tweaks. I hope those who had pieces on the table were also encouraged by Mark. I also hope you approve of the green table covers which I feel shows off your work better than the formica table tops





Chairman's Choice

This month's choice is this beautifully crafted piece from Ken Rodgers.



Next meeting.

The November meeting sees a return to the club of Nick Arnull. Welcome back.

Additional November Meeting

As most of you now know we will be welcoming the internationally known turner Nikos Siragas To Mutford on 20th November. Some tickets are still available and can be obtained from David Ritchie. A rare opportunity in this neck of the woods.

December Meeting

This will take the same format as the very successful 2013 meeting. Tickets will be the same price as last year i.e. £7.50 a head. In order to confirm catering requirements we would like final numbers and payment at the November meeting.

AWGB Membership

A reminder of last month's notice.

As of the end of this year the AWGB will be dispensing with the old membership card and stickers: they will be replaced with individual printed cards and a new one issued each year.

The membership fee remains unchanged at £16-00 and existing members will not have to complete a membership form unless their contact details have changed or they wish to complete or alter their gift-aid declaration.

They remind us that the year end is December 31st and are requesting, as ever, that we collect the money before then so that they get it before the year end. We would ask your co-operation in enabling us to meet this obligation.

Footnote

John Moore and his wife Pamela wish to pass on their thanks to the club for the help and attention John received at the October meeting. Special thanks go to John Robinson and Rita Hayward for the excellent attention they provided.

Happy Turning