



Waveney & District Wood Turners

E-News

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February Meeting

This month we were pleased to welcome Brian Partridge who, apart from being an accomplished turner, is a trustee on the Executive of the AWGB and our Area Representative.

Brian's choice of demonstration this month was a small hollow-form made in two parts to make the hollowing easier; the timber used was a piece of semi-dried silver birch. The first steps were to rough down to the round and then create a spigot on either end of the piece to suit the chuck jaws. This done top and bottom of the finished piece was selected and what was to be the bottom was put in the chuck. Some shape was then put into the piece and using a very thin (1.5mm) parting tool the top section was parted off. Several techniques and tools were demonstrated whilst hollowing the first being using a spindle gouge to first drill into the centre and using a pull cut from the centre out to remove the wood; a standard practice on end grain work. Also used were a ring tool, a carbide tipped Simon Hope tool and a Roly Monro hollower.

The hollowing completed a pre-prepared ring was fitted and glued into the top this bottom piece. This was used to create the spigot on which to mount the top of the piece so limiting the amount of wood removed at the joint to better preserve the grain match and make the joint easier to disguise in the final piece.

The lid was then placed in the chuck, shaped complete with neck, and hollowed all using a spindle gouge. The final job was to make a recess to take the tenon (jam-chuck fit) on the base section. The two pieces were then glued together to create the whole. A finishing cut was now applied to the complete piece to minimise the sanding required and a decorative groove was burned at the joint line which hides it quite effectively.



Brian at the lathe and a finished piece

Due to time constraints and to the fact that the top end of the piece had developed a serious crack Brian did not sand it to a finish. The photograph is of a previously completed piece that he had brought along with him.



More of Brian's hollow-forms.

We are grateful to Brian for his words of wisdom and his demonstration and also for taking the time to offer a critique of members work.

Tables

A good selection of pieces I thought; lease keep them coming.





Chairman's Choice



This beautifully crafted table by Roy Edmonds is my choice this month.

Mini Exhibition

As was announced at our last meeting your committee took to the road in an attempt to create a bit of publicity for the club and to try to attract new members. The exhibition was duly set up on the ground floor of Lowestoft library and from 9.am to around 4.30pm we talked to as many members of the public who were interested enough to stop and take a look. My favourite comment of the day was 'I'd love to find a new hobby for my husband to get him out from under my feet a bit'. We wish you luck madam. Many flyers were handed out and the club is now certainly better known but whether it will attract new members remains to be seen. We were delighted with the response from the library staff who were interested and extremely helpful and we feel we have made an excellent start on what could be a long term relationship.

Our thanks go to those of you who managed to give us a look during the day especially to Colin and Len who stayed a while to enable us to get a short break. Our next exhibition is in the same place on March 28th when we will be repeating the exercise.



Beginners and improvers Night

Due to many requests for a tuition night for beginners we have booked the hall for a series of three Monday evenings with the first being on March 30th. This will be followed by 27th April and 1st June. (Mondays are a bit dodgy trying to avoid bank holidays but it is the only night available at the hall).

We hope to have three lathes available along with tool sharpening facilities; coffee and biscuits is obviously another imperative. The first evening will probably concentrate on spindle turning and thereafter will depend upon what the participants want.

The primary concern of the committee, and why we have only committed to three nights initially, is that it is a worthwhile evening both for trainees and trainers and that it is self-funding. Each evening will cost about £20-00 to run; this cost will need to be shared by trainees. If you are interested please speak to one of us at the next meeting and let us know what it is you need from such an evening. Instruction, tuition, help, call it what you will, can of course be different for each individual on each night depending upon the skills available to help. We look forward to the start of a new venture for the club.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is March 12th. Our demonstrator for the evening is Tom Kittle. I don't have a specific subject from Tom but knowing him it will be interesting, informative and entertaining.

Happy Turning