

Waveney & District Woodturners



E-News

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THIS MONTH'S PROFESSIONAL DEMONSTRATOR

CARLYN LINDSAY

This month's guest turner was Carlyn Lindsay who opted to make a not-so-ordinary laminated pepper mill. Something she only started making at the end of last year as prior to that she had no interest in them.

For those who were unable to attend they unfortunately missed a demonstration with a difference. Our thanks go to Carlyn for a very enjoyable and informative demo. The intricacies and forethought employed could be clearly seen as the shape progressed. Patience and discipline may be a bit much for some of us "old wrinklies," but it gives food for thought and she once again made the point that you don't need to get buried under a mound of shavings to create a piece that is both decorative and functional.

Whilst introducing herself it became obvious just how enthusiastic she is about her woodturning, to the point where she even works out some of her designs mathematically. A bit beyond some of us but none-the-less the results speak for themselves.



Carlyn started by explaining that she uses five layers of veneers to make the laminated sections in her work. Then puts together the layered sections to be used for the finished piece. She also likes to make a dummy piece to test out the design.



The base of the pepper mill was Maple and had two laminated sections on each of the four sides. It was mounted between centres and turned to round at which point she double-checked that it was truly centred on both ends by reducing them using a parting tool and checking that the laminations appeared equal on all sides. This is crucial to ensure the finished design is correct.



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She then proceeded to turn a spigot on one end and mounted the piece in a chuck. It was now ready for drilling out the inner sections to accommodate the lower part of the pepper mill mechanism.

After truing the end Carlyn put a Jacobs Chuck in the tail stock and used Forstner bits to drill the two recesses for the mill mechanism.



This did not go all the way through as she needed to leave some depth of wood for the top end where a recess will be needed for the upper part of the mechanism.



At this point she finished the base as it would not be possible later in the process.

She then mounted a stepped jam chuck in the jaws and forced the drilled end onto it and proceeded to turn the finished shape of the bottom half of the pepper mill.



As she turned the wood away the planned pattern came to life with perfectly equal double intersecting arcs on all four sides creating an exquisite design. This is where she really excels in her particular field of wood turning.

When the base had been turned to the right shape and length she drilled a 10mm recess in the top using a 28mm Forstner bit which will accommodate the head of the mechanism. Then finished with a 22mm bit to drill through to the recesses in the base.

The base will now be able to accommodate the complete pepper mill mechanism.

After the break Carlyn brought out the laminated block to be used for the top. It had four laminated sections running horizontal and vertically. Rather like a Rubiks Cube in fact.



This was again mounted between centres and rounded off then accurately centred in a similar way as the base with a spigot on one end then mounted it a chuck.

The shape of the underside was turned first to match the dummy piece she made previously. This had a neck that would go into the top of the base that was drilled earlier. That base was then offered up to check for a snug fit.

The piece was then turned and mounted in another pre-prepared jam chuck and the top finished to shape where, again, the laminations really brought the piece to life.



As she did so she added several steps to give an extra dimension to the design as per the dummy design. She took quite a while over this as she is a stickler for accuracy.

She then produced a plain pepper mill she had made previously and swapped tops to create a beautiful pair of salt and pepper mills.



Opposite are some examples of Carlyn's work that she brought along on the evening.

Why not visit her website to view a whole lot more?

<http://www.carlynlindsay.co.uk/>



THIS MONTH'S TABLE ENTRIES

As there were far fewer members attending this meeting the number of table entries was rather poor. Not really what we are used to at the club so let's put that right at the next meeting in July.

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE:

Held over to July.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Full Day Demonstration by Ray Key

Norwich Woodturners Club on Saturday 18th June

The Senior Citizens Club, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston, Norwich NR7 8EW

Tickets available from Roger Groom at £15, including Buffet Lunch - Call him on: 01603 423336

NEXT MONTH:

Mark Baker on 14th July

Next trainee night: Monday 27th June at 7.00pm

AROUND THE CLUBS:

Check out these woodturning clubs around the country. More in subsequent newsletters.

<http://www.avon-and-bristol-woodturners.org.uk/>

<http://www.berkshirewoodturners.org.uk/>

<http://blackcountrywoodturners.co.uk/>

<http://www.burnham-on-sea-wtc.co.uk/>

<http://bsewoodturningclub.onesuffolk.net/>

WOOD CHOPPERS BALL ARRANGEMENTS

Over the next 2 months we will need to formulate what we intend to do for the next Wood Choppers Ball at Christmas. Please discuss it with your partners and should there be anything you would like to include then let me know by the August meeting. *David Ritchie*

