

Waveney & District Woodturners



E-News

Chairman: Ken Rodgers

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THIS MONTH'S PROFESSIONAL DEMONSTRATOR

Tony Walton

Tony processes his own wood in addition to being an excellent turner. He is also involved in antique restoration. His demonstration on the evening was to introduce the use of colour.

He started with a Maple spindle 3 x 3 x 9in long, which he turned between centres to round using a spindle gouge with a swept back grind. The piece posed a bit of a problem as it had large knot with a split in the middle which he would have to work round. He put a spigot on one end and mounted it in the chuck.



On the free end Tony proceeded to shape what was to become the lid and began by hollowing the inside and creating a lip that was to fit onto the base. He finished the outer surface by shear scraping before parting off.



The end of the remaining piece was squared off and a lip was turned and the lid offered up and fitted after fine adjustments where made to ensure a perfect fit. The base of the box was then started and it now became obvious that the finished object would be an egg-shaped box.

To avoid vibration, Tony parted off the section of wood required for the base with the additional aim of avoiding the central knot and split. Although the knot had "travelled" into the base Tony continued shaping the outside and finished off by shear scraping. No sanding was to be carried out.



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He then tackled the inside using an old bowl gouge with a short flute for most of the work, finishing up with a scraper. It was now time for colouring.

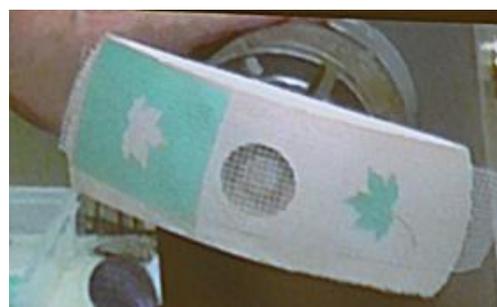
The lid was fitted back on and Tony explained that he would be using two Chestnut Spirit Stains - blue and purple each being applied with a designated spray gun. In fact Tony likes to have a separate gun for each of the nine stains available. He bought his in bulk from eBay very cheaply and they do an adequate job.



The compressor was set to 22psi and the lathe speed set low and first sprayed the "egg" blue. He then produced some plastic mesh that had come as protection for some Simon Hope chisels and slid it over the egg. Both ends were secured with paper tape to ensure a tight fit and no movement whilst spraying. The second purple colour was then sprayed on and the mesh removed to reveal a fascinating blue mesh pattern on a purple background.

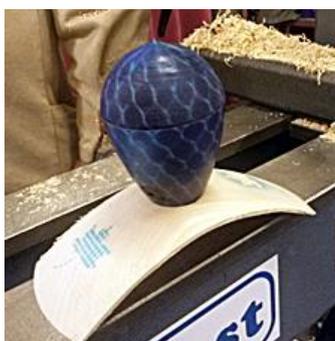
It was a simple process but produced a wonderful effect. The egg was parted off using a skew chisel and the bare end sprayed to finish it off.

After the break it was time to create a stand on which to display the egg box.



To do this Tony had previously prepared a tapered jam chuck which he mounted on the lathe and a rectangle of wood with a centralised hole was forced onto the tapered piece. Tony started to shape the outside top of what was to become a "winged" stand. Once shaped, a piece of plasterers' scrim was applied, plus two laser cut shapes from a sheet of Friskit. On one end was a maple leaf, on the other the outline square section of the maple leaf. A blue spray was applied to create the finished design.

The laser cut-outs are produced by Tony using sheets of Friskit and can be purchased from him for £1.50 and contain different sized shapes.



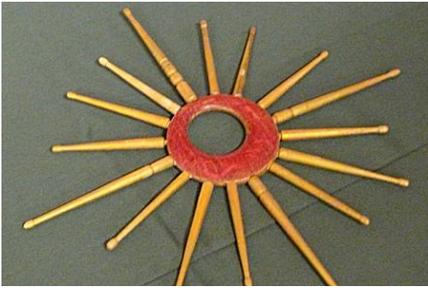
He then "eased" the piece off the lathe with the same hammer he put it on with and removed the underside, creating a thin arched stand. He was a lot more careful taking this off.

The egg was placed on the arched stand to conclude the demonstration.

Tony did say that this process is intended to inspire the use of colour and texturing techniques so lets hope that's the case. Well, for some of you at least.



THIS MONTH'S TABLE ENTRIES



CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE:

I am pleased to nominate Richard Pye's wonderful twist stem goblets as this month's choice.

AROUND THE CLUBS:

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Garden of England Woodturners - <http://www.gardenofenglandwoodturners.org/>

Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners - <http://www.gaw.org.uk/>

Hampshire Woodturners Association - <https://hants-woodturners-hwa.co.uk/>

High Peak Woodturners - <http://www.hpwt.org.uk/>

Highland Woodturning Club - <http://www.highland-woodturners.org.uk/>

Huddersfield Woodturners - <http://www.huddersfieldwoodturners.org.uk/home>

YOUTUBE VIDEOS:

(Hold the Ctrl Key down and Click on the link)

Adding Pyrography and Colour - <https://youtu.be/T6UEvIzLAyM>

Jimmy Clewes Turns a Coloured Rim Platter - <https://youtu.be/SNDxDHShOL8>

Colouring a Candi Bowl - https://youtu.be/GeqVoAEs_Yk

Colouring by Gary Lowe - <https://youtu.be/ahVZtZKqnPY>



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NEXT MONTH

Mark Baker - Thursday 10th November

Mark is a highly regarded turner who has published his own work, is an editor of woodworking titles and is an excellent demonstrator with a relaxed manner.

TRAINING

Next “Improvers Night” - Monday 31 October at 7.00pm

This is a opportunity for members to improve their skills on a motivational and relaxed social evening hosted by your own club committee and members. Not only that, tea and biscuits are provided.

JANUARY AGM - PLEASE NOTE

At January’s AGM we need to elect a Treasurer and Chairman. Ken Rogers is finally stepping down after kindly filling the positions when Terry Merry passed away. We wish to thank him for all he has done.

HOWEVER:- If no one comes forward it means the club is in danger of folding as it would no longer have a legal constitution. It is your club so please get involved.

XMAS BASH and PRESENTATION EVENING

Entries are required for our annual Christmas Event so get turning and amaze us with your wonderful faceplate and spindle entries. The more the merrier. A buffet will be provided. There will also be mystery entertainment.

NOTE: Don’t forget to return and polish last years’ trophies. We would also appreciate as many raffle entries as you would care to donate.

A SAD FAREWELL – to Richard Pye who is leaving the club on a high note (Chairman’s Choice) and moving to Wymondham in the near future to be near his daughter. It may not be generally known but Richard used to be club treasurer and was an integral part of its success in days gone by. **Good Luck.**

