

Eltham and District Woodworkers Inc.



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Newsletter Editor:

The next newsletter will come out at the end of December. Please forward any articles or information that you would like to go into newsletter to Richard Smith at richardasmith1955@gmail.com by the 27 December.

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 7:30 PM.

At Clubhouse, War Memorial Park, guest speaker, Mr Scott Thompson from Art Creations who will talk about epoxy resin and its use with timber. The following discussion will be a review of the Exhibition followed by Christmas drinks and nibbles.

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Yarrambat.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Another exhibition over and what a great success, from the setting up on the Thursday to the final celebration on Sunday night. The quality of the exhibits was certainly unbelievable and the setting up of the exhibition room helped to make it the roaring success that it was. Many thanks go to Adrian Desfontaines for his organization of the event. Unfortunately, he won't be managing the exhibition any longer, as work has demanded that he spend more time at his day job, but taking over from him will be Maïke Pritchard who I am sure will be equally successful. I am still amazed that Adrian managed to get his exhibit into the Community Hall.

I would also like to thank all of those who helped to make it such a successful exhibition. Brian Donnelly's organization of the raffle sales at Eltham Village helped to kick off the event. He and his many helpers helped to make it a huge success.



How could I forget Val and Mark Sandeman who did such an amazing job with the raffle sales. They complemented the work of Brian and his many helpers by taking care of the raffle sales at Eltham Village and organized the sale of tickets and developed a roster of people willing to help out at the exhibition and raised \$6,940. Of that amount \$90 going to Zeller, the company who let the Eftpos machines and \$785 for printing the raffle tickets and the first prize.

Many thanks to Jane Hammett and her helpers for setting up the display in the main room. I was mightily impressed as were many others judging by the number of positive comments I received.



Peter Gannon and his band of merry helpers managed the exhibition room including the delivery of items on Thursday and the sale of items on other days. They were extremely busy as you can imagine receiving over 200 exhibits and selling \$7464 of items. Of that money \$373 went to the club and \$161 to Zeller.

Poor old Martin Ganter (he's over 50 now) was often on his own at the Sales Table, next year we'll make sure that people stick to their rostered time. He was also very busy selling \$6720 worth of items with us getting a commission of \$336 and Zeller receiving \$126.

Wes' Workshop was full of children with smiling faces, the success of this program interesting the Eltham Sea Scouts. Wes and his group of assistants should be very pleased

with their efforts. Many thanks to all those people who provided demonstrations in the same room, though I did hear them say that next year they'll buy Wes lots of glue. The thing which impressed me most was the pack up at the end on Sunday. We had to be packed up, and everything gone in one hour, but surprise, surprise everything was cleaned up in half an hour. We had to put the delivery of pizzas forward half an hour. The reason everything was cleaned up so quickly was the tremendous effort everybody put in. We had a very large group of people helping out. Maybe they just wanted some pizza. It was the first exhibition I have been to as President and might I say I think it was the best I have ever been to.

Colin Groves

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK....

Back in the world of woodworking! And finally, over my jetlag... and straight into Exhibition mode. I was following the Committee's emails re the Exhibition while I was away and thought that they had everything well in hand. Into the deep end I plunged, with setting up the display room for all your wonderful woodcraft! Again, I was in awe of the calibre of the work produced by you all. Thank you to all who helped out on the Thursday setup, you made my job so much easier, especially as I am the newbie for this very important club activity. I had a vision of what I hoped to achieve and feel that I pulled it off.



But I have ideas already running through my head for next year. The little tackers certainly enjoyed (Uncle) Wes' Workshop, some have been coming back for a number of years because of Wes and his fabulous activities. I loved watching them leave clutching their birdboxes with giant smiles on their faces. No need to be told that it was a hit.



Of course, it takes a team of volunteers to make this event successful, and we certainly had more than a few of those over the course of the Exhibition. Thank you. The feedback we have been getting from the public has been wonderful (and new membership enquiries, Kevin tells me he had about 30 on the go). A big thank you to those who helped with the Sunday pack down, that happened a lot quicker than I expected. It was really fabulous that so many of the pack down crew hung around for Pizza (thanks Colin) and a well-earned beverage. There were some really good conversations about how the Exhibition went and some really lovely positive feedback. I am very grateful for the input from the group. I believe the sales tables did very well, with a vast array of items available for purchase. I myself purchased a beautiful jewellery box made by Geoff Oliver. There were lots of red dots on the cards around the room.



The next General Meeting – 6th December @ 7.30pm, will be an Exhibition Debrief followed by some end of year cheer, yet to be determined. Details will be circulated shortly.

I would also like to thank those of you who followed my travels around the UK, liked my photos and commented on

the photos I posted. I had a fabulous time away, enjoyed everywhere I visited, and the scenery was stunning! Now it is but a memory, and it's a bit like 'was I really there'? I do have a myriad of photos to sort through now though.

Until next time.....

Jane

BUNNINGS BBQ

Our next Bunnings Sausage sizzle is on Sunday the 21st of January 2024. Please put this date in your diary and let Richard Smith know if you can carry out a shift on the day. His email is richardasmith1955@gmail.com.

Mentoring Monday

At every exhibition, the amount and quality of work submitted is always a pleasant surprise. Most pleasing is seeing work entered by new members especially those attending our mentoring sessions where, in a very short time, we have seen them move from rank novices to capable creators. And so fitting it was that Carol Fournaris, who readily admits to being a novice when she joined not so long ago, was crowned “most improved new member” as the winner of this year’s Max Jensen award. Not only was she deservedly a winner for demonstrating rapid mastery but also for the wild enthusiasm she showed in her work.



Bathroom toiletry tray by Carol.



Carol with Paul Rushton discussing the next steps.

A notable entry was from Natalia who exhibited her very artistic stand featured here last month when it was still in progress. It seems she overcame the seemingly “too difficult angles” and managed to assemble it into a very striking piece of work.



Somehow the year is nearly done and dusted, and I cannot let it pass without saying what a joy it has been to spend many Mondays with a bunch of great people who have attended mentoring. I have also especially enjoyed the assistance from Hamish Hill who has shared his experience and techniques with us. I look forward to next year **when we may be able to add additional mentoring sessions** for those that can only attend on weekends or nights.

Charlie Camera.

Mentoring Monday - Skills Techniques and Safety

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

1-00 pm on Monday the 11th of December: - We will be looking at, discussing, and demonstrating timber finishing, and some of the different ways of going about this fraught task. Charlie and Hamish, and hopefully one other member, will discuss and show what they do and how they do it to get, what they consider a perfect finish on their work. It would be wonderful if any members that have particular skills or interest in finishing could get in touch with me and get involved on the 11th. Please give me a call 0428577878.

Hamish

Pyrography Group Sunday 26/11/2023

Beryl and Kevin were early apologies because of family commitments on this day. Quite understandable as we are heading into the "silly season", consisting of Christmas and New Year, which are both rapidly approaching (in case you didn't know).

I was in, set up and working on a dinosaur picture when the first of the crew showed up. Chris Boylen re-burned some hardwood coasters he had made with his "soldering iron style burner" at home. (Branch off cuts cut by his father and donated to the Pyrography cause.) With the more precise burning possible with the Club's machine, the images became much clearer to distinguish and will now make interesting coasters once coated in an appropriate sealer. Chris then moved on to do some simple pictures and practice shading techniques. Kirsten was next in. Showed us some samples she had done at home, complete with colour and shading, which were very striking and well done. Kirsten then spent some time trying simple patterns with different techniques. One was a little boat atop some pretty rough looking seas. (After seeing that, there's no way I'll take to the water!)

Then Maike joined us and started a Platypus on the Riverbank scene. Maike had done this before as a bigger picture but was now recreating it as a smaller wall hanging. From a blank board Maike had it half-done before we shut up shop for the day.

I had been toiling on my dinosaur picture since opening, and it was less than half the size of Maike's board. It features a young Apatosaurus walking along beside a much bigger Apatosaurus in the background. (A very simple picture actually.) I finished both animals, with shadows under them, but no scenery at all. Maike's 'half done picture' was considerably bigger and included more detail than I could poke a stick at. Talk about putting a guy under the pump!

FYI. An Apatosaurus is what us "oldies" would know as a 'Brontosaurus' from the beasts of our youth. It was re-named some years back due to a misidentification in scientific circles

back in the early days of dinosaur discoveries. (Just a little fact I thought I would share with you.)

Another FYI detail for you. There will **NOT** be a Pyrography Group in December as it falls on the 24th, and I thought I would be hard-pressed to get anybody along anyway. So, our next session will be in 2024 on January 28th. This is the Australia Day long weekend, but I figure by then some people would be looking to separate from their families for a bit of a break.

Steve Mitchener.

Turning Group (Thursday PMs) Report for November 23

The Turning Group had a productive month. Graham turning a 'capital / finial' to fit a gate post. Eric worked on a few projects including another hollow orb object and a fancy bowl from redgum. I worked on a fruit bowl out of cedar and Tom worked on a small measuring 'jig' to assist in marking up both mortice and tenon shapes to enable projects to reliably fit our lathe chucks with copies of the little measuring jib for all of us. Thanks Tom a great little tool.

Rod Gorfine on behalf of the Thursday Turners

Carving Group Report for November 2023.

Our Club's Carving Group met on the 3rd and 17th during the month. Bernie was determined to complete his Jewellery Box out of American Walnut in time for the Exhibition weekend and was well on his way with final assembly and timely support from Geoff Oliver for the all-important hinge installation. The final result was a credit to Bernie's patience and persistence with the box prominently displayed at the exhibition.



Meanwhile other carvers were engrossed in their projects; Kevin with a relief carving of flowers and leaves; Chris with a selection of spoons at various stages of completion. David still refining his 'leaning man' together with a large 'heart' out of jacaranda with a future purpose TBD. Maike was finishing off a seahorse out of camphor laurel and Steve was engrossed in carving a Celtic patterned box together with furthering his three wise men carving project. Meanwhile I finished off my shepherd figurine out of jelutong for my nativity set and for fun started a little gnome.

Rod Gorfine on behalf of the carving group.

DISCOUNTS

The following organisations will offer us a discount of the amount indicated to Club members.

- Britton Timbers 10%
- Mathews Timber 10% only on large quantities
- Oz Timber 10%
- Urban Salvage 5%-10%
- D.V. Mitre 10 10%

To get a discount you will have to show that you are a member of EDWI, either by wearing your name badge or club clothing or both.

- Timbecon A discount is offered but you will need a note on Club letterhead from Colin.

If you know of somewhere else where we can get a discount tell a committee member.

Potential Suppliers for Members

Listed below are some suggested timber suppliers within Melbourne metropolitan area. If you have other good sources let Richard Smith know so that they can be added to the list

Britton Timbers, Dandenong

<https://brittontimbers.com.au>

Contact: Brendon O'Brian

Mathews Timber, Kilsyth.....

<https://www.mathewstimber.com.au>

W R Timbers, Kilsyth.....

<https://wrtimbers.com.au>

Steve's Woodenstuff

<https://Woodenstuff.com.au>

0412 585 906

Shiver Me Timbers, Clayton.....

(Sells new and Recycled Timbers)

<https://shivermetimbers.com.au>

Melbourne Timber Supplies, Deer Park.....

<https://www.melbournetimber.com.au>

Oz Timber, Thomastown.....

<https://oztimbers.com.au>

Australian Sustainable Hardwoods, Hayfield.....

<https://ash.com.au>

Cabinet Timbers, Braeside.....

<https://www.cabinettimbers.com.au>

Urban Salvage

<https://www.urbansalvage.com.au>

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DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:

6 December General Meeting

Contact Workshop leaders to see whether sessions are running as we get closer to Christmas as some may not run during that period.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Second Sunday Scrollsaw 9.00 – 4.00pm Steve Mitchener 0409 003 487</p> <p>Fourth Sunday Pyrography 9.00am – 4.00pm Steve Mitchener 0409 003 487</p>	<p>Every Monday Mentoring 9.30am-11.30pm Charlie Camera 0413481699 Hamish Hill 0428 577 878</p> <p>Second and Fourth Monday Skills, Techniques and Safety Session 1.00-2.00 Hamish Hill 0428 577 878</p>	<p>Every Tuesday Open Workshop 9.00am-12.30pm Colin Groves 0417 563 699</p> <p>Second & Fourth Tuesday Instrument Group 1.00pm – 4.00pm Frank Camera 0427 964 245</p> <p>Every Tuesday Open Workshop 6.30pm-8.00pm Peter Davey NOTE: you must text or ring Peter by midday the previous day on 0421544115 if you want to attend this session</p>	<p>Every Wednesday Wes' Exhibition Toy Workshop 9.30-12.30 Wes Weight 0478 021 269</p> <p>First Wednesday General Meeting 7.30pm @ the club rooms</p> <p>Third Wednesday Committee Meeting 7.30pm @ the club rooms</p>	<p>Every Thursday Open Workshop 9.00am-1.00pm Paul Ruston 0417 017 347</p> <p>Sylvester Konieczny 0407 009 951</p> <p>Every Thursday Turning 1.00pm – 4.00pm Rod Gorfine 0418 108 551</p>	<p>First and Third Carving 9.00am- 3.00pm Rod Gorfine 0418 108 551</p>	<p>First Saturday Open Workshop 8.30am- 12.00pm Aurora Messina 0401 866 859</p> <p>Second & Fourth Saturdays Open Workshop 9.00-12.00 Toby Grant 0488 994 741</p> <p>Colin Groves 0417 563 699</p> <p>Fifth Saturday Open Workshop 9.00-12.00 Colin Groves 0417 563 699</p>