



Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association

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Stanley #10 1/2 rebate plane

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Next Main Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 11th April from 18h00 at the new WWA clubhouse at REEA. Norman Cheerin will show a simple approach to staining. Also a talk on a new range of finishes, presently being sold in the industrial market, that are planned to become more widely available.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 2nd April at 18h00 at the new WWA clubhouse at REEA. Demo by Andrew Reilly on colouring techniques and building up.

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March Main Club Meeting. Manie Grove talked about the electric guitars he makes. He does not make them full-time, making only 40 per year. As a result they are in demand and played by many well known local musicians. For the bodies, he uses a variety of woods, including alder, American swamp ash, Honduras mahogany and maple. He hollows out the bodies and tunes them to achieve the right resonances, to achieve the sound required for the type of music that the musician plays. The necks are made of mahogany and maple. To withstand the 130 lb pull of a set of strings tuned to pitch, the neck is reinforced with a steel rod. Manie inserts the frets himself. Premium hardware is used, mostly imported from the USA, for a top end product. The guitars are finished using stains and catalysed nitrocellulose lacquer, buffed and polished to shine.

March Turner's Meeting. Different types of finishes for wood were discussed. Oils, varnishes, waxes, lacquers, etc – what they contain and how they work. Understanding the basics behind the chemistry allows a more suitable selection to be made. This talk was based on the articles in Crosscut in July and August 2006.

Hobby-X. This took place from Thursday to Sunday, 8 -11 March at the Dome. Hardware Centre had three of their new 1624-44 lathes on the stand. At Smit brought his Jet Mini as usual. There were some turned items on display and a lot of shavings were generated, and hopefully interest too. This was the tenth year that the turners have supported Hobby-X – from the start and they received an award to reflect this.

From the committee:

AWSA Congress. This takes place from the 26th to the 29th April at Jan van Riebeeck High School in 129 Kloof Street, Tamboerskloof, Cape Town. Bonny Klein is the visiting turner. If you have not received a notification of the congress, please contact a member of the turner's committee for more information or visit <http://awsa2007.blogspot.com/>.

Bonnie Klein's visit. Bonnie will be arriving on Saturday, the 13th April from Seattle. She is scheduled to give a demo at the clubhouse on Sunday the 14th April. Bring and braai from 11h00, demo starts at 14h00. Thereafter, she will travel to Durban and the AWSA congress. Cost for the demo will be R150- per person, bookings to be made at the next turner's meeting. (See <http://www.bonnieklein.com/> for more on Bonnie.)

Interclub Candlestick Competition. The turners have organised a get together at the club with the turning sections of the East Rand and Pretoria clubs. There will be a competition in two categories:

- Two identical candlesticks – they must be functional.
 - A single candlestick of any design. It must hold some sort of candle, but otherwise the design is free.
- Saturday the 21st April, from 11h00. Bring and braai, with drinks on sale.

Turner's Collaboration Sessions. The Art House Gallery (114 Milner Ave, Roosevelt Park, 011 888 9120) will be holding an exhibition at the end of 2007 with the theme of **Time**. Four groups will be put together for collaboration sessions to create items for this exhibition. The groups will consist of both beginning and experienced turners who will get together over the next few months.

Training in Basic Woodworking Techniques. The committee is busy compiling a list of topics that will be presented in short courses, to allow members to pick those of interest. Topics will include Radial-arm saw techniques, Measuring, Setting out, Mortise and tenon joints. To suggest topics and/or to volunteer to present, please contact Jenny on 082 885 5090 or jenny@regency.co.za. A schedule will be posted on the notice board by mid April.

AGM and New Committee. Notice is hereby given of the annual general meeting for the Wits Woodworking Association that will take place on Wednesday, the 9th May 2007 at the REEA Clubhouse at 18h00. Items on the agenda:

- Acceptance of the treasurer's report for 2006/7. Approval of the budget for 2007/8.
- Election of office bearer's and committee members for 2007/8. Volunteers for all the positions are welcome, as some of the committee will step down. Others will remain, subject to being re-elected, in order to ensure continuity. A list of duties for each member will be available, so that volunteers can see what is required. Having fun is definitely part of the job description!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: 2007 / 2008 year

Membership subscriptions for 2007 / 2008 are due on 1 May 2007. At the March meeting, approval was given by the club for the increase in subs to R200- per year.

Please pay the Treasurer before the end of April to maintain continuity of your membership. Post cheques to the address in the masthead of this newsletter. Details for direct deposits are on your *personal* invoice below.

Thank you.

Kenneth Jackson Secretary

Payment of subs. We are experiencing difficulty with the tracking down of all subs paid. Please can members ensure that they pay directly to the treasurer of the main club (Glenn) and that they receive a receipt for future reference. Please send all changes of address direct to the secretary.

INVOICE		15 March 2007
DUE DATE		AMOUNT
1/5/2007	SUBS for the Witwatersrand Woodworkers Association - 2007/2008 year	R200-00
	Direct deposits to: Witwatersrand Woodworkers Assn. Nedbank Main St. branch - Code: 197-905. Account No: 1979-321833 – Put your name in the comment line, so that the treasurer can identify the source of the payment.	

Toys Donated to SANCA. You may recall the toys donated at the braai went to the SA National Cancer Association for use in crèches. This article, published in the Roodepoort Record on 1st Dec2006, explains how our small contribution has helped.

Sanca reaches out to community.

Sanca West Rand has over the last few years become involved in a Poverty Alleviation Project as a result of the wider care which needs to be given in the treatment of patients, HIV/Aids victims ,both mothers and children(and Aids orphans). Sanca is involved with creches in 13 informal settlements in and around the Roodepoort area. Approximately 220 mothers have come together to form day-care centres where they could work and take care of the children, approximately 4500 children (HIV-positive children as well as orphans). About 90 per cent if these women are HIV/ Aids-positive. The aim is to assist these women to augment the meagre grant received from the Department of Health(DOH), to establish a self-help scheme and to eventually offer skills training and self-development, hopefully resulting in a group of self-sufficient entrepreneurs. Sanca is involved in the following informal settlements: Bekkersdal -Kagiso, Swanieville- Soul City, Matholiesville –Braum-Fischer, Dobsonville -Doornkop, Snakepark -

(Robben) Island, Dobsonville. These crèches are established with almost nothing. The women get together and, with almost no resources, try to establish a safe and healthy environment for children to stay during the day. They are given a DOH subsidy of R1500 every three months-- this results in providing two meals per day to each child at less than R1 per child per meal. There is virtually no other resources, no face cloths, no soap, no food--except vegetables grown by each crèche-- no educational aids, nothing. The women are trying to cultivate excess vegetables to sell to the community to generate an income. They are also trained to make blankets which they can sell. Our aim is to obtain funding to assist them with: seed for their food gardens (suppliers usually donate expired seed); material to make blankets; training in funding, selling, investing money (basic life skills); obtaining products and building the infrastructure of their crèches and eventually, to earn an income to support themselves and their children; training them to organise themselves into a group of entrepreneurs or a co-op. These women are unemployed and cannot obtain employment because they lack skills and are HIV-positive. All their husbands/partners have abandoned them upon discovering their HIV status. Their main aim is to remain alive and well until their children are older or even until their children die.

Eddie Marchio says that the toys we donate are gratefully received and distributed and also over time recycled amongst the crèches. Daphne van Staden (a retired teacher) is the dominant driving force. She explained to us that the nature of the toys have a great meaning for the children not only as toy objects, but educational from the point of view that they are out in the "sticks" and do not see or experience the values of urban or worldly life.



The picture (sorry about the size/quality – this is the best I can do) shows Eddie and Winston Klein with some of the donated toys.

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Monday of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the new clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on (011) 678-8062 or renato@pixie.co.za for more information.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshop is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Winston Klein on (011) 674-1513 for more information.

For Sale:

Solid Meranti woodworkers bench with W/W vice and stop. 3 Metres long * 85 Cm wide and normal bench height.

Bench incorporates a Tool well, 3 Drawers and 2 double cupboards. Very good condition. R2000- (The length can be reduced to 1.5 metres if required, with 2 Drawers, a double cupboard and a shelf and of course the price would be adjusted.)

TORMEK 2000 Supergrind with all attachments - MINT Condition.

KITY Lathe Copying Attachment unused.

Wood - miscellaneous planks of Oak, Yellow wood, Black wood, Imbuia, etc at 60% of retail. Honeydew.

Contact Frank Evans on 083 557 3347 (Cell) or 011 478 3761 (Home).

Kity Combi for sale R6000-00. Also some hand tools and various planks of exotic timbers. He is downsizing and cannot take these with him. Contact Joe Hall on 011- 783 6878 (Parkmore).



Nova 1624-44 Lathe

It isn't every day that Teknatool launches a new lathe.

The Nova 3000 shown on the right was the first model that sold in quantity in South Africa. There were previous models, but they were less popular.



You may recall the last big milestone was the Nova DVR.

This lathe integrated the motor into the headstock with its drive electronics. The bed was based on the Nova 3000 and an upgraded tailstock was fitted. Subsequently, the DVR XP was launched with a redesigned bed. The DVR tailstock continued.

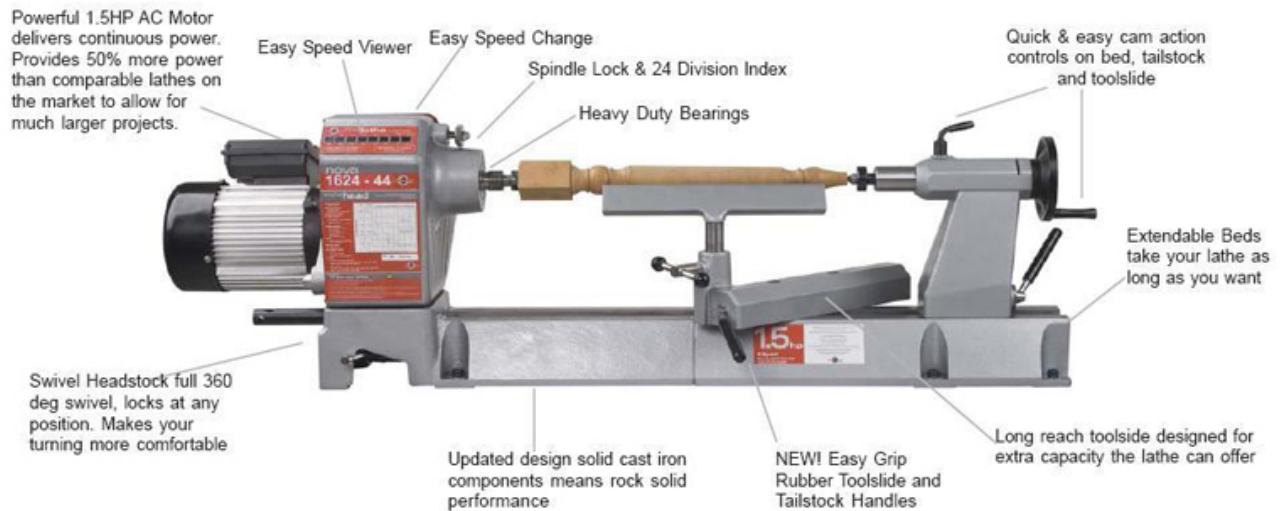
Now the Nova 3000 has been upgraded to use the DVR XP bed and tailstock. A more powerful 1.5 hp motor is also



included over the 1 hp normally fitted to the Nova 3000. This is now sold as the model 1624-44 (not the most memorable name – clearly marketing was asleep here!).

There are a few detailed improvements as well, such as the locking levers. Spindle threads offered are 1¼”, M30 x 3.5 and M33 x 3.5. If you wish to use a Nova chuck with the M33 x 3.5 size, this is a special order as the thread is machined into the chuck body and the usual inserts are not used. The 1624-44 and DVR headstocks are interchangeable on the new bed, so you can upgrade if you wish.

Those that took part in Hobby-X will have had the pleasure of using these. Aside from a few assembly errors, (legs the wrong way around, a loose motor pulley, and a misaligned bed extension) the lathes were solid and a pleasure to use. Headstock-tailstock alignment is improved from the 3000. The hinged belt covers were a bit rattly, but a bit of fiddling should sort those out. (We were joking that the rattle was to remind those of us who are advancing in years that the lathe is on, but as Roy Gibbs said, even that may not be enough one day!) If you are in the market, this lathe is recommended.



Teknatool still ship both M30x3.5 and 1 ¼” spindles, so check which you need before ordering. The 1624-44 supersedes the 3000 in the model line-up. The 1624-44 was offered by Hardware Centre on a Hobby-X special at R9995- including a stand and bed extension. The DVR is about R19000-.

(Pictures are from www.teknatool.com)

Design Indaba

You may have seen this advertised and wished you could visit, but unfortunately it is in Cape Town. From the web site I picked out a couple of items of interest to woodworkers. The rocker from Egg Design doesn't look very comfortable to me, although I'd like to see it and sit in it.



This book case is called Mooj from Joom <http://www.joom.co.za/mooj.html> is intended to be used as a room divider and has wheels to make it mobile.

The house from ZenKaya is a mobile home that uses wood to make a much more welcoming picture than a conventional Zozo or Portacabin made of Chromadek. Different size units are available.

<http://www.designindabamag.com/2006/4th/home.htm>
<http://www.zenkaya.co.za/>

