



TURNINGS

April 2008

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WCWA (Internet home page), www.wcwa.za.net

AWSA (Home page), www.awsa.org.za

Central Ohio Woodturners (WCWA Sister Club): <http://www.biosci.ohiostate.edu/~awolfe/COW/cow.html>

NEXT MEETING.

The next formal meeting will be the Annual General meeting on **Wednesday 16th April** at 19-00 hours at the Pinelands Hobbies Club.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Western Cape Woodturners Association, to be held on **Wednesday 16th April 2008** at 19:00, at the Pinelands Hobbies Club, Nursery Way, Pinelands.

The committee hereby calls for nominations for members to serve on the committee for 2008/2009 to be submitted in writing to any committee member, by **Wednesday 19th March 2008**.

A nomination form can be found at the end of this newsletter.



FROM THE CHAIR

Dear fellow turners,


We have come to the end of another very successful month.

The highlight being the "Turnfest" we had at Kirstenbosch Gardens. Although this was an Association of Woodturners of South Africa effort it was run by WCWA members who are

members of the national body. With not a great deal of time to organize this Gigi and a small team managed to put on a great display and demonstrations.

A couple of upcountry members did manage to send some pieces down for exhibition and sale: John Wessels sent some pieces with his wife Jane, when she came to do the Argus, from Sedgefield, and Nigel Waters consigned a box per courier from East London.


The exhibition drew a lot of interest from far and wide and being at the main entrance to the gardens many an overseas visitor passed through the gallery and was surprised at the quality and elegance of the turnings on show and the beauty of the timbers used.



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AFRICAN MAHOGANY, KIAAT, OBECHE, WALNUT, MAPLE, CHERRY, OAK, ASH, BEECH, AFRICAN ROSEWOOD, IROKO, JIMBUIA, POPLAR, SA PINE ETC.

It is odd that at every public demonstration we always seem to have a member that becomes the focus of attention, or an item that turns out to be the flavour of the day.

At Lourensford last year during the Cape Town Flower Show it was Bernie Swanepoel and his hats.

This time it was the turn of a most unscrupulous "estate agent" in the form of Dennis Laidler who managed to sell Table

Mountain over and over again without batting an eyelid. The odd thing was that no one objected, not the organisers of the show nor the buyers. Dennis turned the profile of the mountain and then sliced his turning in four pieces each one becoming an individual piece. Some even had a little cable station set on the top of them.



Dennis holding some "Prime Cape Town Real Estate" turned from the Magic Tree

This brought the only complaint from a buyer who comparing her pieces with others got upset because her mountains did not have a cable station on it. Luckily we did have a stock of complete items and we gladly rectified the situation.

The exhibition generated about R23,000 of which 10% went to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and 5% each to AWSA and WCWA.

The items turned on the show mostly made of yellowwood saved from the Magic Tree were sold for the Outreach Greening Project, and raised in the region of R3,500. A very stout effort indeed.

The biggest surprise of the show was when an American couple were introduced to Dennis, because he had visited the 'States last year to attend the American Association's annual Symposium in Portland Oregon. The husband had clearly set his heart on a Peter Nicolle piece which was clearly marked "Not for sale". He returned again and again to the piece, picking it up wistfully and studying it longingly. Gigi realised that this was an opportunity not to be missed, and called Peter who was suffering the effects of the "dreaded lurgy" at his holiday home in Franschoek, and after some gentle persuasion, Peter relented and a deal was struck, to the satisfaction of both parties, and Peter sold his prized treasure to be added to a top USA collection of wood art. After formal

introductions it came to light that the clients were none other than Elizabeth and James York from Florida; Elizabeth being one of the top woodturning collectors in the United States. Her day was made when she left with a magic wand turned by Dennis, and she claimed it had done its first bit of magic, by Peter agreeing to sell his bowl. So you never know who you can meet, or what can happen to one of your works of art.

Well-done Peter!



Photo: Ken Turner

Peter's pierced bowl that now resides in the USA

The Turnfest was a great success thanks to Gigi and her merry men and will hopefully be repeated next year with the same success, and become one of main attractions in our calendar.

On the home front our Wednesday workshops are going from strength to strength and it is a real pleasure to be part of those evenings I for one would not miss them for anything.

Next meeting is our AGM during which a new committee will be elected.

Having stood on the committee for three consecutive years I have to take a sabbatical according to the Constitution.

We require 5 members to serve on the Committee and as 6 members have been proposed you have to make your choice from the following.

In alphabetical order:

- Mike Bester
- David Burch
- Gert Ferreira
- Graeme Hill
- Mike Richards
- Bernard Swanepoel

And for a change as soon as the business side of the meeting is over we will have a bit of turning fun (we hope). We will turn some of the surplus pile of timber we have lying around in the clubhouse.

This will take the form of a "Chairman's Challenge" in which I hope most of you will participate. The object will be to make a weed pot within the allocated time of 15 minutes using any of the 8 lathes and tools available at the club.

Prizes will be allocated to the best three pots in the eyes of the outgoing Chairman and committee.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday,

Eric.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008.

Dear friends and fellow turners,

Having served three consecutive years on the Committee the Constitution requires me to take a sabbatical. So I have sadly come to the end of my last year serving as Chairman of the Association. I have never regretted one moment of the time served on the Committee or in the chair. It has been an eventful, exiting, challenging and fruitful year during which a few milestones have been achieved.

We have never had so many events in any one year since the inception of the Association which means that we have been busy all the time with virtually no time to relax before the next happening.

May was the Model Engineering week-end which was great fun and quite an experience as we had to dodge some really increment

weather to get there and then move our exhibits and lathes from time to time as the leaking roof decided to keep us on our toes.

June was the perennial Hobby-X which is always a great success and a great crowd puller. Here Bernard tried his hand at turning hats a new skill he added to his woodturning expertise. This show did also have its slight dilemma... Bernie's shavings and sawdust did not mix too well with the paintwork of the next door stand... the organisers will know where to place them next time.

This year our sales and charity box registered record figures.

October as usual is the much vaunted and anticipated Cape Town Flower Show. For this exhibit and demonstration we pull out all the stops as we get great coverage and there is also the added incentive of getting show medals being allocated to the top stands. This was the first time that our new JET™ lathes were shown to the public. They really drew a lot of attention and admiration from the public. Pulling out the stops meant we wanted to project a truly neat and professional image.

To reach that objective Mike Richards designed and manufactured our new exhibition stands and the lathe cabinets. These are very eye pleasing and make for ease of transportation to and from demonstration He donated his time to the fabrication of these items, the association paid for the materials.



Gert demonstrating a natural edge bowl on one of the JETs mounted on the new stand

In order to hold out photographic displays and have an eye catching promotional advert I donated three lightweight metal foldable trestles and a revolving advert.

The combination and addition of all the above was instrumental in the WCWA obtaining the Gold Medal for the "Best Indoor Exhibit". We had been striving to achieve this for some time but as the saying goes "Practice makes perfect"

This could not have been achieved without the help of all the members who gave up their precious time to make this possible.

Bernie's new found skill at Hobby-X came to the fore and he justly deserves the nickname "Die poep met die hoed". He was also instrumental in pulling us out of the dwang when we were informed by the organisers that there was to be no solid flooring only the lawn for us to operate on. Bernie kindly donated 3 full size shatter boards to solve the problem.

Our sales and donations box reached a new high once again.

November was an impromptu exhibition of works at the Old Mutual Conference Centre lobby at the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. This was made possible as we have inside information as to the activities or the lack thereof for our benefit in that area via Gigi Laidler.

December was our first "Turnathon" at the clubhouse. This was a most enjoyable day with about 25 members coming and going and to our surprise a visit by Sally Mussetter from Seattle USA. who wasted no time in joining in and taking charge of one of the teams.

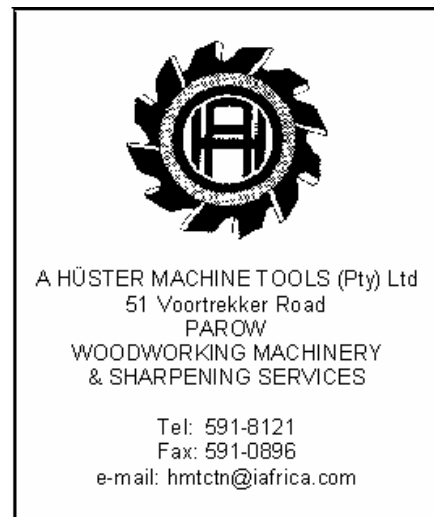


Many members came to the Club for some great turning fellowship

March was our last incursion into the public arena once again at Kirstenbosch. As I did mention in my monthly "From the Chair" this was a great success and I do hope to see this repeated.

In June the Committee put forward it's proposal for the sale of the existing Association lathes and purchase of smaller and more movable lathes. The proposal was adopted by an overwhelming majority the

result being that we disposed of our 3 old bulky and heavy lathes and 2 chucks for R10101 and replaced them by 3 light weight and easily transportable ones and 4 identical chucks for R13585 to add to our already existing JET™. We now have 4 identical lathes each one on it's own cabinet and each one with it's own set of tools.



The cost of the exercise R 2384 was well worthwhile as since their acquisition all the lathes are in operation every Wednesday night workshops whilst in the past the older Records™ stood there like dinosaurs gathering dust in a museum.

Last month we were offered another bargain and we secured a second-hand Nova™ 1500 and a full set of chisels for R8500. Now we have the large lathe that some members were suggesting we get to be able to do some large work or offer to overseas guests for demonstrations.

We now own 4 JET™ each with it's own NOVA™ G3 chuck and a set of chisels, a TOOLMATE™ and a NOVA™ 1500 each with a Super NOVA™ 2 chuck.

The net result of all these changes is that our Wednesday workshops have now become so popular that at times members are waiting to get to a lathe and I might add that this is also making use of another 3 JET™ (Two belonging to the Pinelands Hobbies Club and my own one which I leave at the club house for the use of members). The atmosphere and vibe at these meetings, for those members who sadly do not want to partake in these activities, is something indescribable. The esprit de camaraderie is phenomenal the amount of turning done, learning and tips being exchanged is positively immeasurable.

I sincerely hope that this momentum is kept up and that it will continue to attract more members as it has done over the last few months.

Our membership has been decreasing over the years but judging from what is happening now hopefully we have turned the corner and the numbers are going up and I feel that these open workshops are the answer to increasing and maintaining membership

The only plan we had for the year that did not materialise as yet is the "Outreach Programme", one of the prime reasons why we managed to get our lathes at a discounted price, although discussions with Cannons Creek school have taken place and a rethink of the situation will be done in the near future. The fact that this is not finalised is by no means a lack of success only a temporary delay as the seeds of the programme have been planted and now have to germinate.



I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the following:

Brian Jolly of Strand Hardware® Port Elizabeth for the discounted price he gave us on the lathes we purchased.

Henry Carolissen of Hardware Centre® Cape Town for the good price he offered us on the chucks we obtained.

Both of the above were instrumental in us finalising our plans.

Steve Bull offered the WCWA four box loads of small turned items that were gathering dust in his garage (or at the Waterfront) for sale during our exhibitions and demonstrations the proceeds thereof to be put into the Association's books. Thanks for your generosity.

Dennis and Gigi Laidler for sharing with us their experiences during their trip to the United States and being ambassadors of the WCWA (and the AWSA) at the AAW symposium.

My Committee members who assisted me no end during the year.

Edward Foster who had to relinquish his post half way through the year as Secretary and Editor due to pressure of work

Mike Bester for keeping a tight rein on the finances.

Mike Richards for his invaluable assistance during and in planning exhibitions and demo's and for making the lathe cabinets and show stands, as well as diligently handling the library and doing the research and ordering our new DVD's and books that have swelled our library.

Dave Burch for unfailingly attending each and every Wednesday workshop and assisting indefatigably and imperturbably with the training of newcomers.

Darryl Bailey for just being himself and always coming up with a practical solution whenever needed.

Bernard Swanepoel for your infectious laugh and exuberant personality which permeates through every stand you have manned and for all the valuable assistance you have given to us all on Wednesday workshops.

Gigi Laidler who not being on the committee assisted me 90% in the final compilation and despatch of the newsletter.

A special thanks to my wife *Yvonne* for having to put up with me (or should I say do without me) whilst I was busy with WCWA at home or away and also for being a very faithful and accurate telephone answering machine.

Thanks also to all of you who assisted with our extra mural activities and made them so enjoyable.

If I have forgotten anybody is it totally unintentional or an erroneous press of the delete button instead of the enter button.

Just to cover my back thanks to those who did nothing during the year except pay your subs as this is still a very important function to keep the numbers up and the finances fluid without you we would not have achieved what we did this year.

I wish to say that I feel privileged and proud to have had the honour of serving as Chairman and having been part of the Association's best year yet that I can remember since its inception.

In conclusion I would like to ask the incoming Committee to continue what this one has started thereby making the WCWA an association to be proud of and be proud to belong to.

Eric Thornton

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

New subs will be determined at the AGM.

WCWA subs for the year ending 30 April 2008 were R240.00 pp.

Family Membership of WCWA was R195.00pp.

AWSA subs are R100.00 pp.

The Committee would like to remind members who do allow their membership to **lapse** that they will be expected to pay the **visitors fee (R25)** for each meeting that they might attend thereafter.

Important Note

- When making out a cheque, please make it payable to the "**Western Cape Woodturner's Association**" (**NOT** just the **initials "WCWA"**). It costs the Club money if not done correctly, since the bank will no longer accept these cheques or altered cheques.
- The Club will in future bill offenders with the charges incurred.

BANKING DETAILS

- Western Cape Woodturners Association
- Bank: Nedbank
- Savings Account Number: 2204012882
- Branch Code: 120405

PROPOSED WCWA PROGRAMME FOR 2008

- April 16th AGM and turning challenge.
- Forest walk date still to be finalized.
- Possible family outing, suggestions from members will be welcomed. The final details will be given once they have been finalized.

FROM THE MARKET PLACE

Record CL3 lathe with bowl turning attachment and other accessories R4500.00

Bandsaw good condition R1000.00

Phone: **Brian McCay** 082-8709086

3-in-1-Multi purpose table (Planer, Circular saw and horizontal borer) R 2 000-00
Contact **Dennis Laidler** 021 797 7755 or 082 365 2755

Woodturners Masterpiece Variable Speed Lathe 4 Sale.

Tool Mate MC 36 as new (- 3 yrs old not+).
Contact: **John Derrick**: 021 558 3317 / 072 851 7115

2007 AWSA Congress thermal mugs R55-00 each. Contact **Gigi Laidler** 021 797 7755 or 082 485 8399

AWSA CONGRESS 2008

The cost of registering for congress goes up again at the end of April.

Please register now to avoid paying an extra R50.

Arrangements for congress are progressing well. With 2½ months to go we have 49 delegates registered together with 12 wives on the ladies program.

We have put together a structured program with 18 presentations planned that will cater for everyone. To date we have confirmation from 13 of the presenters that they are happy to present.

We have made a block reservation for 20 people to be accommodated in a University Residence and only have 6 places left. Those persons hoping for residence accommodation need to contact us immediately.

To date we have finalized the venue, meals, raffle prizes, goodie bags, hand outs, a very

interesting ladies program, commercial stalls secure parking, security and generators for periods of electrical load shedding.

At present the committee is meeting regularly to revue and fine tune the little details that are essential to make the congress a success.

I believe that this year we are going to have a bumper congress !!!!!

Don't delay – take that bold step now and register for a wonderful experience in turning.

See you all at the congress.

Clyde Neumann

AWSA 2008 Congress Convener: *cmneumann@telkomsa.net*

[Non AWSA members, if interested, can contact any committee member for information [or visit the AWSA website: <http://www.awsa.org.za/Symposium.htm>. – “virtual ed.”]

AWSA CONGRESS REMINDERS

AWSA Congress 2008 takes place from Thursday evening **3rd July** (Registration) to lunchtime on Sunday the 6th July, in Pietermaritzburg.

Schalk's Challenge

As for “Schalk's challenge for 2008” lets make it a relatively easy one this year. Turn a platter with some sort of embellishment. Carving, scorching, painting and ja even feathers, anything goes. What I'm looking for is a platter where the “whole” comes together to form a piece that is quirky and interesting, Due to inflation and the state of the nation and economy in general the prize money will be R150.00.

“Tiny Treasures” Challenge

John Wessels has put up a “Tiny Treasures” challenge along the lines of the “Tiny Treasures” exhibition at the Del Mano Gallery in Los Angeles. This challenge will carry a prize money of R500 for the best entry, R250 for the runner-up, R150 for second runner-up, and R100 for the best novice turner showing promise. Up to three entries per member will be accepted.

The criteria for entering are to turn an exquisite piece to fit within the dimensions of a 150mm x 150mm cube.

Regional Collaborative Challenge

The regional collaborative challenge was announced in the September 2007

Turnaround. Two or more AWSA members from each region are encouraged to enter a collaboratively turned piece or installation, at the 2008 Congress in Pietermaritzburg, one piece from each region. All those that work on the piece must be members of the AWSA. The theme is ‘Climate Change’ which you may apply to the piece in any way that you see fit. As this is the first collaborative challenge no limitations on the size or any other aspect of the project will be made, so the participants can give full rein to their collective imaginations.

Rules:

1. The work can be any turned object, functional or not.
2. The names of all participants must be on the work or on an accompanying nameplate.
3. At least one regional representative must be in attendance at the symposium to be responsible for displaying and return shipping of the entry.
4. Any electrical/electronic device in the piece must have an obvious power switch for safety. However, the AWSA cannot ensure that electricity will be available where the Collaborative Challenge is set up.

The pieces will be displayed during the symposium in an area near the Instant Gallery. During the symposium, attendees will be invited to select, by ballot, their choice for Best in Show. Votes will be tallied prior to the Annual Banquet and Auction, where the winner will be announced. Collaborative pieces may be donated to the auction, with the provision that no minimum bid is allowed. A region whose entry is donated will receive 50 percent of the selling price. Any donated entry must be accompanied by a box and packing materials for shipment to its new home. Shipping the work to the buyer is the joint responsibility of the region and the buyer.

If you want some inspiration see some images of the AAW 2007 Collaborative Challenge alongside, and visit the AAW Symposium website:

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/photos/cc/index.htm>.

Some impressions of the Easter Turnfest

Visit: <http://dennislaidler.blogspot.com/2008/03/awsa-wcwa-turnfest-2008-day-1.html>

