



Crosscut

◀ **Of Wood and Woodturning – Butch Smuts' book – a monthly raffle prize**

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Next Turners' meeting – Monday, 4th September 2023 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Multi-centre turning by Peter Middleton. Peter will show the jigs he uses for multi-centre turning. This will be followed by a video if time permits.

Next Main club meeting – Wednesday, 13th September 2023 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Making a Crosscut sled for the table saw and other jigs – Graham Swallow.

New WWA Account number. **FNB 63026931287** – please make sure that your payment can be identified by adding your **full name**, perhaps cell number and **reason for payment**.

News

Turners' meeting. Monday, 7th August 2023 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Poena showed how to use offset turning to make a small weed pot. He started with a 75mm square blank held in the chuck and rounded the base and foot. To offset the workpiece, a hole was drilled into the top, offset from the centre axis by 12mm. Using a screw chuck screwed into the hole in the top and supported with the tailstock, the remainder of the body was turned to a pleasing shape. Poena explained the potential problems to be avoided and how to finish sand it. The picture shows the new video camera on a tripod and the high-quality video on the large screen at the back.

Thursday, 10th August 2023 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – MiW machine demo and plough plane basics. Graham explained the basics of the new 300mm planer in Workshop 4. He also showed off his injured finger and how it happened, as a salutary lesson to those present.

Trevor showed the basics of using a plough plane. A plough plane is used for making grooves such as in drawer sides to locate the bottom. A Stanley #50 and a wooden plough plane were used to make grooves along a plank. The only plough plane that seems to be available locally is the Luban #43 shown on the right, which is delivered with 3, 6, 9, and 12mm cutters. This is listed by BPM Toolcraft at R2600-. Veritas and Lie



Nielsen also make plough planes, but these may need to be imported.

Reminder - New WWA Account number. Due to ongoing difficulties in changing signatories and poor service from Nedbank, the committee resolved to change banks. Anesh, our treasurer has opened an account with **FNB** and requests that all payments be made into this new account: **63026931287** – please add this to your beneficiaries list. Please make sure that your payment can be identified by adding your **name**, perhaps cell number and **reason for payment**. Annotations such as “annual subs” or “WWA shirt” without your name are not helpful – Anesh will not be able to trace your payment.

Access times for **Made in Workshop for WWA members :**

MiW times for members are as follows

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9AM to 12AM. However please take note of the following:

WWA members CANNOT just arrive and use machines unless they have booked them with MiW. This refers to the bookable machines such as the panel saw, thicknesser/planer, drum sander, spindle moulder as well as CNC machines of any kind.

Machines such as the bandsaw and the Triton router table need no booking

Henry has also asked me to convey that all the major machines may only be used if the WWA member is familiar and fully understands the importance of the correct and safe use of these machines. Speak to Graham regarding training and qualification to use machines.

Bookings can be made during office hours of 8h00 to 17h00, weekdays by contacting one of these numbers:

Henry – 083-269 9505

Josh – 083-768 7853

Trenton – 081-365 6039

Raffle prizes during the year. The committee is always on the look-out for raffle prizes through the year. Donations and purchase of prizes such as surplus tools from members are one option. Please approach a committee member if you can assist. We have received copies of Butch Smuts upcoming book on his woodturning career to give away as raffle prizes at the turners’ meetings.

Schedule for Regular Events at **Made in Workshop**

1. Second Saturday of month at 9h00 - Herman – all things turning related – 083 631 0501
[hermanpotgieteresq AT gmail.com](mailto:hermanpotgieteresq@gmail.com)

This list is subject to change, so please consult your *Crosscut* each month.

Show & Tell meetings are held at Hardware Centre every Friday Morning at 09:30. All members welcome. Contact Eugene on 0824953394 or eugene@antlerfin.co.za

T-track and accessory orders – you may recall having received a list via email of T-track profiles and accessories that are available to order. These are excellent for jig making to use with crosscut sleds, router tables, drilling tables, etc. Orders will close at the turners’ meeting on Monday, the 4th September 2023.

Annual Toys for Charity Fundraiser.

Saturday, the 25th November 2023 at the Gereformeerde Kerk - 41 Third Road (41 Derdeweg), Northwold, Randburg. Coordinates S26°04'20" E27°57'30.1"



Starting 10h30 for 11h00; the raffle starts at 12h00, lunch at 13h00. Watch your email for more info.



Toys made and donated by WWA members at last year's event.

Association of Woodturners of South Africa – annual symposium

ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS OF SOUTH AFRICA
<http://awsa.org.za>

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Symposium 2023
'Looking Beyond the Bark'

29th Sept to 2nd Oct 2023

Venue:
New Hope School, 163 Cecilia Road
Ashlea Gardens
Pretoria, Gauteng

Art Gallery: Public Viewing

Specialist Woodturning Demonstrations

Subject Focused Concurrent Demonstrations

Wood Art Display

Trade Area: Tools and Machinery

Raffle draw

Times:
29 September 2023
16:00-18:00 (Registration)
30 September 2023
08:30-16:30
1 October 2023
08:30-18:30
2 October 2023
08:30-12:00

Fees:
R500 (Whole Symposium)
Or
R100 (Per Demonstration)
Or
R30 (Visit to Art Gallery)

The booking form has been sent out. If you haven't received a copy, you can find it at <https://awsa.org.za/symposium-2023/>

The programme is on the booking form. Notable demonstrators from the WWA are Poena Coetzee, Herman Potgieter and Roy Gibbs. You can pick which sessions you wish to attend or you can immerse yourself in a whole long weekend of woodturning.

Hostel accommodation will be available at the New Hope School for those travelling from out of town.

The picture on the right is from 2022, showing Roy demonstrating deep hollowing of a shallow vessel. This is quite difficult to do when nobody is watching, let alone in front of an audience with limited time. Roy showed his skill and experience as a turner.

The finished piece is below.
(Apologies for the blurry photograph...)



The **Pretoria Woodworking Association** will hold their annual expo over the weekend of the 16th and 17th September 2023

Woodworking Association of Pretoria
Wood and Craft Expo
A hobby day for the whole family
16 & 17 September 2023

Woodwork demonstrations
Woodwork presentations
Wood art exhibitions
Tool exhibits
Arts and crafts
Activities for children
Lucky draw
Free, secure parking

Times:
16 Sept: 08:00-15:00
17 Sept: 08:00-14:00

Place:
New Hope School,
163 Cecilia Road
Ashlea Gardens,
Pretoria

The **East Rand Woodworking Association** is holding their annual fair on the 30th September 2023 – unfortunately, this is the best image I could find that gives details of the event. It takes place at the usual venue in Benoni.

Project ideas for Project Plank

This is the latest email from our chairman, Graham about Project Plank

Greetings fellow WWA members. At this month's cabinet makers meeting we chatted about a great challenge for flat workers and of course for our turners as well, as most of the turners are skilled in both aspects.

The challenge is "Project Plank". Everyone who decides to participate will receive a plank of timber approximately 1000mm long x 160mm x 25 mm (rough). The timber is White Ofram (*Terminalia superba*) and everyone gets the same type of timber. The entry fee is R50 and the club will pick up the balance of the cost of the timber. The timber has already been procured.



For those who would prefer the timber machined (and perhaps don't have the machines or are not comfortable doing so) such as top, bottom and jointed, I will happily do so at the princely sum of a "thumbs up".

The brief is to make anything you like from your plank but NOT to add any additional timber other than that plank. We will have a month to produce it and the members will vote in a winner in each category. The 3 categories are *beginner*, *intermediate* and *professional*. Each winner will win either a good bottle of wine or perhaps something of similar value for the teetotallers. Please let a committee member know ASAP whether you are entering so we can order any extra timber timeously.

If you enter and pay via EFT please reference your name and surname and the word plank. If you pay cash, please make sure to inform a committee member timeously to ensure we have your plank. This promises to be great fun for all and it will be very interesting to see all the different ideas folks might make and of course admire everyone's workmanship, no matter what skill level the entrant may be.



I have it via a reliable source that Peter Middleton, Trevor Pope, Willie Pretorius and Herman Potgieter are not entering in the beginner category (haha).

Look forward to seeing you all at the next meetings.

Regards

Graham

Last chance to enter will be Friday, the 8th September 2023, so the planks can be given out at the meeting on the 13th.

Here are a few more pictures of projects to get you thinking about what you can make.

(The bowl and platter below are segmented pieces, with accents from a dark wood. To make something like this from your plank, you can colour segments with ink or dye to make the accents.)

