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Chairman's Comments

By Eugene Grimley

Wow! Thanks to everyone who submitted their work for the exhibition at the Marketplace Armagh.

This is an outstanding effort and just shows we have a strong and committed membership. Over 450 items were submitted by over 50% of our members.

Due to available display space the Marketplace selected 237 pieces which reflected the variety of work submitted. The result is a magnificent exhibition which establishes Ulster Woodturning as the key organisation for woodturners in Northern Ireland.

Ballynature Day

We will be participating at the Ballynature Nature Day in March. In preparation members are asked if it would be possible to contribute spinning tops which are given to children who watch our demonstrations.

Survey

Mark McGranahan is currently running a survey to improve what we do. Please take time to complete it.

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Exhibition – Marketplace Armagh

This is open until Saturday 25th February



and should not be missed. There is a reception for Members & family at 2:30 in the Market Place on Sat 4th Feb. It will be

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good to visit the Exhibition together.
Everyone Welcome.

Annual General Meeting

As reported in the last Shavings. Ulster Woodturning's AGM will take place in April. As the date selected falls on Easter Saturday the AGM and the April meeting will take place on the 3rd Saturday 15th April. The AGM will begin at 12noon. An agenda will be forwarded with the March edition of Shavings.

February Demos

- Tuesday 7th @ 7pm
Joan Henderson,
- Saturday 11th @ 2pm
Christien van Bussell,
- Tuesday 14th @ 7pm
Ricky McDonald,
- Tuesday 21st @ 7pm
Stephen Dowie,
- Tuesday 28th @ 7pm
Eugene Grimley,
- Tuesday 7th March
Mark McGranaghan.

Membership Fees.

As reported in our last Shavings Membership fees will be due in April. Any new member joining from January onwards will have their membership at credited until March 31st 2024. (15months for the price of 12)

The Committee has concluded that Lottery support means Membership fees will not increase in 2023.

However, they will increase in April 2024 to reflect rising costs.

Childrens Hospital

Jenny has asked if it would be possible for members to assist by contributing Rabbits, Chickens/Ducklings, Flowers, Pencil Pots and Hearts. These will be used by the play-team with young patients during Easter period, Mother's Day and Father's Day. If feasible, would it also be possible to provide balls 40mm up to 70mm diameter for the babies. Please note balls **MUST BE MADE FROM SAFE WOODS!**

Young patient's masterpiece and lifetime memory of their time in hospital.



Emmet Kane - Saturday 11th March

Remember this will be an all-day demo with one of Ireland's foremost characters and Woodturning Artists. Emmet is credited with significant awards and exhibitions in Ireland, France, USA and UK and will demonstrating in his usual anarchic fashion - so expect to be amazed and entertained. The day will start at 9:30 am. Cost £25 (subsidised by the Awards For All grant).

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Bring your own lunch, Tea/Coffee supplied.

Steam Rally, Shane's Castle

We have been invited to demonstrate at the Steam Rally, Shane's Castle on 30th April and 1st May. Details will be given in future editions of Shavings.

Competitions:

The next competition will be at the February monthly meeting. Theme - Category1, A spindle turning 30cm in length. Category2, Two spindle turnings the same (ie a pair). Each spindle being 30cm in length. All items must have been made within 4 weeks of the competition date.

Please Note: Competition Rules can be found in Shavings 73 or obtained from the Competitions Secretary.

Competition Winners

January

Category 1

1. Melanie Steel
2. Paul Harte
3. Paul Spiers

Category 2

1. Eugene Grimley
2. Keith Hyland
3. Paul Finlay

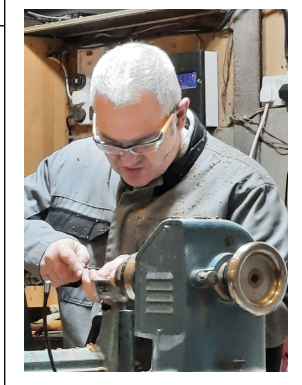
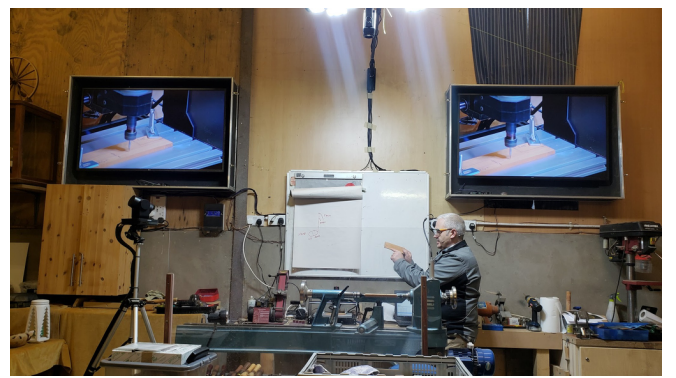
Demo Report

By Brendan McAreavy

Rich Varney, former editor of the IWG magazine, came to the Wood Shed on Saturday 14th January 2023 to present the first demo of the year.

Rich's project was a stylised box based on a musical note, an idea he had while watching a concert and something he

has been working on, to perfect, for quite a long time. In the developmental



process he introduced the use of a CNC cutter to make part of the note.

The box part of the note, the 'notehead' was a very intricately laid out element because the box had to come off the stem at about 20 degrees and accommodate the stem at one end so Rich used a wedge to drill a hole in the Cherry blank for the stem to fit in after ensuring the layout lines were centred properly and the stem wouldn't protrude into the box after it was hollowed.

When drilling the hole for the stem Rich used a jig that incorporated a fidget spinner bearing to ensure the drill was going straight and prevent friction from expanding the jig hole during use and thus affecting future use. Any bearing of a suitable size for the drill will work. Rich was careful to explain how important alignment was for the various drilling and cutting tasks to ensure as near perfect a result as possible.

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When making the box Rich roughed the blank down and parted it on the centre line, preparing the tenon for later. He hollowed the box parts in a chuck and used each to size the other before assembling the box and finishing it between centres to get a perfect curve on the profile.

The most critical element of this project was the layout for the box. Essentially, ensure everything is square, equally divided along the centre line and the layout for the hole at one end ensures the stem will not appear in the box. Rich described the process in extreme detail, too much to be able to include here, but it boiled down to accuracy being of utmost importance.

This was an interesting project and we thank Rich for making the long journey from Dublin to entertain, and educate, us.

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Covid Reminder

“If you have or a member of your household has Covid, a sore throat, headache, or other cold symptoms you are asked not to attend until fully recovered.”

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