

*Next Meeting; Tuesday September 17th at 7.00 PM, The Saturday Workshop is on Saturday
21st September 2013 at 0900.*

September 2013

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No Presidents report this month

We have received a response from the Blue Mountains Woodturners re the Explorers Day Event to be held at the Glenbrook Oval behind the visitors centre.

The appropriate forms have been filled in and the required remuneration has also been sent. They have been advised we need a powered site and some idea of what we intend to do. I am told Vicmarc have donated 2 chucks, 1 to be raffled for members, and the other - - - ?

Secretary Ian has sent two Emails to Members about the bus trip, and a third will be sent giving all final details in the near future – numbers are not good as many Members are on holidays.

An offer was made to Blue Mountains Woodturners, but as they have a function on the same day, the response was not good. See next page.

Triton “super jaws” have been acquired and a metal detector will have been purchased, along with some sand paper, WD40, white glue, a bag of rags and paper towel before the next Meeting.

Toy project is nearing completion. Discussions are ongoing to ‘hand over’ them to a Pre School, namely the ‘Country Cottage’ Pre School Group in Leonay. Hopefully, the local media can be coerced into attending this event.

Discussion is also ongoing with a programme of events for next year.

Christmas Party.

This will be held on Sunday December 15th. Time is for 1200 for a 1230 start. Again Jan Barrett will coordinate the ‘bring along’ goodies, and the club will supply a selection of cold meats, rather than a BBQ.

You will need to coordinate with Jan on what you can bring along in the way of Salads and Sweets to share with others. Drinks are the individual members own responsibility. Contact Ian Griffiths and advise if you will attend.

Community Project

A new Community project is almost ready to start. Ian will make a prototype black-board.

A set of timber/plywood pieces, cut so as they can collectively form letters, will be made. This looks like being a periodic and ongoing project.

A reminder that all entries into the Competition must be received by the November Saturday Workshop at the very latest. This will be judged at the Christmas Party.

**Goals are
dreams with
deadlines**

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What is happening.

BBQ

Another fund raising BBQ is to be held on **Saturday September 28th 2013.** (*Bunnings North Castlereigh Road*)

Volunteer's are required to be there from 0730, ready to sell from 0800.

This is one of our major fund raisers, and if you can give of your time, even for a short stint, it would be appreciated very much.

Explorers Day

For want of another title, Big Day refers to the bicentenary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Wentworth, Lawson along with convicts.

The date is Saturday October 19th and it will be held at Glenbrook, confirmed as being held behind the Visitor's centre.

This date would normally be our Saturday Workshop. A decision has not yet been made as to the format to be adopted. We will keep you posted.

Bus Trip

Bus trip to Lithgow on Wednesday 25 September 2013.

The bus is booked – 14 passenger seats available an Email to Members was sent to members, and they will also be advised at our next 3 meetings meeting's.

Please be advised that some members and visitors who were going to attend, have had to drop out. This will leave some vacant seats. An invitation to the Woodturners has been extended.

Pickup points have been revised. Penrith, at Ian's home, 5 Alkoomie Avenue, the Shell Service Station (GWH) at Blaxland, Bullaburra, and *Wentworth Falls.* (*doubtful, but read the emails from Ian*)

Cost is \$10.00 per head. Morning Tea at Blackheath, and lunch will be at the Lithgow Workers Club. Both of these are at you own expense.

A raffle will be held as well. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

A suggested a trip to the Wood Guys at Oberon be looked at for a Bus trip next year – also a trip to the Norman Lindsay Art Gallery could be considered. I

have just received a ple from the Secretary, - - read on! - -Bookings will close on Sunday 22 September 2013, so for those Members who are going on holidays to such places as South America, Western Australia, Europe and the like, if you have a change of mind and would prefer our bus trip, you have until then to let me know.

Jigs

The committee has agreed that a talk and or a demonstration of various jigs will be held after the Annual general meeting on September 17th September. If you have a jig, no matter what it is for, bring it along and show it off.

Speaking of Jig's, have a look at the jig for picture frames on the next page, - - interesting.

AGM

To be held on Tuesday 17 September 2013 at 7.00pm, nominations for all positions on the Committee are still open, but will close on Tuesday 10 September 2013. Please consider becoming a Committee person.

After the AGM we will have a "show and tell" of jigs that we have made to help us do our various works, so if you have one or more of these, bring them along and show us what they were made for.

Tips for Better Picture Frames

(Source American woodworker)

Blind splines

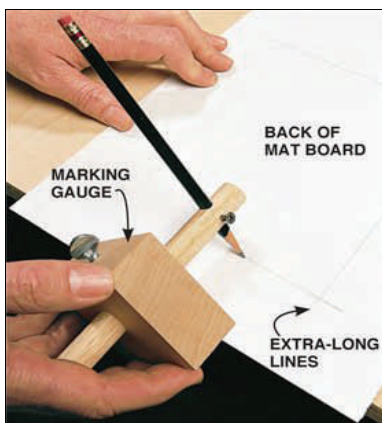
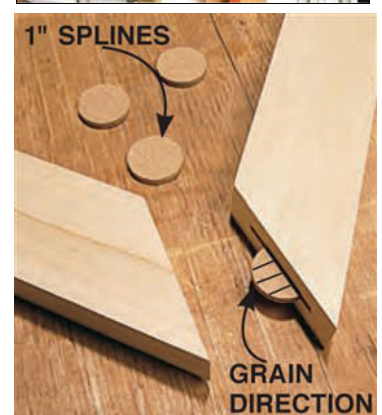
Until somebody discovers a miracle glue for end grain, mitre joints will need reinforcement. Nails work, but pounding them in delicate frame material can be risky. Blind splines offer invisible reinforcement without nails. Cut the slots on a router table using a guide board and a 1/8-in. slot cutter. Each piece is cut face up (mark the faces as a reminder). Feed the stock from the right for one cut and from the left for the second cut.

Cut the splines from a strip of hardwood with a 1-in. plug cutter and orient the grain perpendicular to the joint for strength.

Four-point frame clamp

This shop-made frame clamp puts equal pressure on all four corners of your frame at once, for quick, hassle-free assembly. Use scraps of paper towel under each joint to absorb glue squeeze out. Set the pivoting corner blocks to fit your frame.

Apply enough clamp pressure to hold the frame together but still allow you to align the pieces for a perfect fit. Finally, clamp tight.



Lay out the mat opening with a marking gauge. You can easily make your own from a block of wood and some 5/8-in. dowel.

Position the artwork in the mat opening.

A simple block of wood with some acid-free mat board glued on the bottom keeps the artwork from shifting as the mat is raised and lowered for positioning.

Don't be tempted to use your finger as a hold-down, acids and oils from your skin will cause the artwork to deteriorate over time.

