



# PEWGW NEWSLETTER



## *In The Round August 2007*

### August Meeting

Date: **16 August 2007**  
Venue: **Nico's Workshop**  
Time: **18:30 for 19:00**

### Birthdays - Greetings

Brian Jolly 5-Sep  
Tony Stottelaar 6-Sep  
Allan Botha 13-Sep

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### THIS MONTH'S MEETING 16 August 2007 at Nico's Workshop

Andrew Dunn will demonstrate Face Plate Turning and give members a few tips on the technique. Beginners will also have the opportunity to try their hands at face plate turning. An evening with Andrew is not to be missed as he is always willing to give a detailed explanation of how he has mastered the art of face plate turning. Boerewors rolls will also be available at the meeting. Nico Groenewald will be doing the braai. Please remember to bring your own liquid refreshment as the fridge is no longer stocked.

### CHAIRSMAN'S CHIRPS:

Maybe we need to get ladies to our meetings to get you the members to attend, but some how I do not think that was the reason that we had so few at the last meeting. André Esterhuisen gave us a fascinating demo on how to cut threads on turnings in any size from 10mm to 300mm. His equipment included a built up frame a router and a home made router cutter, (made from a damaged router bit). The frame is not beyond any of us to make up and even a non plunging router will work if set up correctly.

I would like to challenge each member who is planning to come to the next meeting, to invite a friend who could be interested in wood turning to come with them to the next meeting at Nico's workshop. Andrew Dunn will be showing us some of the methods he uses in face plate turning, and since the member who originally offered to show inside out turning has backed out, I will attempt to show you how you can do it. As said before, please remember that Brian Wells our editor who has done a splendid job in producing our news letter, is looking for input. If you come across anything that could be of interest to wood turners, let him know.

This is now July, and those who have not made arrangements with Rowan or have not paid their Subs, will not be seeing this or any further of our news letters. Our constitution stipulates payment by 30<sup>th</sup> June forfeit their membership, and we have sent out reminders and pleas to this effect.

See you at Nico's on 16<sup>th</sup> of August. We are ending up with Boerewors Rolls afterwards.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING HELD ON**  
**19 July 2007**

If you did not attend André Esterhuyse's presentation on thread turning, you missed an excellent evening. Not only was it worthwhile seeing the workings of the device which he has developed, but also to have the opportunity for André to explain the many pitfalls and tricks-of-the-trade when turning a thread, both internal and external.

The device André has developed has been so designed that the chuck holding the lidded box can be moved from the lathe to the threading machine without re-chucking and visa versa. The lid and box are turned from one piece of wood. Once the initial turning in the lathe is complete, the turning is placed in the thread turning device using the same chuck and the external thread on the lid is turned. Back to the lathe and the lid is parted from the box. The box is then mounted in the device and the internal thread is turned. The actual thread is cut using a router mounted in line with the chuck but off-set to one side. The chuck is mounted on a threaded rod and is turned slowly by hand. As the chuck is turned, the thread is cut by the router blade to same pitch as the threaded rod. Quite ingenious!

The only problem that can arise, is the fact that when the rotation of the chuck and the router are in the same direction, there is a tendency for the router blade to catch and be drawn into the work if chuck is rotated too quickly. But with careful control and a slow rotation of the chuck, this can be prevented.

The finished lid and box were a perfect fit, not too tight or slack.

Well done André.

Brian Wells

**ASHWIN RAMHITH REPORTS ON THE 2007 AWSA CONGRESS**

The XI National Congress of the AWSA was held at the Jan van Riebeeck High School in Cape Town from 27 – 29 April 2007. This year attracted fewer congress attendees but the quality of work on exhibition was of a very high standard. Best of Show award went to John Wessels, of Wilderness, for his Pewter decorated Lazy Susan. Visit Dennis Laidlers Blog for more insight on this stunning piece of art.

The international guest turner was Bonnie Klein of the USA. From my short interaction with fellow turners at the congress, it sounded like she had given the "Boys" a treat with her demonstration on Threaded Lidded Boxes as well as various other aspects on turning. Her website is highly recommended: [www.bonnieklein.com](http://www.bonnieklein.com)

Due to my commitments I attended the Instant Gallery Critique, Demo on Surface Decoration & Finishing by Gert Ferreira & Ken Turner. Lastly, off course how could I miss the AGM.

My piece on exhibition was titled "The Faces of Africa", resin inlay in African Mahogany. I received a favorable crit from Butch Smuts and Bonnie Klein. I had donated a resin inlay bowl for the Charity Auction. I am of the opinion that all Turner's should contribute to the Auction. Remember it's only my opinion!

Demo on Surface Decoration & Finishing was one of the most inspirational demos that I have attended thus far. This demo left me wondering that when turners start introducing carving, texture, colour and other materials to their creations, is turning an art or a craft?

After sleeping over this, I think it is the ultimate passion, desire or challenge of every turner to acquire good skills and new forms of design unique to his own self. But this does not answer my question. Hope I can have more feed back on this at our Club.

By the way chaps, I am your new Port Elizabeth Representative for AWSA, so please feel free to voice your concerns about AWSA with me. Let us work together in making this body a vibrant and progressive one for the years to come. This can only be achieved with your support.

2008 Congress will be hosted by Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu Natal at the Hilton College. Hope to see Port Elizabeth well represented in PMB.

Keep those shavings flying !!!

Ashwin Ramhith

**MEMBERS - OUT AND ABOUT**

**Rob Macpherson.**

Rob is doing well. Nico Swart tells me that Rob came into see him at his workshop. During the visit, they collaborated and turned a vase using the Rolly Monroe Chisel. We are so pleased to hear that Rob is up and about again.

**George Guest .**

George has had his hip replacement operation and is out of hospital. He is back home at Kasouga. We look forward to seeing George at our meetings and to hear that he is again turning wood  
**Nico Swart.**

Nico has again exhibited his work, this time at the EPSAC Annual Exhibition. There were 155 entries in all disciplines, such as painting, sculptures, ceramics. He exhibited an Open Vase turned out of sneezewood. The vase has already been sold. He was awarded the Dave McGregor Trophy for the Best On Show. Congratulations to Nico. See the photographs below.

**Colin Merry and Mike Kritzinger.**

On Saturday 4 August, Colin and Mike went to Alexandria to demonstrated wood turning to the ladies of the Vroue Landbouunie. They took along Colin’s miniature lathe and Nico’s small Jet lathe. They also put on display, the items which members had entered for the Face Plate Turning held on 21 June. We will be interested to hear how the exhibition went at Alexaandria.

**Ashwin Ramhith.**

Nico Swart reported that Ashwin has been successful with his efforts in marketing his wood turnings at the local game parks. Well done Ashwin. It would be interesting for members to hear how Ashwin has achieved this.

**NEXT MONTH’S MEETING TO BE HELD ON**  
**20 September 2007**

Next months meeting will be a demonstration on the topic of the Barley Twist.  
 Freidl Lüders will be showing us the techniques he uses.

**FOR SALE**

**Wet Yellow Wood Bowl Blanks**  
 Contact Nico Swart 041 4870487

**PEWEG 2007 PROGRAM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>
18 Oct	Thursday evening	Turning Pens and Bangles
20 Oct	<b>Saturday morning</b>	Advanced Turning Workshop
15 Nov	Thursday evening	Using a Skew and Off-Centre Turning
Dec	Still to be announced	Christmas Party Bring & Braai

Subject to confirmation

**EPSAC Annual Exhibition.**  
**Awarding of the Dave McGregor Trophy for the Best On Show.**



Nico Swart receiving the award from Gerry Boulter of EPS



The Open Vase turned from sneezewood

<b>Competition Dates</b>	<b>Articles to be handed in on</b>	
<b>Spindle Turning</b>	Thursday evening	16 August
<b>Lidded Box &amp; Inside-out Turning</b>	Thursday evening	15 November

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