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# Tambotie

NEWSLETTER OF THE WOODWORKING ASSOCIATION OF PRETORIA

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## Editorial

Since we do not have a new editor for the Tambotie yet, this will be the temporary format for the newsletter. If anyone feels that he/she can fulfill this need, please contact the committee.

## Committee

The committee for 2001 were elected as follows:

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## Request for plans

We received a letter from Mr HE Lambert of the Johannesburg Woodworking Association. He is keen on obtaining a plan of a model of an ox wagon. If any of our members can help, please contact him on (011) 782 4534.

## Aktiwiteite

### Projek plank:

Projek plank gaan voort, maar die formaat verander na "n praktiese geskenk" vir iemand. Die afmetings van die grootte van die hout sal moontlik vooraf bepaal word.

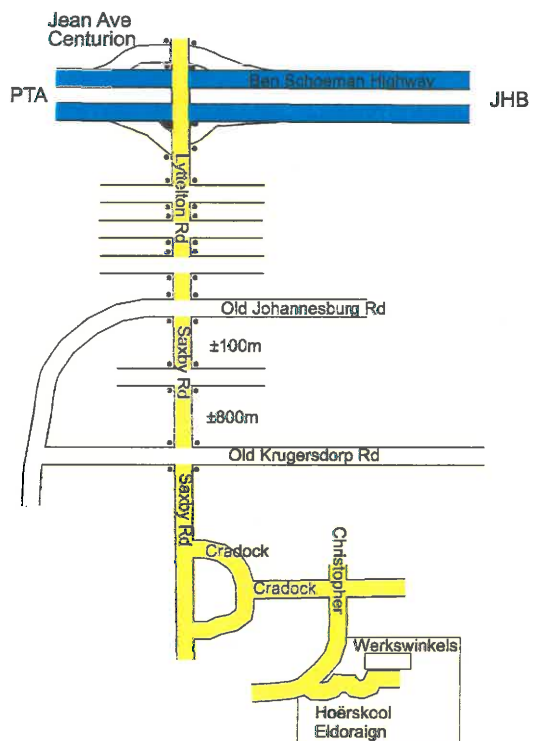
### Gemeenskapsdiens:

Die vereniging gaan poog om 'n skenking van hout te verkry. Indien dit verwesenlik word, gaan gesoek word na 'n behoefte in die gemeenskap bv. Houtspeelgoed vir kinders in die terminaal afdeling van die hospitale. Lede word aangemoedig om hierby betrokke te raak.

Lede word versoek om die volgende maand vergadering ten alle koste by te woon. Daar is fantastiese idees wat na vore gekom het en daar bespreek gaan word. Dit is van uiterse belang om van die begin af betrokke te wees, aangesien die formaat van die vergadering 'n nuwe wending het.

## Volgende vergadering

Die volgende vergadering vind plaas op 28 Maart 2001 by Hoërskool Eldoraigh. Die verrigting begin stiptelik om 18:00 (ses uur). Moenie hierdie vergadering misloop nie.



## Draaiers

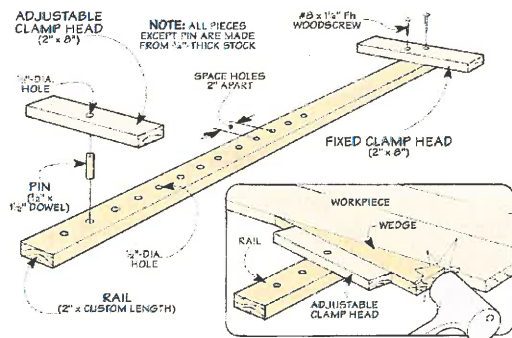
Die draaiers kom by At Smit bymekaar op die 27 Maart 2001 in Constantia Park. Die tema is "Two of a kind" of "A Deep Vessel" van ten minste 150mm.

## Shop made clamp

When it comes time to assemble a project or glue up a few panels, one never seems to have enough clamps. Buying more clamps is one solution. But instead, make your own.

What's unique about these clamps is how the pressure is applied. Instead of tightening a threaded screw, a wood wedge is tapped between the clamp and the work piece.

The clamps are easy to make. As you can see in the drawing below, each one consists of a long, wood *rail* with two clamp heads.



A *fixed clamp head* is screwed to one end of the rail. And to accommodate different size objects, an *adjustable clamp head* is positioned along the length of the rail. To make this work, you'll need to drill a series of holes in the rail. These holes accept a *pin* that's glued into a hole in the adjustable clamp head. (use a dowel for the pin.) In use, this pin allows the adjustable clamp head to pivot as you tap in the wedge, as shown in the detail. The farther you tap in the wedge, the more pressure it applies against the work piece.

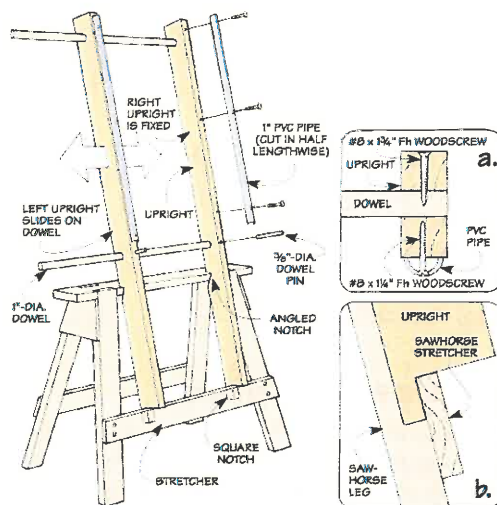
## Finishing Easel



Applying a finish to a door or flat project laying on a sawhorse can literally be a pain. So to ease the strain on your back and make it less tiring, I built an adjustable "easel" that holds the workpiece at a comfortable height, as you can see in the photo.

The main parts of the easel are a pair of uprights made from "two-by" material, see drawing below. These uprights have a couple notches that interlock quickly with the sawhorse. A rectangular notch in the bottom of each upright fits behind a stretcher screwed to the legs of the sawhorse, see detail 'b.' And an angled notch in the back edge determines the slope of the easel.

To keep the uprights from tipping, add a pair of long dowels. By gluing and screwing one end of each dowel to the same upright, you can slide the other one on the dowels to adjust the easel for projects of different widths. Finally, a small dowel in the front edge of each upright supports the workpiece. To avoid wet finish sticking to the easel, cut a piece of PVC pipe in half (lengthwise) on the band saw and then screw one piece to each upright, see detail 'a.'



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See you all at the next meeting:

**High School Eldoraigne**

**28 March 2001 at 18:00**