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Met die lente op ons en al die bome en plante aan't bloei, voëls wat vroegdag sing en die son wat ook weer vroeër opkom, kan 'n mens mos nie anders as om ook meer lus te voel vir die lewe en werk nie. Ek begin soms net dink dat die lewe nie werklik bedoel is vir mense wat nie meer jonk is nie. Ek het groot geword met eenvoudige waardes, riglyne en gebruike. Deesdae is die neiging egter blykbaar om alles te wil verander dat dit nie meer soos voorheen moet lyk, of werk, nie. Ek noem 'n paar voorbeelde: Deesdae kan vroumense ook soldate wees. ***Hulle kan egter nie wagstaan nie want dit kan gevaarlik vir hulle wees.*** Toe ek geleer het hoe om myself aan te trek, was een van die hulpmiddels dat ek moes kyk waar die etiket (label) van die kledingstuk is sodat ek dit met regte kant buite, en voorkant voor, kon aantrek. Die gebruik het tot onlangs gegeld. Vandag word die etikette egter voor en agter asook binne en buite aangewerk. Dit gebeur nou somer baie maklik dat 'n man jou onderbroek agterstevoor en onderstebo aantrek. (So 'n rukkie later in die dag kan jy nie dink waarom die ding nie meer so mooi pas nie.) Ons het vroeër 'n gesegde gehad dat jy die instruksies moet lees as jy nie weet hoe om 'n ding korrek te gebruik nie. (Dit was goed toe ons nog kon lees.) Tans word die instruksies gemaak vir mense wat nie leer lees het nie. Alles word geïllustreer met prentjies, en dit is waar die probleem opduik: Ons kan nie prente verstaan nie! Daar behoort 'n wet of regulasies te wees wat

hierdie swak kommunikasie /inligting verbied,veral waar gereedskap betrokke is.

Programme for September

Saturday, 12 September, at 09h00: The cabinet makers will meet at Brian Addis's workshop. It is a show and tell meeting- so, bring along items that you have made. 84 Christine Road, Lynwood Glen, Tel: 012 261 2756

- Saturday, 19 September, at 09h00: The association will host a breakfast with interesting talks, raffles etc, to celebrate the first 20 years of our existence! The venue is O'Galitos, in woodlands avenue. (***The East Rand Woodworkers will have their exhibition on the same day. More details later in this issue.***)
- Wednesday, 23 September, at 18h00: The turners will meet at Ben Espach's.
- Wednesday, 30 September, at 18h00: The monthly meeting at the University of Pretoria. The discussion will be on the acquisition of tools.

Vorige byeenkoms

Ek is bly dat ek ook ge-“volunteer” het om iets vir Projek Plank te maak. Met 'n groot gesukkel het ek

daarin geslaag om 'n kapblok (butchers block) te maak volgens 'n beskrywing wat ek in *Fine Woodworking* gesien het. Toe ek met my poging by *Projek Plank* aankom het my moed in my skoene gesak toe ek sien hoeveel goeie inskrywings daar was! Ek het voorsien dat ek nie eers genoem sal word nie, wat nog van 'n ietsie te wen.

I do believe that the entries this year must have been the best ever! Not only did we have a lot of entries (26 if I remember right), but the quality was also high. The aids and gadgets were just as good, with a large amount of innovative items on display. (16 Entries in this category)

Project plank

- First prize went to Carl van Rensburg for the excellent kitchen trolley that he had on display. The overall look of this item was very pleasing and the ingenuity in hiding the drawer runners as well as the way the joinery was done without traditional methods of work must have contributed to an almost unanimous vote for first place!
- Second prize was awarded to yours truly for a butcher board. I believe that the best part of my contribution was the finishing. I am really proud of the results I obtained on the end grain with Danish oil.
- Third prize went to David Malan for his segmented turning on a fruit bowl. The effect of the portions that were placed skew, as well as the correct use of light and darker coloured wood ensured a very pleasing result.

Aids & Gadgets

It is always informative to see what our members come up with to make life easier, and more productive.

- The first prize went to Francois van Wyk for his automatic paintroller cleaner. This can really be helpful for those of us who detest the chore of cleaning brushes etc. after a paint job.

- Second prize was for the router jig that Frans Gericke displayed for the making of proper joints.
- Third prize was awarded to Brian Addis for his jig that is used to drill accurate hole in turned pieces.

Met die aanbieding van hul produkte was dit vir my baie jammer dat daar nie meer pryse was om uit te deel nie. Om te sien wat ek bedoel wil ek vir Theo van Wyk as voorbeeld gebruik. Hy het, ook volgens sy eie getuienis, heel eenvoudige geskenkies vir sy bydrae voorgelê. Vir my was dit so mooi om die deeglike houtwerk (tappe en tradisionele houtwerk) waar te neem. Wat hier na vore gekom het was die uitvoering van ons grondwet deurdat hy gehou het by ordentlike houtwerk en om houtwerk in sy geheel te bevorder. Hierdie geskenkies kan werklik vêr gaan om houtwerk te bevorder. Ek glo ons almal kan daaraan dink om meer male sulke geskenkies te maak en vir vriende en familie in reserwe te hou.

The following photo's may illustrate some of the wonderful items made for this occasion.



In the far right corner one can vaguely see the 1st prize item for Project Plank. Left front on the table is the second prize winning entry, with some of the other items. The whitish item beyond the hammer like object is the winner for aids and gadgets



Near the centre of the picture one can see the segmented bowl that won the third prize.



Een van Theo van Wyk se inskrywings: Die resepteboek- staander. 'n Goedgemaakte, eenvoudige en handige item!

Van die bestuur

Ons Augustus vergadering wat Projek Plank en Aids & Gadgets kombineer, was weer, soos verlede jaar 'n groot sukses. 'n Groot dankie aan Willie de Wet, ons Ondervoorsitter, wat as voorsitter tydens die program opgetree het.

Ons kon ook weer sien dat die standaard van bydraes steeds die hoë vlak van verlede jaar gehandhaaf het en die Bestuur bedank graag elkeen wat iets bygedra het.

Daar was egter een (of dalk meer?) lede wat items van die verlede gebring het. Onthou, ons hou julle dop. ☺ Ons sou graag elke keer nuwe items wil

sien maar baie dankie dat julle die items in elk geval gebring het.

At the August meeting Brian Addis requested members who are interested in cabinetmaking to meet with him in an effort to revive our cabinetmakers group. On a few occasions the Chairman and others have expressed their concern that our cabinetmakers group seems to be losing members. The decline was such that fewer and fewer members attended the monthly cabinetmakers meeting. It was therefore comforting to note that twelve members attended Brian's meeting with everybody expressing the wish to get the group up and running again. Judging from the individual contributions from cabinetmakers to Project Plank and our exhibition last year there is a tremendous pool of talent and knowledge amongst our members which can be shared to our mutual benefit.

Ons September vergadering beloof om iets vir almal te wees - At Smit, Brian Addis en Willie Marneweck gaan 'n paneel vorm en ons kan hulle ondervra oor die aankoop van masjiene. Dit sal dalk vir ons nuwe (en ou lede) help om in die toekoms die regte keuse met die aankoop van masjiene te maak. 'n Algemene fout wat 'n mens maak is om maar net masjiene te koop sonder dat jy werklik die nut daarvan vooraf deeglik oorweeg het. Dit is veral daardie persone wat kort voor of na aftrede besluit om houtwerk hulle stokperdjie te maak en dan wild en wakker masjiene te koop wat die grootste fout maak. Eers nadat hulle by die Houtwerkvereniging van Pretoria aangesluit het en met ander lede kon praat en advies kon kry kom hulle agter dat hulle met 'n klomp duur toerusting sit wat hulle nie werklik kan of wil gebruik nie. Dan is dit egter te laat en om sulke masjiene tweedehands te verkoop is 'n reuse verlies ten spyte daarvan dat sommige masjiene selde gebruik is. Die huidige Voorsitter is 'n sprekende voorbeeld van hierdie fout. Ons sien daarna uit die kennis van ons paneel te put sodat ons in die toekoms beter besluit en aankope kan doen.

Anton Louwrens
Voorsitter

Turners' corner

On Sat 22nd August the woodturners group gathered at Frans Malan's house for our monthly meeting. We had a good turnout with approximately 20 turners with quite a lot of exhibits for discussion. The home work had been thin-wall turning and the slight breeze on the patio would even cause the exhibits/ homework to move! There was much discussion during the review of homework regarding finishing turned objects with many opinions being expressed and information shared. After a short break Leon Wolmarans demonstrated the assembly of turned pen components and the associated jigs, tips and tricks including the finishing of pens using superglue and wax.



Leon doing his bit with the pen demonstration.

Two Tips for Installing Hinges

(I saw this on the internet and thought it may be of use to some of us-Ed)

Installing a door on its hinges can be one of the trickiest parts of building a cabinet. Here are a

couple tips I've used in the past to help install a cabinet door with less hassle.

Steel Woodscrews



During the installation process, I often end up putting on and taking off the door a few times. And one added frustration I try to avoid is breaking one of the screws.

So until I'm satisfied with the fit of the door, I only put one screw in each leaf, as shown in the photo. And instead of brass screws, I temporarily substitute steel screws, since they're less likely to break.

Finally, when it's time to add the other screws, I run steel screws in and out of the pilot holes first. This way, the steel screws cut the threads for the brass screws.

Installing Hinges



If a hinge mortise is cut too deep, there may not be enough of a gap between the door and the cabinet. As you can see in the photo at right, a quick fix for this is to add a paper or thin cardboard shim.

A shim also comes in handy if the gap between the door and the cabinet tapers from top to bottom. This time, though, you'll only shim one of the mortises.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife
Editor, *Woodsmith*

East Rand Woodworkers' Association

The East Rand Woodworkers' Association (ERWA) is holding their sixth annual woodworking fair on Saturday, 19 September 2009.

This year's fair will follow the format that has proved to be very successful. The outdoor portion of the fair will consist of a number of well-known suppliers exhibiting and demonstrating the latest woodworking equipment, accessories and materials.

Joining the suppliers in the outdoor area will be ERWA members demonstrating woodcrafts and techniques such as carving, fretwork and scroll sawing, turning and routing. The indoor area will feature wooden furniture, electric guitars, clocks, toys, ornaments and other items made by ERWA members. Be sure to come and spend part of the day with us.

Venue: Northfield Methodist Church, corner Aerodrome Drive and Webb Street, Northmead, Benoni.

Parking entrance in Hurricane Avenue

Date: 19 September 2009

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Entrance: Free

Contact: Georg Stroebel (082-497-5065) or Denis Lock (011-616-6576) for further information.

(This is especially for those of you who do not attend the breakfast! And while we are on the topic- Denis Lock said that he would give a 20% discount to any member of the Pretoria Woodworking Association attending any of the courses that he runs. – Ed)

VISIT TO AUSTRO WOOD-WORKING MACHINES AND TOOLS

By Paul Roberts

Eleven members of the Pretoria Woodworking Association paid a most interesting and informative visit to Austro in Roodepoort on 19 August. Kobus Swanepoel (Sales Manager) and his staff were most

welcoming and hospitable. We greatly enjoyed a tasty finger lunch at midday.

Austro started business in 1980 and had Felder equipment on display at the Rand Easter Show. The aim of the Company is to be service orientated and to supply good quality equipment. The company has been listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange for the last three years. The recent economic downturn has placed various stresses on the organisation and they have had to make certain changes to their business plan.

An interesting development in this regard is the creation of a separate organisation for the sale of second hand woodworking equipment at 1177 Leader St which is the same road as Austro. Further information can be obtained on their website www.2ndcut.co.za. Austro is at 1125 Leader Avenue, Stormill Ext 4, Roodepoort (Tel 011 222-8500).

The Group was shown a variety of mouth-watering woodworking machines. Some of these are for high production factory installations. Many of the machines have a computer interface.

Austro provides an excellent sharpening facility to woodworkers and the tour through the sharpening area was very interesting. Band saws, shaper bits, router bits and circular saws are sharpened in various sections. Circular saws are mainly sharpened in a very large computer controlled machine.

Austro also manufactures various shaper and router bits which includes dynamic balancing. Many of these products are exported. We viewed the huge stock of blades and cutters housed in a strong room.

Austro has developed a special circular saw blade called a Cobra for cutting melamine cleanly without the chipping which occurs with a normal blade. They have this blade available in 250 mm and 300 mm sizes.

Several members of the Group took the opportunity to buy blades and router bits.

(It seems as if this was a worthwhile visit. Paul took some interesting photos, but I could not

succeed in getting it included. I may include it in a following issue, should I get things right. Ed)

Byeenkoms saam met die Wits-klub.

Soos verlede jaar het die bestuur van die Wits-klub ons genooi om ook 'n oggend by hulle te kom deurbring – goeie buurskap om sterker bande te bou, natuurlik. Die datum is Saterdag 12 September om 10:00 by hulle klubhuis. Hulle noem dit hulle Lente-uitdaging en nooi almal wat teenwoordig gaan wees om 'n sout- en peperstelletjie te draai en saam te bring. So nie kan jy enigiets anders draai en saamneem. Dis geen kompetisie nie; net 'n gesamentlike uitstalling en kuier. Ons word ook genooi om, ná al die formele sake, saam met hulle te braai en verder te kuier. Hulle bied aan om die roosters, vuur en 'n paar drankies te voorsien. Vir die res sorg ons maar elkeen self. **Willie de Wet** sal 'n lysie maak van almal wat dit wil bywoon. **Laat weet asb vir hom so gou moontlik sodat saamry-reëlins getref kan word.**

(Hierdie is hoofsaaklik vir die draaiers, dog as van die res van ons wil bywoon, kan julle besonderhede kry by Willie de Wet of Louw Coetzer. –Red)

The exhibition

Next month we will be presenting our yearly exhibition again. In the past it usually went very well and the public appreciated that which we displayed. It is also an ideal opportunity to gain some new members.

The committee will make available pamphlets and advertising material at our meeting of 30 September. We want to appeal to you all to make a serious effort to get hold of these materials and to spread the word far and wide.

Behalwe vir hierdie advertensies, moet ons almal tog maar poog om items te maak vir die uitstalling. *(Ek is nog besig met 'n tafel en hoop ek gaan hom betyds klaarkry! Red)*

Safety

Steyn Grove displayed his push stick for the jointer at the Aids& gadgets. It made me think of the

irony about Monty von Elling's accident where he nearly took off his right thumb on the table saw. He made a push stick, but on the same day he used the saw without using this essential tool. I do believe that all of us should be more aware of the necessity to use push sticks, dust extractors as well as ear and eye protection. On top of this, one should further ensure a safe environment, meaning a neat workplace with no electrical leads and rubbish laying around unnecessarily.