



March 2025

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Chairman's Corner

Derik Janse van Rensburg



Derik Janse van Rensburg - Chairman

As we have embarked into a new year, we are greeted with a mix of opportunities, challenges and changes. Before we look forward to the year ahead, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and contributions of many members of our association throughout the past year. Your commitment and enthusiasm have been instrumental in driving the success of the Woodworking Association of Pretoria (WAP), and I am grateful for your ongoing efforts.

Die Houtwerkvereniging Van Pretoria (HVP) se "Hout en Handwerkekspo" was weereens een van die hoogtepunte van die jaar. Dit wil ongelukkig voorkom asof die belangstelling van ons lede om die wonderlike geleentheid te gebruik om hulle vaardighede en vermoëns te kom toonstel, besig is om te kwyn. Kom ons probeer dit verbeter. Die HVP het jou nodig om

aktief betrokke te raak en die ekspo te ondersteun. Dit is maklik, pret en lonend.

This was also the year in which the WAP celebrated its 35th anniversary. Two of the founding members, Willie Marneweck and Paul Roberts, demonstrated their woodworking skills and sawed the birthday cake, which Willem Nordeje had lovingly made and donated for the occasion, neatly into pieces so that everyone could have a piece. It was also the appropriate year to update the emblem of the association by adding the words "GESTIG 1989" to the emblem. Willem, as former chairperson of the WAP, we thank you and your team for your guidance and unconditional support throughout the year. It has not gone unnoticed and is dearly appreciated.

Die HVP is 'n vereniging vir houtwerk-entoesiaste op alle vlakke van houtwerkvaardighede, kennis en vermoëns. Ons lede het waardering vir wat die HVP in hul lewens bring, deur bymekaar te kan kom om kennis te deel, vaardighede te verbeter en mekaar te ondersteun. Dit is gevolglik duidelik dat die drie belangegroepe naamlik die kabinetmakers, houtdraaiers en houtsnee-werkers die "hart" van die vereniging is. Die bestuurskomitee is daar om die gesamentlike belang van die belangegroepe te fasiliteer en die groepe te ondersteun. Die bestuurskomitee en belangegroepe behoort gevolglik nader aanmekaar as een "bestuurspan", eerder as afsonderlike entiteite te funksioneer.

The new "Management Team" thus include the elected members of the management committee and sub-committees. Together we are responsible for the management of the affairs of the WAP and implementation of a programme of activities, courses, and events to meet our member's needs. We must ensure that our decisions and actions are taken in the best interest of the members of the association. Together we must create a wave of positivity so that our members attend more meetings and foster stronger connections within the WAP community.

Die gewone algemene vergaderings wat tradisioneel op Woensdae aande plaasgevind het, gaan nou slegs ses keer per jaar gehou word. Dit gaan om die beurt op dieselfde dag wanneer die belangegroep (kabinetmakers of draaiers as gashere) op 'n Saterdag bymekaar kom, plaasvind. Tydens die byeenkoms gaan die "gasheer" een van die ander belangegroep as "gas" die geleentheid bied om daardie belangegroep te bevorder. Die oggend se verrigtinge gaan met 'n heerlike worsrolletjie tydens 'n kenmekaar geleentheid afgesluit word.

There are exciting possibilities that lie before us. By staying adaptable, we can navigate the new year with confidence as we strive towards our shared goals. Bring a guest to the WAP meetings and invite them to become a member. With your passion and commitment, we can achieve great things together. Thank you for your trust and loyalty. May this year bring us many blessings and opportunities.

Ontmoet die Bestuurpan / Meet the Management Team

Die "Bestuurspan" bestaan uit die verkose lede van die bestuurskomitee en belangegroep (subkomitees).

Bestuurskomitee:

- Derik Van Rensburg (voorsitter)
- Willem Semmelink (ondervoorsitter),
- Corneel Du Toit (tesourier)
- Neville Stokker (kabinetmakers)
- Braam Burger (houtdraaiers)
- Audrey Miles (houtkerwers)
- Francois Van Aswegen (webmeester)

Kabinetmakers:

Neville Stokker, Dave Turner, Erich Nast,
Francois Van Aswegen and Willem Fourie.

Houtdraaiers:

Braam Burger, Alan Crawford, Andy Sutton, Ian de Wet and Jan Richter.

Houtkerwers:

Audrey Miles, Alinda Buitendag, Denise James,
Marie Struwig and Anita Vosloo.

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KC Croucamp with her small side table

Cabinetmakers' Monthly Meeting January and February 2025

The Cabinet Maker meeting of **18 of January 2025** came with a difference. We had the delight of listening to KC Croucamp's Irish Adventure.

KC, as a young lady, had advantage of working in her father's workshop and decided upon a career in design and manufacture of wooden furniture. She enrolled at ATU University in Letterfrack, Ireland. We had the joy of listening to her adventure during her first semester of study.

Classes included identification of wood, manufacturing skills, materials, design elements and CAD drafting. She discussed making a small free-standing table to very exacting specifications. On her bench was an array of hand tools used in the construction. She ended with her notable quality of practice, practice and practice in mastering the new techniques.

Bunny Craucamp led an interesting discussion on the features of table saws and track saws at the Cabinet Makers meeting of the **8th of February 2025**. He presented slides on the properties of both saws. In the discussion of the table saw he emphasised the important rip and cross cutting capabilities, particularly with the aid of jigs. Table saws are generally powerful and can handle cuts on large pieces of timber. However, the saw required a larger space in the workshop. He discussed safety concerns, particularly of kickback if not used correctly.

The track saw is a circular saw that runs on a track for guided cuts. It too has capabilities for rip cuts, crosscuts, and plunge cuts. Good quality track saws are capable of high precision cuts and are portable. It is reported that they have lower occurrences of kickback that is an advantage as a safety feature.

Bunny presented a comparison table for both the table and track saws. Members are referred to his presentation that was distributed on the Cabinet Makers CG, dated 20250208 for further information. As a final comparison the needs and working style of individual members could dictate which of the two saws would be preferable in your workshop.

Meubelmakersuitdaging wenners vir 2024

Die Meubelmakers-uitdaging is 'n geleentheid vir alle lede, ongeag hul vaardigheidsvlak, om 'n item te maak en dit by die Kabinetsmakers-vergadering te bring om dit met ander lede te deel. Die doel van hierdie maandelikse uitdaging is om almal die kans te gee om hul vaardighede te toets deur eenvoudige naweekprojekte te maak.

Deelnemers kan kies tussen twee opsies uit verskillende kategorieë. 'n Lid verdien 3 punte vir die item wat hy of sy ingedien het. Die items word beoordeel en die beoordelaars kies die top drie inskrywings. Die eerste, tweede en derde plek ontvang onderskeidelik 3, 2 of 1 bykomende punte. Punte word deur die jaar opgebou, en aan die einde van die jaar ontvang die lid met die meeste punte die Meubelmakersuitdaging Wisseltrofee.

Erich Nast was die wenner vir 2024, met Bunny Croucamp in die tweede plek en Pieter Nel in die derde plek. Al drie wenners het pryse ontvang, wat deur Woodoc geborg is. Dit was met groot vreugde dat Francois vir Erich Nast kon gelukwens as die eerste lid wat die Meubelmakersuitdaging Wisseltrofee ontvang. Francois wil graag die wenners gelukwens en 'n spesiale dank aan Woodoc rig vir hul ruim borgskap van hierdie pryse.



Meubelmakers Uitdaging Wisseltrofee



Winner: Erich Nast



Runner up: Bunny Croucamp

Draaiers

In November 2024 het die draaiers 'n klompie gedraaide kersversierings aan Irene Homes geskenk. Irene Homes is 'n hawe vir volwasse verstandelike gestremdes.

Irene Homes sent a thank you letter in which they say that in Maori, 'disabled' is translated as 'whaikaha', which implies having strenght and ability, but being differently abled. Irene Homes strives to empower people with disabilities and to make sure no one is left behind.

Indien iemand verder wil betrokke raak, gesels gerus met Braam.

Meer inligting kan ook op hulle webwerf gekry word:

<https://irenehomes.co.za/>

The full letter is attached at the back of the Tambotie.



Andy Sutton's shallow relief apple



Justin Carter's multi media snail

Justin Carter carved a multi media snail as a family Christmas gift. Bruce also carved a gift for the secret Santa project – Gecko snack plate.



Bruce Carter's ghecko plate

Houtkerwers

Audrey Miles

We are some 15 carvers who meet weekly in class to work on our individual pieces. We share one anothers joy's, sorrows and frustrations. One such joy is that Bruce Carter has recently become a proud grandfather of a second baby girl. We wish him much joy.

Andy Sutton has completed his shallow relief carving of an apple and is almost done with the last project in phase I of the beginners course.

Dirk Maritz carved a vintage style clock to suit his daughters decor



Dirk Maritz's vintage clock

Ons Lede / Our members

Die Houtwerkvereniging van Pretoria het tans 151 lede. Ons het 137 gewone, 7 junior en 7 erelede. Ons jongste lid is 15 jaar en ons oudste lid is 88 jaar oud.

Baie welkom aan Armand De Castro wat in Januarie 2025 by ons aangesluit het.

Verjaarsdae / Birthdays

Shead	Peter	Dec-03
Koch	Dion	Dec-03
Bodenstein	Ben	Dec-05
Jackson	Kyle	Dec-05
Potgieter	Mike	Dec-06
Van Der Merwe	Carel	Dec-12
Croucamp	Bunny	Dec-12
Murray	John	Dec-13
Beneke	Willie	Dec-15
Walker	Jeanette	Dec-18
Swanepoel	Francois	Dec-19
Taljaard	Willie	Dec-23
MacKinnon	Neil	Dec-26
Bredenkamp	Duidlief	Dec-29
Nordeje	Willem	Dec-20
Van Rensburg	Carl	Dec-30
Swanepoel	Su-Mari	Dec-30
Visser	Louis	Dec-31
Van Der Merwe	Marius	Dec-31

Prinsloo	Ben	Jan-03
Van Graan	Dylan	Jan-04
Du Toit	Janco	Jan-05
Hall	Peter	Jan-05
Du Toit	Dries	Jan-06
Grobler	Stef	Jan-08
Langenhoven	Leon	Jan-10
Visser	Paul	Jan-11
Du Plessis	Thys	Jan-14
Rosenmayer	Anton	Jan-15
Ellis	Alexander	Jan-19
Botha	Gawie	Jan-21
Müller	Horts	Jan-22
Semmelink	Willem	Jan-22

Evert	Wray	Jan-26
Spies	Hendrie	Jan-30
Furstenberg	Michael	Jan-30

Krabbendam	Lex	Feb-01
Scholtz	Nico	Feb-07
Joubert	Gerhard	Feb-09
Carter	Justin	Feb-12
Oliver	Stephanie	Feb-14
Nast	Erich	Feb-15
Rüsch	Andreas	Feb-15
Greebe	Paul	Feb-16
Botha	Philip	Feb-18
Kruger	Stephan	Feb-23
Smit	Roedolf	Feb-25
Cugnolio	Raymond	Feb-27
Potgieter	Fred	Feb-27
Deuer	Manfred	Feb-28

Our members have indicated that the **Ordinary General Meetings (OGM)** have to provide the opportunity for:

- Transferring WAP information;
- Raising awareness of other interest groups;
- Communicating with members of both management and other members;
- Bringing interest groups together; and (5) Getting to know each other.

This can be accomplished by having the OGMs on Saturday mornings and to combine them (back-on-back) with the meeting of one of the interest groups (the host). At such a combined OGM/Interest group meeting, one of the other interest groups (the guest) will, as part of the OGM's agenda, be invited to deliver a presentation. The meetings will be held as indicated in the table on the next page.

OGM Meeting	Host's Meeting	Guest
8 March 25	Cabinet Makers	Woodturners
24 May 25	Woodturners	Woodcarvers
12 July 25	Cabinet Makers	Woodturners
27 Sep 25	Woodturners	Cabinet Makers
8 Nov 25	Cabinet Makers	Woodcarvers
24 Jan 26	Woodturners	Cabinet Makers

Other important dates to calendar are the annual **Wood and Craft Expo 2025** scheduled for the weekend of 28 to 30 November 2025 and the **Year End Function** on Sunday, 30 November 2025.

Upcoming events are published on Facebook and Website of the WAP:

<https://www.facebook.com/PtaWoodworkers/>
<https://ptawoodworkers.com/events/>

Toekomstige Gebeure / Upcoming Events

Die belangegroep vir die **Kabinetmakers** gaan in 2025 voort om op die tweede (2de) en die **Houtdraaiers** op die vierde (4de) Saterdag van elke maand te vergader.

Dit het nodig geraak om die tyd waarop die **Gewone Algemene Vergaderings (GAV)** van die HVP wat tradisioneel op Woensdae aande plaasgevind het in herooring te neem. Daar is heelwat van ons lede wat dit toeneemlik moeiliker begin vind het om die vergaderings in die aand by te woon. Die bywoning het gevolglik oor 'n periode van tyd stelselmatig begin kwyn. Die vraag oor wat die huidige doel of verwagte uitset van die AMVs is of behoort te wees moes beantwoord word.

New toy on the market

Willem Semmelink

Dominoes, are oval-shaped loose tenons associated with Festool DF 500 and DF 700 machines. They are often used for panel joints, frames and drawer joints.

Recently, a router bit came to the market that allows woodworkers to make their own DIY tenons instead of buying proprietary dominoes.



Photo: Axminster

The UJK Loose Tenon Cutters are router cutters. There are two, one with 3 hollowed out cutters and one with 4 cutters. Between the two, all of the Festool biscuit sizes are covered. The cutters are designed specifically to be used with router tables to cut the rounded edges on a router table. The bits are available in ½" and 12mm shank sizes, and one bit covers 4,5,6, and 8mm biscuits, whilst the other cuts 10,12, and 14mm sizes. Any length of wood can be cut and both hardwoods and softwoods can be used.

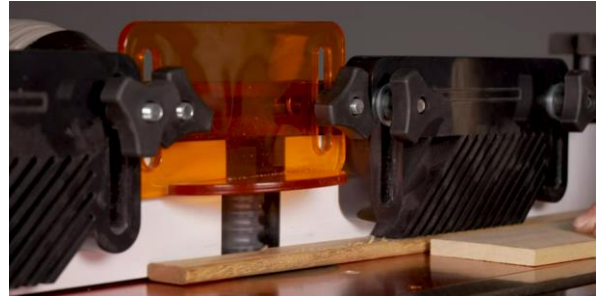


Photo: from Axminster video.

A table saw or cutoff saw can be used afterwards to cut the wooden strips to size to make the biscuit tenons.

The product is available locally at Hardware Centre. Thank you to Bunny for announcing it on our Whatsapp group.

[Loose Tenon Router Cutters - 12mm Shank – UJK Tools](#)

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Acknowledgement of Donation

Good Day, Friends of Irene Homes,

In Maori, 'disabled' is translated as 'whaikaha', which implies having strength, and ability, but being differently abled. This term originated with the Māori disabled population and emphasises growing strength and ability. Words have the ability to explain, express, and characterize how we perceive and experience the world, but this is not always the case for our beneficiaries. Frequently, their voices are not recognized. Many people with limitations, particularly in South Africa, experience marginalization of their voices.

But for us at Irene Homes, it is a moral obligation to empower people with disabilities, particularly women, and to help create a world that ensures everyone's rights are protected and no one is left behind.

It continues to be such a privilege for our team to use our time to bring positive changes to our beneficiaries. Without our compassionate and loyal stakeholders like you, we would not have been able to continue.

The impact of your contribution fuels our mission to create positive change in everyone's lives we serve. With your support, we're empowered to make a lasting profound effect, turning challenges into opportunities. In a time where immediacy carries profound meaning, your meaningful and impactful contribution has illuminated our path. Your timely support has breathed life into our efforts, reminding us that compassion transcends time constraints. With heartfelt appreciation, we express our deepest gratitude.

Yours sincerely,


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