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## February 2011 Newsletter

Dear Members,

February saw the return of up and coming turner Richard Findley, recently welcomed into The Register of Professional Turners.

His first piece of turning was to demonstrate the use of a Router to put some flutes on a leg.

He first shaped the leg from a piece of Tulip wood, demonstrating the use of Roughing chisel, 3/8" Spindle Gouge, Skew chisel, and Bedan along the way. Designs for the leg can be obtained from "Millers Antiques", Stobart Davies book on Designs, or other design books.



Richard Findley



Using the router for the Flutes



Routing the box lid



the finished box lid



Malcolm Dutton...winner

- Having shaped the leg, Richard went on to the Routing. He used a collar on the end made of **Tufnol**, or you could use a metal one fixed with a grub screw. Also use wood but it wears.
- The mdf plate on the headstock had 12 holes drilled into the edge to take the bolt attached to the tool rest (just see in pict.) to allow no movement of the leg when routing.
- Richard usually finishes work with 5 coats of oil, added over 2 days, and then a layer of **Micro-wax**, which doesn't leave fingerprints.

- Richards next item was a **Maple box**, and to route a decoration on the lid. With the proportions arranged he then set up the router, making 4 passes for his design before filling the grooves with a quick setting Resin. Make sure to mix your colour with the resin before adding the Hardener!
- When set, he hollowed the lid to give the finished pattern (see above). He then proceeded to complete the box in the usual way.
- Richard also made a feature of the join.
- One can make several different designs on the lid by experimenting with lid shape and number of grooves.

Overall Richards demonstration was clear, concise and well thought out. His explanations and answers to questions were very good. His hints and tip were too many to put into words, well done.

### Club News.

- Well done to **Malcolm Dutton** and the Decorated bowl competition, and also to **Tom Jennings** in the Endeavour group. The next competition to be judged in April is for a **Square Edged bowl**. Malcolm prize is that of being put on the clubs website as a competition winner.
- Do keep the prizes coming in as the draw is a big attraction...no pun intended!
- March sees **Steve Booler**, a Tree Surgeon, coming to the club to describe his work, and the nature of Wood. He is also bringing wood to sell which by all accounts will be of Very Good value, so bring your cheque books. This includes boards which vary from 4'-7' long and 6" - 12" wide and all about 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and nothing priced over £20, including the biggest, most boards are about £12 - £15. The boards he brings are:-

Beech (spalted), Laburnum, some lovely Yew, Sycamore, Elm, Holly, Cherry, Oak, Ash, Sweet Chestnut and some Lime. Also some Yew branches about 10" - 12" long by 4" - 6" diameter at £4 ea. Or 3 for £10. I will attach some photos of some of the wood he's bringing. If you know roughly what you want then LET ME KNOW ASAP and I can get it ordered. He has lots of Oak, Beech, Yew, Sycamore trees. He also has a bit of LIME for Woodcarvers.

Please support Steve as I believe his products are **VERY GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY**.

- Our illustrious chairman **Peter**, will be back in March, after wandering in Australia and New Zealand for the past 3 months!!!
- Don't forget that the club is selling pieces of Beech for you to take it away and make something from it to sell at one of our Fairs. I have been getting more involved in an organisation called "**Hens Teeth**" which is a Craft organisation in South/West Yorkshire. It has negotiated to sell Craft ware during the Holmfirth Festival week in July at a church in New Mill. We are now **INVOLVED**. So we need to be making lots of stuff to sell at the Craft fair for our new charity...The- Forget- me -not Trust.
- During the next meeting we will also be selling the items that last years Demonstrators gave to the club for charity. The committee have put a reserve price on these items, all of which I brought to the club during the last year. Please be generous in your wishing to buy any of the items. The money is going to an extremely good cause. Should any of the items not reach the reserve price, then they will be included in the next Craft-fair sale.

Without wishing to pre-judge the outcome, I feel that the clubs involvement in Honley show is not only too time consuming in regards to forms and "Risk Assessments" to be filled in, but too costly (£50 entry fee with no option to sell items), except than hiring a table to sell goods.....more at the March meeting.

Well that's all until we meet on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Wooldale Hall.

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