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Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Wooldale Community Centre, Robert Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. HD9 1XZ. Website: [www.huddersfieldwoodturners.org.uk](http://www.huddersfieldwoodturners.org.uk)

## Newsletter May 2011

Hello everyone

**This is a milestone month for the club** with us exhibiting and demonstrating at Honley show 11 June and being part of the Holmfirth Art week fringe event at Christ Church New Mill 2 to 9 July. As Chris and Peter explained at the meetings, we need you to bring in pieces of your work which demonstrates your skills and enthusiasm for woodturning.

**The deadline is therefore the next meeting 9 June.**

It was a treat to have Margaret Garrard return to demonstrate her skills with "Art in Wood" as her website [www.margaretgarrard.co.uk](http://www.margaretgarrard.co.uk) describes and it is worth studying her website to gain a greater insight in her work. Margaret's turnings are mainly in sycamore which she purchases from John Boddy's in plank form. Once her 6 inch dia dish is shaped the decoration and piercing is meticulously planned. The art work can be freehand or transfers taken from cake decorating, embroidery plans and craft shops. Outlines can be draw onto the wood via pencil, carbon paper or sometimes a pyrography pen. Margaret also uses Frisket - sticky paper to lay over the shapes and which



sticks to the wood. A scalpel knife is used to cut round the Frisket and then a paint can be applied, either with a brush or as Margaret demonstrated with an air brush which had very good control.



For piercing the wood Margaret has progressed from a Dremel at 30,000 RPM to air driven dentist type drill 300,000 RPM for a high level of control.

Margaret's catchphrase "Design Opportunity" is very apt and makes us realise that a slight slip can be turned to our advantage. Everything is not lost!

The piercing would be nothing without the uniformity of wall thickness of the wood and we must not detract from the fact that Margaret turns some beautiful pieces!

## Club News.

- Our next meeting is on Thurs 9 June and Bob Chapman has volunteered to join us again - as always, entertaining and stimulating.
- Thank you to Brian Davies who has produced 4 Pen and Acorn pen holders and also to Eric Coleman for his Light Pulls both as contributions for the two forthcoming events.
- For those who took home a piece of Beech to make something to sell at our at the **Holmfirth Art-week festival**, 3-8<sup>th</sup> July (set-up 30<sup>th</sup> June) Your work needs to be handed in on 9 June.
- To help promote Huddersfield Woodturners we have collaborated with **Hens-Teeth**, a Penistone and District Craft organisation with who we are exhibiting at Holmfirth Art week.
- **Please also keep on making other items that we can sell at the craft fair.**
- Our headline event this year is our participation in the **Honley Show on 11<sup>th</sup> June**. We have volunteers to demonstrate on the day and we need pieces of your work to have on show in the tent!
- In addition to the innovative piece you are producing with the Beech supplied by Steve Booler please make as many items as you can to sell at our forthcoming events including: **Spinning-tops; Pens; Mushrooms; Bowls; Boxes; Light holders; Light-pulls; Candle-holder; Pedestal Bowl; Bangle; Dried flower vase; Pendants; Honey dribblers; Fruit; Egg-cup**
- Thank you to members who bring in raffle prizes, this is a valuable contribution to the club. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate your other diverse skills including vegetable growing, jam making.
- Harry has a friend who is selling a Record EML24x lathe at the asking price of £150.00. I understand the owner has upgraded his equipment and so he is not including many accessories, but it sounds good value none the less. Contact tel no 01484 653116

The website is updated regularly - thank you Pat- it is worth visiting because it serves as a reminder of how the club is progressing and developing.

- At the last meeting we did not find out who brought in the Laburnum Goblet with captive ring? - Another reminder to everyone to place your mark on your work.

Keep on turning!

Richard Ogley  
Vice Chair

June 9<sup>th</sup>! Deadline