

October 2014 Meeting - Multi-turn Evening

We had a varied group of demonstrations taking place simultaneously throughout the evening. As well as turning there was homemade equipment being demonstrated. Our resident pyrography expert was demonstrating her technique and offering advice.

Maurice Sore

Maurice makes a lot of his own fixtures and fittings and this night he was demonstrating his homemade hollowing jig. The support frame is constructed from the square section framework of an old desk. The arm holding the tool is from scrap rectangular section aluminium. He uses a Simon Hope cutter head for the hollowing. He has also rigged a laser pointer to indicate where the cutter head is inside the piece being hollowed. The photos show the device from various angles.



Trevor Branton

Trevor had brought along some partially- dried (or semi-wet) Ash for members to have a go at making a simple vase. Trevor had brought along several different examples of designs to give them something to aim for. Several members had a go.



Tic Challis

Tic regularly brings examples of her turnings decorated using pyrography and colour. Tic has a BA degree in Fine Arts and uses her training to produce wonderful artistic decoration on her turnings. The images are sometimes of a fantasy world, sometimes of a Gothic nature but always beautifully executed. She was demonstrating various techniques, answering questions and encouraging members to try their hand.



The photo shows Donna Simmonds (a visitor on the night) enjoying the opportunity to try something new.



Ian Cotgrove

For his demonstration Ian chose to make Honey Dippers. He roughed the blank to a cylinder between centres, partially formed the handle then with a parting tool formed the slots in the end used for picking up the honey. He then completed shaping the handle and formed some beads on the end. These beads he delineated by burning with a wire and friction, then they were coloured using acrylic paints before parting off.

**Ian Cameron**

Ian had brought along his homemade vacuum chucking system.

He had made an ingenious stand for his very quiet vacuum pump and various valves and filters. He had various sizes of chuck to suit different size pieces that he would require to hold. He showed it in use holding various bowls that he was turning.



A very interesting evening with varied demonstrations running simultaneously.
Thank you to all the demonstrators.