

Shavings No 38 February 2018

The Ulster Chapter Newsletter

By Peter Lyons and Brendan McAreavy

Brendan is still a bit under the weather, improving, but still not strong enough to make it to the Wood Shed for our February meeting. Please bear with me as I will try to fill his boots for this Shavings. My report on Danny McGeever's visit is further into this Shavings.

Do you have anything that will add interest to this newsletter, please let me have it by email.

For Sales or Wanted

Paul Finlay informs me there is some good stuff on our web site. Keep looking at. iwgulsterchapter.com.

Announcements

Jenne McDonald will attend the March meeting to collect eggs and chickens (ducks) etc for Easter. So get yourself started when you are waiting for inspiration. There is lots of wood available for your efforts in the Wood Shed.

Training and help before our demos.

Jim Stevens did another great sharpening class before the February Demo. All reports from those who attended are good. A super demo. Thanks to Jim for doing that.

We have no more of these extra training demos arranged yet.

Calendar of Demos for 2018

The 2018 programme is as follows:-

March 10th is Sally Burnett, all day demo. This will be £15 for the day. Start 0930 and finish at 1700 with the usual breaks. Bring your own lunch, we will supply coffee and tea, but no eats.

The competition will be for Category 1, a clock, of any type. Category 2 an Artistic form as we have an artistic demonstrator.

April 14th Christien van Bussell

May 12th is Kieran Reynolds,

June 9th Seminar, Joss Naigon, all day demo.

Sept TBA

Oct TBA

Jason Breach will be here in November.

December AGM and TBA

We will fill in the rest of the spaces as soon as we have decided on the turners.

Our first away day will be at the Ballynature Day in Ballynure. 24th February. If you want to help out let Peter know. It runs from 1200 to 1700 so if you want to come along and see what we are up to please do. There is a flyer for the event at the end of this Shavings. Paul, Ricky and Billy Ferris have booked on to do some turning. If you want to come please mail me. Last year it was great fun. I also asked you all to make some spinning tops, Jim Stevens has given me a bag of tops, if any of the rest of you have tops, get them to me or leave them in the Wood Shed. You could also bring them to Ballynure yourself.

The IWG AGM will be held on Sunday 18th February 2018 at 2pm in the Ashling Hotel, Dublin. If you want to go let me know and we can organise a convoy.

Competitions

We have introduced in category 2 a more open title for the competition entries. This is to try and get the entrants to widen their ideas when making competition pieces. We are trying to help you to use your imagination in your woodturning. I think we need to persevere with this for a time.

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by Peter Lyons

Danny McGeever came to the Wood Shed along with a few friends, Oliver, Dougie, Tommy and Philip, members of the Sligo chapter. He gave his usual entertaining demo which was to make a two part dish from a piece of green Ash. I have not taken dimensions, because that depends on your piece of wood, you will have to work it out for yourself.



What Danny made was a hollow form, with the open end formed into a joint that he was able to use to join the open ends together when he cut it in half. You will be able to follow the pictures. As he was making the joint he was able to form a ring that made the joint secure. You can see the form of the joint in the photos.

Because Danny took away all of the heartwood of the log, it means that it will not distort.

Danny used various tools to hollow out the form. He started by using a Forstener bit to



go in a few inches, then other large tools he had with him. He got to the hook tool that he had brought and finished the inside with it. He used a large reverse angled scraper to get a fine finish and then sanded to 240 grit.

He checked the ring fitted into the groove he had made with a fine parting tool, made from



a hacksaw blade. Made some fine adjustments then shaped the outside of the vessel.

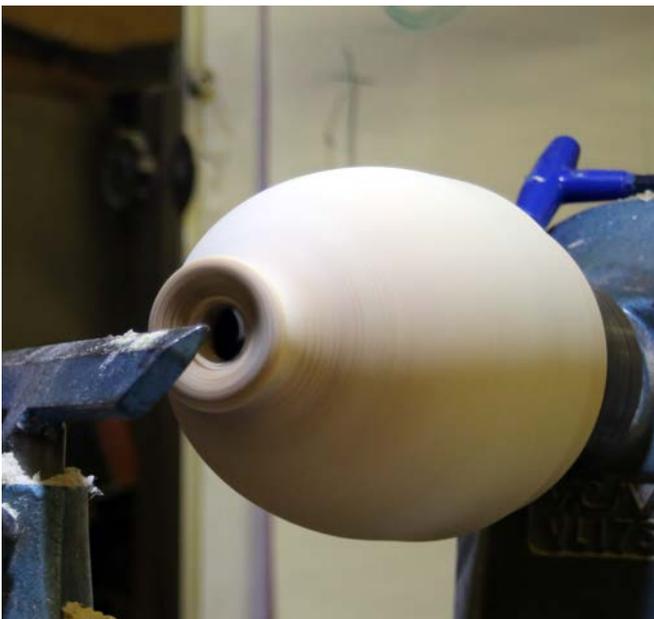


Danny then refined the outside of the vessel, shaped the bottom. He made the outside in an elliptical shape, showing us how to draw an ellipse using a clever little jig he had made. He then cut out the lips from the drawing and used that to refine his shape.

He used the Forstener bit to drill right through the bottom of the form. He refined the inner



shoe before cutting it off the chuck. He used the piece of Ash left in the chuck to make a jam chuck. Reversed the form onto the jam



chuck and finished off the bottom of the form to the shape you see in the photos.



He then sawed the Form in two along its length and used the ring to make a good

joint. A drop of glue would finish it perfectly.



He had Blue Peter ball feet with him that he showed us how to fit. He also had a dish with him that he had fitted legs onto. It looked very well also.



Danny's wonderful Ellipse drawing device.



Our February competition results and some pictures are to be found below.

3rd David Faulkner

Category 1 1st Sam Faulkner



2nd Patsy Cassidy



Category 2

1st Ricky McDonald



2nd Keith Hyland



3rd Eugene Grimley



Our wonderful audience



Ricky taking a photo of me

Here are a couple of shots of the finished piece made last month by Tom McCosh. They show the varying wall thickness of the piece

