

Shavings



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Chairman's Comments

By Eugene Grimley

Its good to see that our membership is growing steadily and that attendance at the Wood Shed is also increasing although some members are still very cautious regarding Covid. Hopefully Seamus Cassidy will tempt them to venture out – it will be a great day out.

Thanks to all those who helped at the Steam Rally. We really put Ulster Woodturning on the map and are now planning for the Game Fair also at Shane's Castle which, with your help, will prove equally successful.

Supporting the Children's Hospital is again providing much needed play materials and I can't thank you enough for all your efforts. Hopefully

Jenny will be at the Wood Shed again on Saturday 11th to receive our latest contributions.

At the moment we are currently putting together an 'Awards For All' application as we hope to replace broken audio visual equipment and our marquee.

Covid precautions

If you have or a member of your house hold has Covid, a sore throat, headache, or other cold symptoms you are asked not to attend until fully recovered.

Tuesday Evenings

Tuesday evenings are in full swing with growing attendance. Each Tuesday Demo will cost £6 with a £2 discount for Subscribing/Members.

Up and Coming Demonstrators:

31/05/22	Eugene Grimley
07/06/22	Billy Ferris
14/06/22	Harry Emerson
21/6/22	Stephen Dowie
28/06/22	Ricky McDonald

Wood Shed News

Spaces are currently available for the following two-day Beginner's courses at The Wood Shed; June 17th /18th, July 22nd /23rd, and September 2nd /3rd
Tel: 028 9443 3833

Please note: whilst no Ulster Woodturning demonstrations will take place over the Summer the Wood Shed will remain open during normal business hours.

Membership Subscriptions

We currently have over fifty subscribing members which is great. If you are a member don't sit back, get involved it's even more fun! Thinking of getting involved in our community demos? Talk to Ricky.

Monthly Demo's (Members only)

Our next subscribing members only demo (annual subscription £36) on June 11th, will see Seamus Cassidy being keenly welcomed back to demonstrate. He is one of the foremost woodturners in Ireland and has achieved many national awards for his work.

His demonstrations are not to be missed and are aimed at the beginner and more advanced turner alike.

This will be an all-day demo, as such, there will be a charge of £15 to cover additional costs (it is well worth it (anywhere else in Ireland this would be three times that at least)).

June 11th All day from 9:30am to approx. 4:30

Cost £15, Demonstrator Seamus Cassidy

Bring a Packed lunch. Tea/Coffee supplied

Shane's Castle Steam Rally:

Ulster Woodturning had a fantastic exhibition and sale of work at this two-day event. Unfortunately, our Marquee was mauled by the weather but thanks to Sam and Paul who did running repairs it survived for the duration. It has now been scrapped and we are seeking support for new pop up (commercial grade) gazebos.

Game Fair at Shane's Castle

This will take place 25th & 26th June. Hopefully we will be able to borrow Gazebos or a Marquee for this. As funding is unlikely to be available before then.

If you are available to attend and assist us setting up, demonstrating, talking to the public about woodturning, selling displayed work or raffle tickets please contact Ricky McDonald. Taking part is a great day's craic. These events really contribute to the success of Ulster Woodturning and your help is needed.

Summer Break:

How about meeting up with a group of woodturning friends during the July/August Summer break in Ulster Woodturning demos at the Wood Shed. Why not chat to people and arrange this before the break starts. It's great to visit each other's workshops, get tips and possibly get a cup of tea or coffee.

Demo's will begin on Tuesday 6th, 7pm and Saturday 10th, 2pm September.

August BBQ:

Put the Annual BBQ and Woodturning Jumble Sale at the Wood Shed in your diary, all welcome. Date & Time Saturday 20th August at 12, noon. Hannon Meats burgers and sausages are not to be missed and Sam's grilled bananas are to die for! It's also a great chance to buy or sell unused woodturning stuff.

How About Demonstrating:

Tuesday evenings are a great place to start demonstrating. Contact Brendan if you are interested in doing this. He is now arranging September onwards.

IWG Seminar 2022

Check out the IWG Web Site for details of this event. The 2022 National Seminar will be on Saturday 8th October and Sunday 9th October 2022 at the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan. Demonstrators are, Emma Cook UK, Stewart Furini UK, Yann Marot France, Robert O'Connor Ireland, Jim Stevens Northern Ireland. A number of Ulster Woodturning members will be attending. This is a great opportunity to see some great woodturning demo's and attend the market to buy even more gear.

Seeing and meeting other woodturners from throughout Ireland is not to be missed, especially when it is on our doorstep.

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May Demonstration Report

By Brendan McAreavy

Ulster Woodturners had their monthly demonstration on Saturday 14th May 2022 and enjoyed watching David O'Neill make a lamp. David used Walnut and Ash blanks for the lamp and started by putting a tenon on the base blank by using a sandpaper drive and the tailstock to hold the work. The sandpaper drive is a very simple tool and is easily made by flattening the face of an old chucking block and gluing sandpaper on. It gives a very positive bite to drive the blank safely. When cutting the tenon on the blank David used a skew that had been ground to match the angle of the jaws, giving a very good fit. When cutting the end-grain he used a shear cut to get the best quality finish.

After the tenon had been cut the blank was turned and a recess cut in the bottom with a bowl gouge and flattened with a skew. The bottom was finished at this stage and a hole drilled for the stem using an Axminster Excaliber bit, excellent for cutting into end-grain. The hole wasn't drilled the whole way through so that there was no tear-out, it would be finished when the blank was turned around again and held with the recess.

In order to set the thickness of the blank David used dog-leg or 'Jenny' calipers, drilled through the centre to finish the hole, and cut the blank to thickness cutting from the centre of the blank to the rim and finishing with a Phil Irons scraper. David pointed out the necessity to use a clean, smooth, tool rest to stop the tool skipping during the cut.

When the surface was ready David used a Paul Howard router jig and indexing plate to cut the flutes in the base [Paul Howard website](#). The tools made a seemingly laborious looking job very efficient and gave an excellent result.

With the base flutes cut the tapered stem was formed with a tiny step in the base where it joins the base. This made a very attractive lamp.

David gave a couple of by-the-way tips... use a marking gauge to find the centre of stock because

it's faster than a pencil and ruler and make thin steel/aluminium templates to match chucking point tenons and recesses.

We thank David for his very informative and enjoyable demonstration.

Competitions:

The next competition will be at the all-day demo on Sat 11th June. This will be an open competition which means you can bring any recently made piece.

Please Note:

- Competitors must declare that their piece is recently made - all competition pieces must be started and made within 4 weeks of the competition.
- Members must be in attendance to enter items
- Two competition categories exist. All new members start in Category1 unless they elect to or are asked to compete in Category2 (because they have sufficient experience).
- Once a member wins Category1 three times they automatically compete in Category2.

May Winners:

Category1 - 1st David Stewart, 2nd David Spence, and 3rd Melanie Steele.

Category2 - 1st Billy Ferris, 2nd Paul Finlay

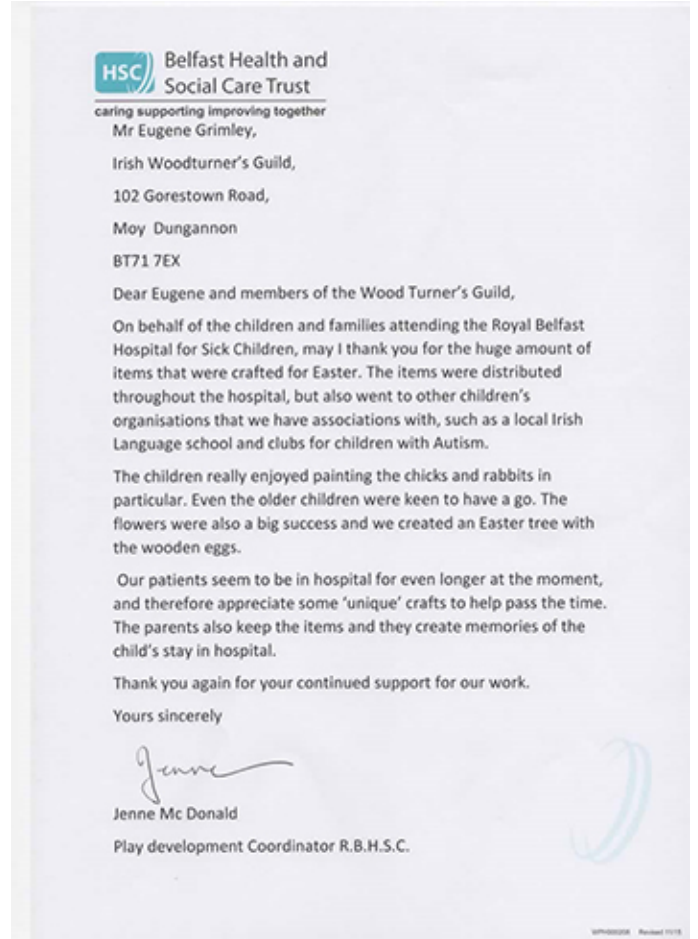
Children's Hospital.

Attached to the shavings email is a letter thanking us for our work with the play team at the Hospital. Hopefully we will be able to continue this help by providing turned items such as boats, bowls, pencil, pots, apples etc. It is hoped to invite Jenny to collect this during our all-day event on 11th June.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Hospital and is attached to the Shavings email.

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IWG News

Willie Creighton has resigned as IWG President and Executive Committee member. Ulster Woodturning would like to extend our thanks to Willie for his years of commitment and offer best wishes to his successor. We look forward to a good working relationship with his successor when appointed/elected.

Data Protection

Some of your personal details, i.e. email address, and telephone numbers, are held in our records. We only use this data to coordinate Ulster Woodturning. If you would like to know what information we hold and how we use it, or if you wish us to remove it from our records, please contact the Secretary, Stephen Dowie. If your information is removed, you will no longer receive any official communication (emails, telephone calls or correspondence)

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