



Dave Simms is always worth watching and November's meeting was no exception. This time he showed a delightful Christmas table centre piece made up of small turned items. The picture above shows a range of things easily turned and decorated. Snowmen, puddings, lanterns and Father Christmas plus the odd tree thrown in.



His advice on the type of wood to use was tulip for light coloured items or perhaps elm or walnut..





For the puddings you need a dark wood but this can be with a rough finish. It is supposed to be a fruit pudding after all.

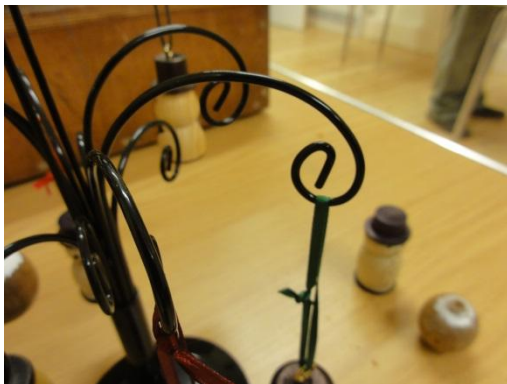
The other items need to be smooth finished.

Colours will be use of felt tip pens except for the white. Dave has found that 'Tippex' correction fluid is best. This gives a bit of body to the white and sets quite quickly.



The actual process is to work up the shape, sand it then seal it using sanding sealer.

Do not try to put felt tip colours onto unsealed wood. The colour will spread and you will lose the effect. Also it often is best to put just the hint of a groove at the edge of the colour band as in, say, a lantern. This helps to limit the spread of the colours and gives a clear line.



The stands can be purchased from the net cheaply but they are fairly simple to make yourself. To the left is one Dave bought below is one your editor made!

Use light fence wire which comes in a tight roll and can be shaped by hand by just easing the roll. You will need to use pliers to shape the first hanging turn. The base can be a wood block (turned) and the main stem a bit of copper tubing or, as shown here, a strip cut from a beer can then rolled round a pencil and glued. The whole thing being then sprayed. It needs a bit more finesse but as you can see it does not need much alteration to match the purchased version.



The Floor of our meeting room has been sanded and given a posh finish. Due to our type of usage we have been asked to be careful.



Nick Milton's bowl out of olive wood:



And a contribution from one of our members:

A Language for Woodturners?

Why is it that turners turn but fingers don't fing, and hammers don't ham? If you are careless you have to marvel at the unique idea that your workshop can burn up as it burns down, and you fill in an insurance claim form by filling it out. Why does your burglar alarm go off by going on, and a screwdriver is not a crazy motorist?

English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. We take English for granted. But if we explore it, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, two geese; so it's obvious: one moose, two meese. If you sell a dodgy piece of work does it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends under the bench and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it - an odd or end?

So if a vegetarian eats vegetables, what on earth does a humanitarian eat? How can a slim chance and a fat chance of making some money from woodturning mean the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

However ... wouldn't life be boring if everything was neat and tidy? English was evolved by people who aren't, and culture changes with the centuries if not the years. Personally I blame the Americans; very risky giving them independence.

David R. Tilley

Woody's Christmas Social

**Our post Christmas Social will be on Saturday 9th Jan
2016**

7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. start

Cost £ 7:50 each

Wood turning competition

Craft competition

Soft drinks available but bring your own alcohol

Raffle prizes- donations welcome

Reserve your places soon please

Payment December meeting

Forthcoming Attractions

Dec 3rd @ 7:30 pm Hands On

Jan 9th @ 7:30 pm Woody's Christmas Social

Next year 2016

April we have Lea Stoffer and in August Richard Findley

Remember members who do demos will receive payment.

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