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Woody's World

The Newsletter of



2016

Our February meeting saw Mark Hancock join us to demo a rather special bowl. But first John Davies, our chair, pointed out the next meeting would be the dreaded AGM. He said that most of the current committee were willing to carry on in post. This announcement he hoped would mean more members would attend not fearful of being elected to a job they did not want. We shall see.



As usual with the professional demonstrators Mark's opening remarks were about safety. It is worth reporting his point about safety glasses—they come in a variety of quality and many plastic lenses do not comply with BSS. Get good quality eye shields better still get a full face visor.

Tonight' Mark was turning a bowl with integral legs. The bowl would be 'burnt' then scrubbed to give a very dark finish. Finally the inside would be lined with gold leaf.



Mark started with a freshly cut log of oak. Using a ring centre, to ensure a good grip, the log was rough turned into a cup and stand shape. Mark used a spindle roughing out gouge to get down to a near finished shape.

One thing to remember when turning 'logs' is that they compress unevenly in the chuck. This will mean every time you take it off the lathe you will have to retrue the bowl. In this evening's demo Mark got to within about 5mm of final shape using the rough gouge.



Mark digressed to discuss the merits of using a wheel for sharpening against a flat bed stone. For most of us the grinding wheel is used to sharpen this leaves a concave face. This can mean the back of the cutting edge is rubbing on the wood so the cuts are not clean and possibly appear as a series of grooves. This is bruising from the back face of the blade.

The outer shape done now work turns to hollowing out the bowl. Drill a hole down the centre- in Marks case using a spoon bit as shown.



Mark switched to a hollowing out tool - a 'munroe'. Work down in stages so you can check the wall thickness. Check that the wall thickness is consistent, as this can avoid splitting as the wood dries out. In our demo it did split and had to be wrapped with masking tape. This hiccup meant that support for the next stage might be a bit dodgy. So Mark used a golf ball to give that bit of extra help in holding the bowl whilst the inside is cut away.



The aim, of course, is to match the outer curve of the main bowl through the underside. The splayed hollow cylinder will be the legs after cutting. It is advisable to go for three legs as these will always 'sit'. Four might look better but the finished bowl usually has a wobble.



Once the shape is completed you can apply whatever finish you like. Mark spent a few moments outlining how he would burn burnish and coat the bowl. Mark pointed out that normal gas burners use a lower temperature gas he used a MapPro burner. This in effect 'burnt' quicker and just gave a shallow burnt effect. It also gives a longer lasting finish. Clean up then decide what finish you want for the inside of the bowl. Mark suggested gold leaf which gives a heightened quality look. Relatively easily applied following instructions which you

can get on the net. Basically apply a 'glue' coat then gently press the leaf onto it. You can buy the gold leaf off the net.

As a matter of interest Mark sent round a folder of his work. Here is an example of a simple vase made more interesting by the cut in the stem. During the demo Mark had a split in the bowl which he remedied by wrapping tape around. But as he pointed out you could make a feature of it and usually this is a more interesting shape..



Forthcoming Attractions 2016

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections

March 3rd	AGM	7:00 pm
April 7th	Lea Stoffer (Spoons)	7:00 pm
May 12th	Hands on	7:00 pm
June 2nd	To be arranged	
July 7th	To be arranged	
Aug 4th	Richard Findley	7:00 pm

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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