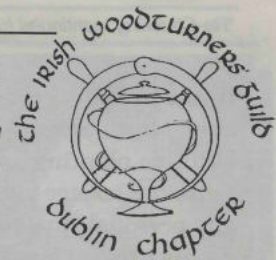


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"We must all thank Garth May for his attention to detail and presentation of the last 8 Journals,"

Editor



Phillip Murray
Your new Editor

Re-Chucking.

"Turning the page" having successfully "Turned" the Dublin Journal for the last eight issues over the past two years, Garth May is happy handing the lathe over to new hands to try other new techniques. Happily, Garth is going on to work on the national Journal for at least the next two issues and will continue to contribute to the Dublin Chapter in any way that he can.

There comes a time for change. This is that time. Due to our high standards, the size of the chapter, and the amount of the information that we need to pass on to all of the 130 or more Dublin members. The

Dublin chapter has seen some major changes in the last few months, a new venue, a new chairman and committee, and now a new Monthly Newsletter.

This is the first monthly newsletter to be distributed to all in the Dublin Chapter, coming out on the first Saturday of the month and distributed at the Terenure college meeting. For those not attending it will be posted out the following week. As editor I hope to include in this and future volumes issues that are currently being debated, with your views and comments on any aspect of Chapter life. Also included will be competition winners, a summary of previous months demonstra-

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Terenure College First meeting

by Phillip Murray

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At 10.30 am on Saturday the 4th of March, the first meeting commenced in what is to be our new demonstration venue in Terenure college. Opened by our new Chairman, 'Seamus O'Reilly' and this months demonstra-

tor 'Mick Healy', who was to demonstrate Colouring on turned Items. The morning began with an air of anticipation and jollity, as so often accompanies the monthly meeting.

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tion and Photos if available, North Strand, Larch Hill tree planting and Terenure college events, any personal small adds, product reviews and any other articles that interest the Dublin Chapter. I hope to bring out an Index at the end of each year so that these newsletters can build up into a Library to provide information for future use and reference.

As Editor I hope to hear from as many of you as there is out there, with your news and views and items of interest. This is to be your newsletter to reflect your opinions, so let us hear them.

Finally we must all thank Garth May for his attention to detail and presentation of the last 8 Journals, which have set a

very high standard, and to those of us who must follow him, I hope we can attain the same enthusiasm in the future and continue his pioneering work..
Ed. Phillip

Congratulations to Ned Farrell on his 50th Wedding Anniversary



Seamus O'Reilly, Dub Chairman.

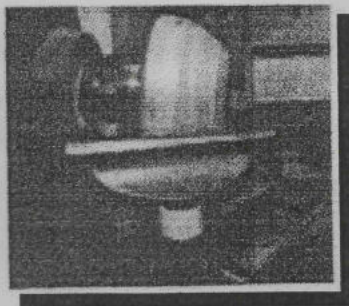
Tool Rest Adjustment

The tool rest on most lathes is mounted on a tubular shaft that can be locked at the desired height by a locking lever on the tool rest base.

Unfortunately the bottom position is lower than is normally used in turning. This means that every time you shift the tool rest, it is necessary to readjust the height and re-lock it in position. Most turning is done with the tool rest at the same height and there is seldom any need to change it. On my lathe I have cut a piece of PVC pipe to make a washer of the proper height to position the tool rest at the position I normally use.

The tool rest can still be adjusted upward if required.

For spindle turning I normally work with the tool rest slightly higher, so I have cut a second piece of PVC slightly longer for this purpose. Find the



Tool Rest Adj. c/o Bay Area Woodturners.

right diameter pipe to suit your lathe and cut to your requirements

... Warren Atkins

Bay Area Woodturners.

Chairmans Address

In a moment of mental aberration I allowed the Editor (Phillip Murray) to talk me into putting to words my thoughts on just what the Chapter is all about.

The very valid growth in membership and the availability of the facilities of Terenure College might perhaps be detrimental to the spirit of friendliness which permeated our meetings at Larch Hill. I don't think this will happen because the Mick Healy's, Charlie Caffrey's, Tim McGill's, and Tom Newman's won't let it happen. Those and others are always ready and willing to help with advice and encouragement based on practical experience and know how. This to me is the Raison d'etre of the Chapter, a common love of Wood and Woodturning combined with friendly rivalry.

Of course the Chapter doesn't run itself. I'm only the 'Front with the Mouth'. Without Sect. Tom Hayes, Tres. Tom McDonagh, Vice Chairman Hugh Flynn, Committee members Phillip Murray (editor), Harry Kampff, Mick Healy, Tom Moran and Willie Caffrey, nothing would ever happen. All you new members should get to know the committee, each of whom has a specific job to do apart from the general running of the Chapter.

Tom Hayes and Tom McDonagh are the two stalwarts who keep communications open and keep an eye on expenditure respectively. Hugh Flynn can be relied upon to deputise for me and is also responsible for seeing to the organising of our meetings, and most importantly that we leave the meeting place clean and tidy. Phillip Murray is the hard working editor of the Journal and also set up the sound system. The monthly competition is controlled by Harry Kampff. Tom Moran deputises for Tom McDonagh. Mick Healy and Paul Haycock run

a very successful monthly session at North Strand. Mick is also responsible for our Video and book library.

I would like to see many more competition pieces. The competition is our way of seeing what you all can do. Everyone should have a go as the three sections cater for beginners, experienced and advanced. Suggestions for competition items would be very welcome.

Attendance at the monthly meeting should be used for swapping ideas, hints and tips. Where to pick up 'odds and ends' at the right price and most importantly getting to know one another.

A special welcome to our new lady members and a word of thanks to Nora who carried the torch.

A word of thanks also to Terenure College and Frank McCann who made it possible.

*Then I saw a lovely thing - a tree
Sculptured and Turned :-
Weathered by the winds and
storms of years,
I thought of you - God.
How time and hardship can work
grace and beauty
When lovingly fashioned by the
Masters Hand.*

Glenna Oldham.

Seamus O'Reilly
Chairman.

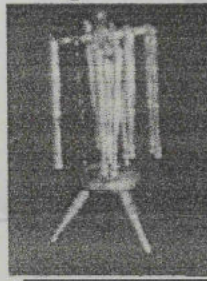
Competition

The June competition is to make a Mirror, (no specific type or design is required)

This is for all categories.

This months competition is to make "a craft item to sell for LESS than £5.00",

Every body entering this competition must be willing to sell their piece for



less than £5.00 and the winning piece will be purchased from them

"Hugh Flynn Lace Bobbins, Experienced Winner".

Last months winners in the 8" X 2" X 2" were, Beginner; Nial Redmond (Terenure College)



"Johnny Wetherall, Proud Joint winner with John Whelan (next Page) Displays his winning piece to all at Terenure College, April-95".



"Nial Redmond (Beginner) With Seamus O'Reilly".

Advanced; Johnny Wetherall and John Whelan, Experienced; Hugh Flynn with his 16 Lace bobbins and his drawing on the back of an envelope, It is nice to see how the piece was prepared. Well done to all who entered. Next month we hope to have the league table of winners for this year so far, so let's see a lot more people entering the competition. Remember there are prizes at the end of the year in all categories, so get turning and keep an eye on this league table.



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This change was brought about by the increased numbers that have been attending in Larch Hill in recent months.

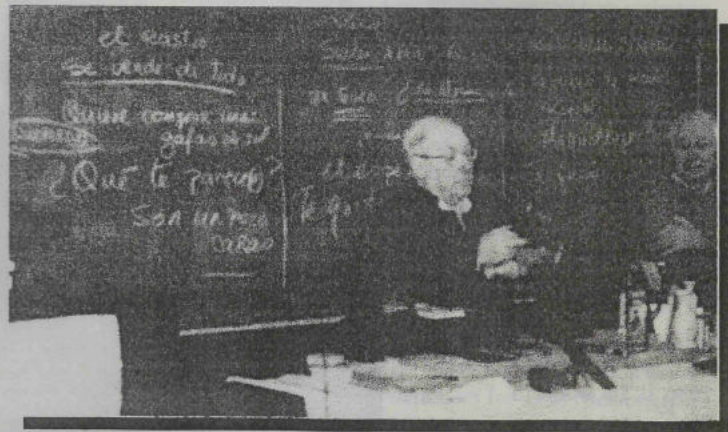
About 50 to

60 people, and the fact that it was becoming increasingly difficult for those attending to participate with the goings on, whether the competition, the debate, or the demonstration, which are enjoyed by so many of those attending. It must be said that the Dublin Chapter will not be severing their connection with the scouts in larch hill, as the tree planting and some of our summer

meetings will be held there, and also there is the Proposal that there are at least four meetings a year in Larch Hill which was proposed by Charlie Caffrey. The committee must thank Frank McCann for his efforts to obtain the use of the lecture hall in Terenure college and without whose help we could not have proceeded with such speed.

The meeting was attended by about 70 people and it seemed that this is growing to be a very acceptable venue for these kind of numbers. Everyone had a good view from the stepped theatre and although there was a sound system present the natural acoustics seemed more than acceptable. After a short introduction by Seamus O'Reilly, Mick Healy proceeded to demonstrate his technique for preparing for colouring timber, and after about 40 minutes

Photos We hope to have a Gallery page which should include, the previous months winning competition items, as well as photographs of the demonstrator turning. This is where we require your help. If there are any of you out there that have photos of yourselves, your lathe, you turning, or an item of interest in photo form we would be pleased to reproduce these for you in the newsletter. NOTE Please put your name on the back and if you wish the photo to be returned also your address. Any photos not used immediately will be put on file and used at a later date, and do remember if possible to photograph against a plain background as these will reproduce better. We look forward to seeing your work and workshops.



Having finished with the French lesson M'suir Mick Healy proceeds with wood colouring.

we broke for tea and the competition, and judging from the numbers of ballot papers handed out this to seem to be a bit more successful.

After resuming the demo and showing the final tips, Mick was thanked for giving another informative Demonstration in his own individual way. Seamus announced the Winners of the February (AGM) competition and the March competition. There then followed a short discussion on the meeting and the venue, and it was unanimously said to be a success by all attending.

FEES DUE APRIL 95

Tom McDonagh (treasurer) wishes to remind everyone who has not already paid their fees for this year 95-96, that they are now due. There has been a small increase from the Central Guild to, Ordinary member £20.00, Family member £26.00. Note that people who have not paid by the end of May will not receive any further monthly newsletters and their name will be taken off the mailing list, and due to the cost of postage and time, will not be pursued for their fees. Remember it is your fees that fund the guild and all of its functions including this newsletter.

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Please contact any of the above Committee with any query's and we will try to help in any way that we can.

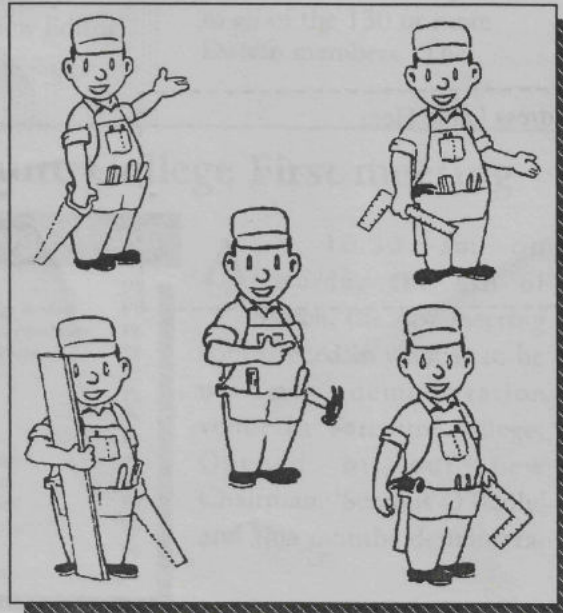
Be an Newsletter

Author

Many of the articles published in this newsletter are Voluntary submissions. All the members of the chapter are Urged to submit articles, hints, tips that concern all of us, as it is your input that we all need for this venture to succeed and be a success. the editor.

Meet Handy, You will Be meeting him alongside

hints and tips in future. Hopefully he will prove helpful to us all as fellow wood workers with your hints & Tips.



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5' Chromed bed with
record chuck, Revolving
centre.4 Prong drive,4"
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rests, £500 for lot or
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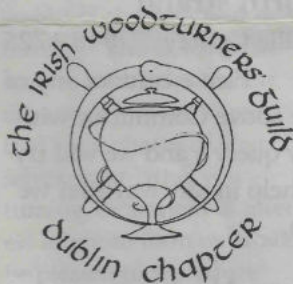
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