



GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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Full committee formed

At last we have a full committee formed. Tim Lydon has been elected to the position of chairman, while keeping his job as librarian. George Anderson is now the secretary and Sean G remains the minister for finance. Best of luck to this committee in the year ahead. I have the job of doing the newsletter for the year. If you have any contributions to make to the newsletter get them to George or myself. I am hoping to get everyone involved in the newsletter doing reviews of workshops and maybe other articles of interest. I won't be hounding people to contribute but will be asking quietly so be ready for

me. We have the workshops and meetings planned for the next while. We also have a few ideas up our sleeves which will be discussed at the meetings but we would welcome any suggestions or ideas from the chapter members. It is the members that make up the chapter not the committee so it is up to everyone to participate as much as they can. Looking forward to a busy year and hopefully improving our turning.

The competition piece for the next meeting is a lamp so get turning and see what you can come up with.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ordinary membership €54
 Family membership €57
 Student membership €10
 Associate membership €10

Chapter Proposed Events 2010

Date	Host	Location
21 st January	AGM Meeting	Maldron Hotel
28 th January	Nial O'Sullivan	Moycullen
4 th February	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
20 th February	George Anderson	Renmore
4 th March	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
25 th March	Sean G Clancy	Moycullen
1 st April	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
25 th April	Ambrose O'Halloran	Cregboy
6 th May	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
20 th May	Martin Lodge	Corofin
2 nd September	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
16 th September	Tim Lydon	Moycullen

**Challenge piece is to turn a
LAMP**

**Bring a Turned piece for presentation to the
Hotel.**

**Swap-Shop of old woodturning and wood
working magazines.**

MARCH CHALLENGE



First place
Tim Lydon

Second place
Clare Gurley



Third place
Tim Lydon

Sean G Clancy's Workshop March

Our March workshop was held in Moycullen in Sean G Clancy's workshop. Sean had the workshop in immaculate condition as usual and it was nearly a shame to dirty it with shavings. Sean started the night off with some wet turning a piece of Crab Apple about 10 inches in diameter mounted on his home made lathe. The lathe was converted from an old pedestal grinder and Sean had it running like a watch with variable speed and all.

The plan for this wet piece was to turn it thin so that when it dried it would not crack and reduce the amount of movement as there would be very little stress in the piece due to the thin nature of it. Sean completed the outside and then started the inside. He used a light to see the thickness of the walls as he turned it. This gives a good indication of how uniform the wall thickness is. He finished it in stages going down about a third at a time and then sanding that section. This was because when you get to the bottom of the bowl the top would be flexing as it is so thin. When he needed to sharpen his gouge Sean went to his home made grinding station. This also doubles as a polishing and sanding station all home made of course. As he got to the bottom of the bowl the pitch became very high indicating a very thin wall. Sean started to see light at the end of the tunnel and knowing this could be a train coming decided to finish at that point. When he took the bowl off indeed there was a lot of light at the bottom. It was so thin at the bottom if you put it down on a ten pence piece you would be able to tell if it was head or harp. At this stage Sean got a round of applause for his bravery and announced that the tea was ready.

The tea and refreshments were all laid out on the



table and at a quick glance you could see like most things in Sean's workshop everything was home made, apple tart, cake, buns etc.. Knowing I had to write an article on the night I had to sample everything on offer and what a treat. Ann is very handy around the oven and it was very hard to get everyone back into the workshop to concentrate on woodturning again.

Back in the workshop Sean decided to turn a pen as some of the members present had not seen this done before. The timber he was using was Bog Oak and you need a good clean piece for making a pen. If there are any shakes present the timber will split when you are turning it. Sean went through the whole process cutting drilling gluing reaming and the turning the piece. He then assembled the pen with a silver pen kit from Axminster and it looked really well when finished.

The silver picked up the fleck in the bog oak very well. At this stage Sean got another round of applause. The chest was really sticking out at this stage. Our new chairman Tim Lydon thanked Sean and Ann for the time and effort they put in for us.

The workshop was well attended and proves how important these nights are. I have been at many a workshop in this house and always look forward to coming here.

George then told us about an idea for an exhibition in the library in Ballybane next December. The idea seemed to be well received and will be discussed in detail at the next meeting next Thursday night April 1st.

I would again like to thank Sean and Ann for a lovely home made night their effort was very much appreciated by the chapter.

Martin Lodge.

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