



# GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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## Cregboy workshop full of originality

Thanks to Brid and Ambrose for putting together a great evening of turning in mid April. It was bitter outside, but very comfortable in their cosy workshop. Brid had evidently been preparing for the evening. We were given no less than four "mini" presentations. We'll get to the details later. Ambrose had his video

cameras focused, TV setup and seating in place. We were spoiled with a beautiful refreshments at half time. Again the O'Halloran family went way beyond the call of duty. We relished every bit of it..

Thanks again  
George

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### Membership fees were due January 1st

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

## Chapter Workshops 2008

Date	Host	Location
January 24th	John McGann	Ardrahan
February 23rd	Glenn Lucas	Carlow
March 20th	Tim Lydon	Kilannin
April 17th	Brid & Ambrose O'Halloran	Cregboy
May 15th	Columba Eagleton	Ballyglunin
May 31st	Mark Sfiiri	Ardrahan

## CHALLENGE MARCH 2008



Joint 1st Place  
George Anderson and Clare Gurley

2nd Place  
Des O'Halloran

3rd Place  
Niall O'Sullivan



## Brid O'Halloran does a marathon demonstration to create miniature wonders

It was quite evident from the onset that Brid had been doing her home work over the past few months. During the evening she made several beautiful pieces of jewelry. First up was a lovely disk broche. Brid had already prepared several 50mm disks from sycamore. One disk was held in a block of MDF. The block was held in a scroll chuck. This allowed the piece to be moved off centre. Brid showed us several different effects that she had devised to generate patterning on the broche face. The timber was carefully sanded and finished with renaissance wax. A pin was then glued onto the back. We admired the range of broches passed around. We swore never to complain of timber scarcity again. Secondly Brid turned a tiny Grecian urn. This was made into a broche by sanding one side off, at a bevel. The little bit of spalted sycamore was beautiful.

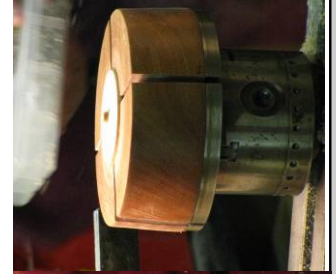
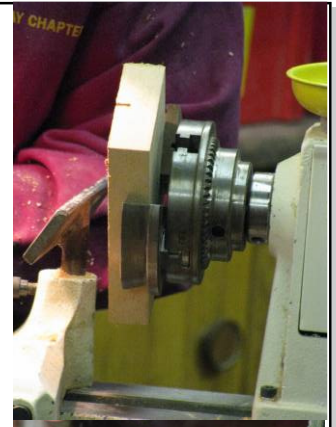
Brid pulled a branch of olive wood from her pocket. Be it of bon-sai proportions. This was transformed into a tear shaped pendant. We all have lots of little pieces of wonderful exotic timbers lying around our workshops. Brid showed us some of the lovely pendants made from pen blanks. Waste not want not.

It is possible to buy the jewelry pins and clasps from specialist craft supplies. Such heavy items could be delivered by pallet in large red lorries or they can be posted. For trans Atlantic deliveries a stamp is probably the better option!

When making small items the turner has to preserve balance and proportion. This can sometimes be a challenge since you do not have a lot of wood to remove. The up side to miniature turning is that you should never run out of timber to turn. I would safely estimate that the Eyre Square beech tree has enough wood to make several million broches.

Well done Brid. Keep up the good work.

George





Selection of carbon steel  
chisels for sale. Proceeds to  
go to charity.

Contact George

### May Meeting

Thursday 1 May

8.00 P.M

Quality Hotel Oranmore

### *Monthly Turning Challenge Items*

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<i>January</i>	<i>Inspired Item</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Cup and Saucer</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Bowl</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Stool</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Box within a box</i>

For this years Challenge the best  
of your 8 entries will be consid-  
ered. It's the prefect time to  
make that new year resolution to  
bring in a piece each month .