



# GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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## Great line up of chapter activities

The new winter turning season is upon us. The evenings have already shortened and the work shops are calling for our attentions. It's a great time to sharper up those gouges, dust off the benches and get going. Shavings, shavings, shavings and then a few more shavings. That's what we're here for. That's why we go to meetings, workshops, seminars and trade stands. SHAVINGS, SHAVINGS AND MORE SHAVINGS. I think that everyone needs to reduce a few logs to dust at the start of the season. The dust is great for starting the fire to keep the shop warm, great for putting on the garden compost heap to keep the fermentation sweet and very good at giving you sore eyes.

A list of workshops and volunteer demonstrators were agreed on at the September .

Meeting.

What a brilliant line up we have in store for us. We will be able to see how some of our turners organise their sheds and how they turn. A fantastic time will be had by all. Thanks to everyone how put their names forward. Of course, most of us are usually tricking away at some project or other in our work shops. It's time to **share** our experiences. Everyone can benefit from involvement and participation in the workshops. Our chapter needs it too!

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### **Membership Fees were due on January 1st**

Ordinary membership      €48  
 Family membership      €52  
 Student membership      €10  
 Associate membership      €10

**Contact Roger for renewals**

## EDITORIAL

I accepted the honour of editing this news letter at the last meeting.

I'll do my best to make it an interesting read for all our members.

The news letters will, of course, keep you up to date on future events and summarise important chapter decisions, however, we can also use it to share ideas and open discussions.

I will be more than happy to open a question section in the news letter. Anyone can e-mail a ques-

tion to me at [george.anderson@gmit.ie](mailto:george.anderson@gmit.ie) This will give me ideas for the news letter articles.

One of the challenges that lies ahead is to encourage chapter members to contribute to the news letter. I'm sure that most of us have come across interesting articles in magazines, on the web or in books etc. Most of you have good ideas that are worth sharing. Perhaps it is a good time to write them down and even send to the editor. This will enrich the monthly letter.

I welcome comments about the news letter and suggestions for changes. I will try to make the content reflect the chapter members needs.

That's about it from me. The bottom line is to get thinking and writing. The news letter is a great forum for airing ideas.

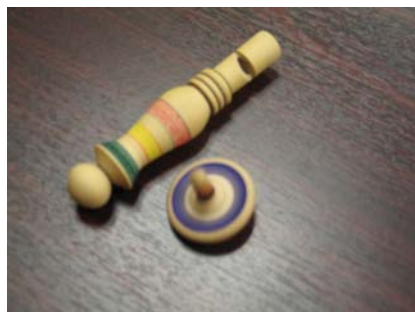
See you all soon  
George

## SEPT MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The item for the Sept Monthly Challenge was a Toy.



**1st Place**  
Clare Gurley



**2nd Place:**  
Roger Greally



**3rd Place**  
George Anderson

- January 5th A.G.M.
- January 16th John & Sean McGann Workshop
- February 2nd Monthly Meeting
- February 18th Closed Workshop with Alan Batty (Book early!)
- March 2nd Monthly Meeting in Quality Hotel Oranmore
- March 23rd Special Critique Workshop on Eyre Square Exhibition
- April 6th Monthly Meeting
- April 20th John Kelly / Colm Clinton to held in Moycullen
- May 4th Monthly Meeting
- May 6th One Day Seminar 2006 in Gort (Book early !)
- May 7th Master-class with John Jordan
- May 18th Workshop Martin Lodge/Eddie Collins to be held in Corofin
- June 8th Monthly Meeting—**NOTE THIS IS 2nd Thursday**
- June 22nd Workshop TBA
- September 7th Monthly Meeting—**NOTE Changed Thursday 14th**
- September 30th—Forest Walk in the University Grounds
- October 5th Monthly Meeting
- October 19th Workshop Robert Holloway
- November 2nd Monthly Meeting
- November 16th Workshop Roger Greally Loughrea
- December 7th Monthly Meeting
- December 21st Christmas Party—A night at the Greyhound Track
- January 4th A.G.M.
- January 20th Exhibition Preparation Workshop
- February 1st Monthly Meeting
- February ???? Closed Workshop with ??? TBA
- March 1st Monthly Meeting in Quality Hotel Oranmore
- March 15th Workshop Brid & Ambrose O'Halloran
- April 5th Monthly Meeting
- April 19th Yutaka & George Anderson Venue:
- May 3rd Monthly Meeting
- May 12th One Day Seminar 2006 in Gort (Book early !)
- May 13th Master-class with David Ellsworth
- May 24th Workshop Martin Lodge/Eddie Collins to be held in Corofin
- June 7th Monthly Meeting

## Ancient Kauri from Dargaville, The Kauri Coast, North- land, New Zealand.

Ancient Kauri is believed to be the oldest workable wood in the world today.

Radio carbon dating shows that the wood has been laying in the peat swamps around our area of Northland, New Zealand for up to 50,000 years.

Living Kauri trees can not be cut down so the only way we get kauri wood to use today is when it has been dug up from these swamplands containing Ancient kauri forests.

Perhaps in only 5 to 10 years the source of ancient kauri will be exhausted.

The trunk wood is used for furniture making such as tables, chairs, wall units.



## "A Quick Guide to Woodshop Glue"

Have you ever wondered if the glue you're using is really the best choice for the job? Among the most familiar are PVA (polyvinyl acetate); or white glue, stock yellow glue (aliphatic resin); and the very popular water resistant yellow glue. For projects which will be exposed to the weather, there's the relatively new family of polyurethane glues. We have all made use of instant (cyanoacrylate) glue, which is invaluable for small repairs. One of my own favorites is hot melt glue which I often use for glue chucking. It is dispensed from a gun.



### White Glue

For decades, this has been a great option for hobbyists. Polyvinyl acetate, or PVA glue gives you a few more minutes of open time than (aliphatic resin) yellow glues, and a short (about one hour) clamping time, which makes it very easy to use. It cleans up with a damp rag, dries clear (although it doesn't like stain), and lasts for years on the shelf as long as the bottle is sealed. It is still one of the most viable options and creates a very good bond. It isn't waterproof, doesn't like to be frozen (it's water-based), won't fill gaps (unless you add sawdust) and is nontoxic once it cures. One word of caution: white glue doesn't always sand well because the sandpaper creates heat which makes the glue soft

### Instant Glue

The name of the original brand has come to describe the entire industry. Most people know all instant or cyanoacrylate glues as... "Super Glue". This is a wonderful quick fix for small parts, like when the edge of your bowl splits along the grain and falls off. Instant glue is a great crack filler, too, as turners can tell you: it fills the void and helps stop a crack from growing. It also loves to stick to skin! The biggest advantage is that it sets up in a few seconds and you can go back to work on the part after a quick coffee break. Instant glue makes a waterproof bond. There are different superglues that set at different speeds. Mind you they are all fast.



## Yellow Glue

Yellow aliphatic resin glue sets up a bit quicker than white glue - you don't have quite as long to get everything just right - but it also has a shorter clamping time. This is a little more expensive than basic white glue (but it's still very reasonable), and it's also a little more moisture resistant. It forms an excellent bond and is ideal for most woodworking, turning and carving assemblies. Yellow glue cleans up with water and it can sometimes fill small gaps. A harder resin combats the sanding problem, but yellow glue is a little more sticky than white glue during assembly: parts are a bit harder to reposition. It also retains a little elasticity.



## Polyurethane Glue

The trick with polyurethane glues is to dampen the two surfaces, and then make sure your clamps are tight. During the first few minutes after it has been applied, it expands and foams up if it's not under pressure. Wash off the excess while it's still liquid if you can: it's a pain to scrape after it dries. The glue also stains skin, so gloves are in order.

The folks at Gorilla Glue describe their product as "an incredibly versatile, 100-percent waterproof adhesive that can bond wood, stone, metal, ceramics, solid surface material, foam board and more. A little Gorilla Glue goes a long way - it takes just one ounce of Gorilla Glue to cover one square foot, providing three to four times the coverage of other glue."





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**The Chapter the Web.  
Site will be launched  
on Thursday Night!**

## **NEWS BITS**

### Galway Chapter October Meeting

**Thursday 5th of Oct**

**8.00 P.M**

**Quality Hotel Oranmore**

**Don't Miss it**

### **For Sale**

2 Axminster Variable Speed Lathes  
€ 275 EACH

1 RECORD rpbs 12 Bandsaw €325

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## **Monthly Turning Challenge Items 2006**

<i>January 2006</i>	<i>Trophy</i>
<i>February 2006</i>	<i>Open Competition</i>
<i>March 2006</i>	<i>Open Competition</i>
<i>April 2006</i>	<i>Open Competition</i>
<i>May 2006</i>	<i>Turn a Sphere</i>
<i>September 2006</i>	<i>A Toy</i>
<i>October 2006</i>	<i>Use of Two different Woods</i>
<i>November 2006</i>	<i>Something from a piece of firewood</i>
<i>December 2006</i>	<i>Collaborative Piece</i>
<i>January 2007</i>	<i>Kitchen Item</i>

**For this years Challenge the best of your 8 entries will be considered. It's not too late to bring in a piece for this year's Challenge.**

## **Guild Events 2006/ 2007**

**Guilds Annual Seminar  
Carrigaline 13-15 October**

March 10th 2007 Gorey Chapter Seminar

April 7th 2007 Craobh Eo Chapter Seminar

**May 12 2007 Galway Chapter Seminar**

June 9th 2007 Ulster Chapter Seminar

July 7th 2007 Dublin Chapter Seminar

July 14th 2007 Kerry Chapter Seminar