



GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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Galway Chapter Seminar 2007

The line up for our seminar was finalised during the summer break. Once again, the Galway Chapter will be attracting top class Woodturners bringing their own individualism. As a Chapter, we work very hard not only to bring people who have a lot of experience in the field, but also to provide a line up that collectively offers a very exciting days turning.

So we are very pleased to announce that the line up for 2007 will be

David Ellsworth from the U.S.A.

Liam O'Neill from Ireland

David Springett from the U.K

None of these need any introduction but during the coming months at our meetings we will feature the work of each of these turners in slideshows so as to whet your appetite.

We are honoured that these turners have accepted our invitation. David Ellsworth last demonstrated in Ireland in 2002 in the Gort seminar. Liam O'Neill has not demonstrated in Ireland since 2000 in Jordanstown. David Springett has never demonstrated in Ireland.

So make a note in you diary **12th May 2007** Galway Chapter One Day Seminar Seminar.

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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

Its September again time for the Chapter to start its activities again after the summer break.

There are so many things to do and never enough time. When I took over again as Secretary and revamped the Newsletter I said I would do it for a year and then hand it over to somebody else. Well there are only another three issues after this one to take us to the end of year.

We are looking for somebody to

volunteer to be the Newsletter **Editor** . Sometimes people are put off because they feel the task is too daunting. That is why I am offering anybody who might be interested to have a go with one issue and see if they like the work.

Our Constitution states we must have a minimum of five members on the Chapter Committee and each of them should have a dedicated job. On page three I have given the initial announcement of

the Chapter Webpage. The Chapter also needs a **Webmaster**. These can either be 2 separate jobs or they can be rolled into one under the title Chapter P.R.O.

Between now and the AGM if anybody would like to volunteer to be the **Editor or WEBMASTER** or both please come forward.

You can try it out for a short while and if you like the job and are successful at the AGM the job is yours.

JUNE MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The item for the June Monthly Challenge was a sphere.

The top 3 placed pieces were

1st Place Des O'Halloran

2nd Place: Clare Gurlely

3rd Place Tim Lydon

Congratulations to all three, all the other entries were all balls Oops!

Chapter Events 2006

- **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 21st Workshop TBA**
- **October 5th Monthly Meeting**
- **October 19th Workshop TBA**
- **November 2nd Monthly Meeting**
- **November 16th Workshop TBA**
- **December 7th Monthly Meeting**

CHAPTER WEBPAGE

Work is currently underway on a Chapter Webpage.

It will allow the Chapter to post news items of Workshops and meetings.

It will allow us to post the current Newsletter as well as past issues.

It will give us space to record in more detail techniques demonstrated at our workshops

It will allow us to post the application forms for the seminar and keep delegates informed on the seminar. We intend to be able to post up the time table for the seminar for instance so that delegates can view the session titles before they arrive in Gort.

Like every other activity we do this will only be a success if the membership support it.

In particular we will now need a **WEBMASTER**

Between now and the AGM if anybody would like to volunteer to be the WEBMASTER please come forward.

You can try it out for a short while and if you like the job and are successful at the AGM the job is yours.

The Chapter is only strong when we get a number of people willing to put the effort in.

Details of the new site will be announced in the next Newsletter

The Wood Wizard is Coming to Gort

David Springett's interest in woodturning began when he was a woodwork teacher. By reading every one of the few books then available, experimenting, practising and persevering, he slowly improved his skills. Since leaving teaching nearly 20 years ago, he has earned his living doing what he enjoys most, turning wood.

At the end of a working day, spent turning highly decorated lace bobbins in the traditional English style, he allows himself the relaxation of experimental turning. From this developed the fascination with the apparently impossible and somewhat improbable in turned wood.

David and his wife Christine live in Rugby, Warwickshire, where they are enjoying a hectic semi retirement, gardening, writing books and doing all of the other things they never had time for.





The Gort Seminar will be David's first visit to Ireland. He needs no introduction from his books and videos. David has demonstrated extensively in the UK and the U.S.A.

His demonstrations are always well received because he presents the subject in a simple non nonsense approach using simple tools which can be made in any workshop.

His demonstrations cover historical aspects of turning with a modern twist. His latest work involves turning geometric shapes that boggle the senses, but are actually formed by turning simple spindle shape forms, splitting the shape at the paper glue joint, and rotating one half of the shape 90 or 180 degrees.

The emphasis in Davids work is on accurate cuts with the tools and most all having fun.

Don't miss it book early to avoid disappointment (yes we will take seminar bookings now)



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The Chapter is not yet on
the Web. Any volunteers
to construct a basic
webpage

NEWS BITS

Galway Chapter September Meeting

**The September meeting will be
held on 2nd Thursday of the
month.**

Thursday 14th of Sept

8.00 P.M

Quality Hotel Oranmore

Don't Miss it

For Sale

Cabinet doors. Contact Roger 091-
841666 for sizes and prices

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.**

Wanted

Every woodturning publication from a Chapter Newsletter, to a National Newsletter to a Commercially published magazine all suffer from one common problem i.e.: the supply of material to publish.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter we will shortly have a Chapter Webpage. Already over 50% of the membership and almost 100% of the active membership receive meeting notification via email.

We do not need a Newsletter to notify people of meetings. A Newsletter should do more than that. It should contain hints and tips, reports of workshops, reviews of books etc.

So as we come back after our summer break I am asking that every single one of you send me something for consideration for inclusion in the October Newsletter

Go on make my job harder by having to go through too many articles rather than the current situation were I have absolutely no material submitted by Chapter Members.