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TT's TOP TURNINGS for this week



17 days to
CHRISTMAS
(Ho-Ho-Ho)

Picture above shows the high quality of entries for this year's end-of-year celebration display. This was an excellent line up of pepper mill projects so lots of credit to all those who participated.

SUNDAY 3rd December. THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

A large group of members of the Hamilton Wood Turners Club assembled at the Wiseley residence to celebrate the end of another successful turning year. The good old Kiwi tradition of sharing a meal through a pot-luck approach ensured a veritable feast for everyone to enjoy.

The occasion was a great opportunity for members of the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday groups to mix and mingle and share wood turning ideas. An ongoing initiative of a pepper mill project culminated in a display of participants' work. The partners of those who put a mill into the display became the judges for the occasion. Selections for prize winners were based on an open-criteria approach and the judges allocated their points accordingly.

The first five place getters received their prizes of blocks of rare kauri wood. All other participants received a token of similar wood as Santa's way of saying thanks for taking part. Special thanks to the Wiseleys for their most excellent hosting of our annual event that was held in the beautiful surroundings of their home situated on the slopes of Mt Pirongia.

The picture below captures an aerial view of the actual event in progress.



...and the winners were.....



The judges gathered around the display table and cast their votes according to **“beauty lies within the eye of the beholder” (open criteria)**

First Place: *Aaron Peters*

Second Place: *Gideon du Toit*

Third Place: *Murray Price*

Fourth Place: *Oscar Aarsen*

Fifth Place: *Robert Wiseley*

The judges had a tough job making their choices as the closeness of the final tallies indicated. They were highly impressed with the variety of interpretations.

Tutor’s note: This year the quality of completed project work is the highest it has ever been.

Congratulations to all participants.

A most pleasing aspect of the pepper mill project is that three of the five of this year’s place getters are relatively recent club enrolments and very new to wood turning.

Potential abounds! Look out for next year’s progress.

Christmas Function snapshots



Lots of smiles, chatting, happy people



The mood and the food were mighty fine



This week's turnings



DAVID MOLLEKIN
completed two
more superb
turnings this week.



JAN is fast becoming the Guru of slimline pen making having completed three pens in Tuesday's session.

JAMES, the quiet achiever, will have a go at turning a bowl from any block of wood within his reach. This bowl was once a rugged old chunk of conifer wood. Look at it now!



GIDEON, the adventurer, scores well again. Gideon thirsts for new ideas and was inspired by last week's newsletter (TT) article about **Wood Dyes**. So of course he had to have a go at dye work and here's the outcome of his new turning adventures. Goodonya cobber!



The club is fortunate in having such a great bunch of new turners. Here's a basic-skills, 2nd project from the club's newest turner, **MELISSA BROUSSARD**. "Rubbing the bevel" makes a huge difference to the quality of the cut. A great shape and a careful finish. Top effort Melissa!



DYLAN can whip out a quality walnut wood platter in a very quick time



ROSS has joined the ranks of successful mill makers

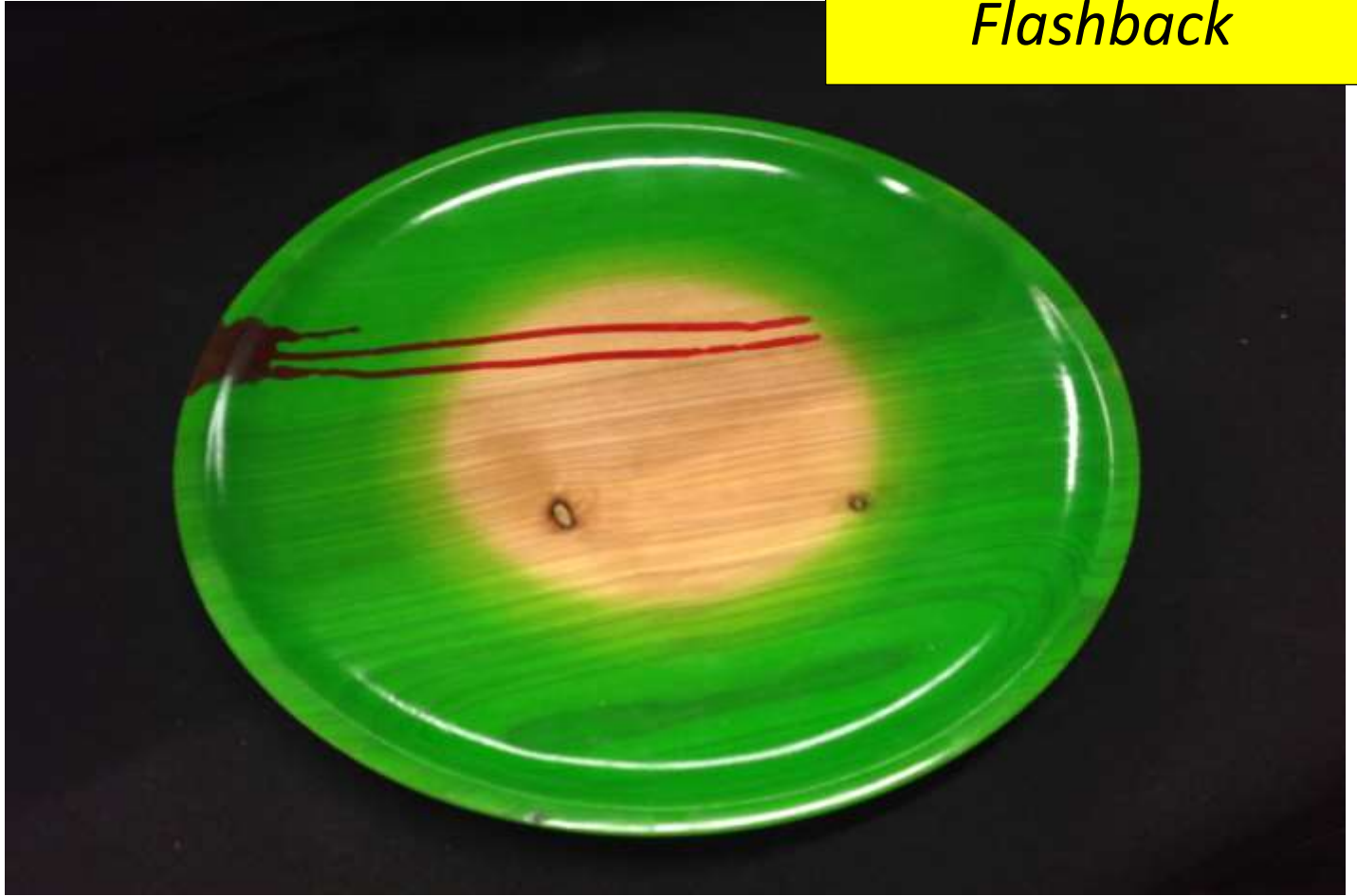


DAVE Smylie's nut cracker is ready to go for Christmas



SPENCER used several forms of embellishment to add interest to his totara-post turning

Flashback



- (A) Can you identify the turner responsible for this special woody project ?
(B) What variety of wood was used?

Clues: (1) The turner is a current member of our club.
(2) The work was completed and first shown on 26th June 2015

Ok that's the lot for this week.

There's just two weeks left for our turning year so it would a good time to finish off all those part-completed projects.

Have a great weekend everyone and keep an eye on the NZ cricket team – the game is to be played in Hamilton under sunny skies.

Cheers, Clive