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Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!

Good morning to all TT readers.

GLEN LUCAS – IRISH MASTER TURNER:

Last night about twenty keen turners attended a bowl turning demonstration by an Irish master turner, Mr Glen Lucas

The evening started with Glen introducing himself and showing slides of how his turning business operates back in the Emerald Isle. It was quite impressive to see how he wet turned large, middle and small-size bowls from beech, ash and other northern hemisphere timbers.

He reminded us of climatic growing conditions being quite different to those in New Zealand. The wood from a beech tree grown in Ireland therefore looks, feels and has turning characteristics not generally experienced by Kiwi wood turners.

To put a perspective on the scale of his operations he presented a photo of several large containers containing 500 bowl blanks ready to be shipped to the USA where he conducts 80% of his business.

The evening's demonstration involved turning a thin-walled Viking deep bowl using swamp kauri bowl with his self-designed tools, each one having a quite different profile angle.

The finishing of the bowl added a new idea for some in the audience, as Glen used a dressing of oil well rubbed into the wood prior to the sanding stage.

At the end of the evening, the bowl he had just completed was won in a raffle by some lucky person. I am now a believer of miracles, because guess who won the raffle? (it was me!)

However, brilliant research scientists have now proved beyond any doubt, that every winner of every lotto or raffle that has ever been conducted in every country in the world for thousands of years.....has had a ticket!

Attendees enjoyed an excellent evening's entertainment and knowledge sharing.

Thanks Glen.

Photos taken during the GLEN LUCAS demonstration



GLEN LUCAS, Irish master turner loads a block of swamp kauri onto the DVR lathe.



OK safety gear now on and the initial shaping begins



Having a large TV monitor, operated by our Andre, proved to be a big advantage



Some of the audience seen concentrating on the commentary from the demonstrator.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

1. Last Tuesday's raffle winner was **HEATHER** – Prize: one fat chook coming your way
2. Condolences to **MALCOLM** who has had to rush off the England to attend his brother's funeral.
3. The Waikato "Clubs and Creativity" show is under way. We have a stall operating and would welcome any late offerings of help during the weekend.
4. It's another big night next week – 13th April- for the THURSDAY turners as it's the final night of Course One (**shared supper**) and the start of **COLIN's** Wave Bowl project.



JAN worked out all the scratch marks and any pesky stria until the wood in her shallow bowl was bright and shiny.

Determination and a NEAGE philosophy pays dividends.

Well done Jan.



DAVID Rose fashioned a maxi goblet from totara wood. The finish on his turning is quite extraordinary and testament to his patience and high standards. Woo Hoo!



Using 2.5k swamp kauri, **RICHARD** and **HEATHER** completed their first foray into pepper mill making.

Their first-ever mill projects are a top credit to both these new turners.

REMINDER: Wave bowl turning project.

Have you prepared your block of suitable wood measuring **140mm X 110mm**. ?

This group project starts on Thursday April 13th.

Any queries should be referred to **COLIN**

Project



Sorby Micro Spiraling Texturing Tool



Help! I'm still looking for this.

My micro spiraling tool has gone missing. This tool was last used by me at our clubroom for a demonstration of spiraling techniques.

Please keep a lookout for this as I would like to have it back safe and sound in my tool box.

(Oh Dear! The replacement value is \$140.00)

Thanks

Clive



Prediction for the Chiefs game in South Africa this weekend.

CHIEFS 28

STORMERS 19

See you all next week.