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Firstly, let me thank Rob Williams for editing Turnout for the past couple of years. He did a very good job but decided that he can no longer continue in the role. Therefore, you have me (Dale Starr) until one of you puts your hand up.

Show & Tell – May 25 2024

Show & Tell was run by Dave Wills in the absence of April's winner (David Kleinig).

Ed Zahra brought a lidded box filled with lead and the lid glued on. This item is meant to stop backwash of water in a shower in a caravan. (He had hoped to raise some money by charging \$5 per guess and then awarding a prize to the person who guessed the purpose, but nobody took up the challenge). He also showed two finials from his recent demo and a Cyprus pine bowl.

Dale Starr had two nutcrackers which took many hours to



Gil Hartwig showed two competition rifle stocks, one made from beautiful Queensland maple and the other from teak and walnut.

Alan Burgess showed three lidded boxes to be used to hold spices.

Bill Elliott showed a piece that has been repurposed into a dual pin cushion.



Jeff Todd had a spurtle from last week's demo.

Graeme Aistrop brought an ogee-shaped bowl with a textured and gold painted rim.

The halo was awarded to Bill Gilson.



Demonstration

This month's demo was done by Jeff Todd, who showed us some gilding techniques.

He started with a bit of history of gilding which is thought to have started in Türkiye about 8000 years ago. The gold was hammered by hand to make very thin sheets (about .5 microns – in comparison, a human hair is about 60 microns). (One ounce of 24k gold can be flattened to gold leaf which would cover 14 square metres.)

You need to apply it somewhere without a breeze since the gold is so light. Before the leaf is applied, size must be used. If doing real gilding, the piece would be prepared by using clay

For this demo, he was using imitation gold.

Jeff tried to see if nail polish could be used a size. He pointed out that nail polish can be useful for more than making his hands pretty. For example, small screws can be locked in using nail polish, but you can still remove them, which may not be the case if you use Loctite (although you can get special Loctite, but you might have nail polish in the house).





Using hot glue to attach a round piece to a carrier and then turned it into a donut shape.

The piece was then turned round and the centre removed.





Applying nail polish to the donut.

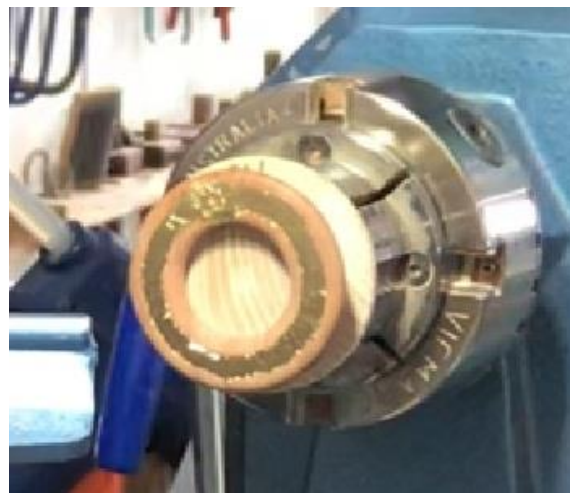
Applying the gold leaf (which stayed attached to the backing paper). It was then rubbed gently with a foam roller.





Wait for the gold to set and brush lightly with a soft brush (makeup brushed work well) to remove the gold from the non-sized areas.

He then went back to the lathe to leave just a ring of leaf on the donut, to which a leather strip was added to make a pendant.





Using the point of a skew, cut a shallow channel to set off the ring.

Real gold leaf doesn't need a finishing coat but you need to spray imitation gold sheet. In this demo, Jeff used some hairspray. (editor comment: I wouldn't recommend hairspray on a real project. I couldn't find anything on the net about using hairspray to finish timber, but find a lot about how to get rid of hairspray on wood, so it doesn't sound like it's a good thing.)

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

As we have done for the past couple of years, the club provided a sausage sizzle for this event and donated all attendance fees. Many thanks to those who brought sweets for our enjoyment (I know I enjoyed the dozen or so that I tried.)

Once again, we had a silent auction of timber, with many pieces available for perusal. Many thanks to Bob Bauze for the truckload he donated, including a number of native burls which were put into the vocal auction (if that's what it's called). (Also thanks to Bill Elliott who collected it from Bon who was unable to attend.

Tim Smeaton again was our auctioneer for items that members had donated, with some healthy bidding, especially on the burls mentioned above. Some people walked away with some real bargains.

In total, we raised \$2285.50 for the Cancer Council.

Thanks to those who cooked the sausages and onions, and especially to Dave Will's wife Lilian.

Upcoming Third Saturday Activities		
July 20		
Aug. 17		
Sept. 21	George Pastuch	Sphericons, Streptohedrons & Pentagons
Oct.19	George Pastuch	Baby Rattle with captive rings
Nov.16	George Pastuch	Candle holder
Upcoming Fourth Saturday Demonstrations		
June 22	Dale Starr	Vacuum chucking and shop made vacuum chucks
July 27	Ed Zahra	Incorporating a Celtic know in a turning
Aug. 24	Rob Williams	Air brushing stain on timber
Sept. 28		2 or 3 short demos of Christmas ornaments

The Northern Turners Committee	
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