

Dublin Chapter Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- Next DWT Meeting - 4th February 2017.
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- The May Seminar 2017 will feature Robert O'Conner.

JOE O'NEILL UNPLUGGED !

Some time ago Mike Sims, our esteemed editor, asked me to send him a bundle of Joe's wisdoms and wisecracks at the December meeting. So... Read on...

"Say 'hello' to the fellah beside you, or say 'get lost' or whatever"

"Use sharp tools or prepare for a visit to the Eye and Ear Hospital. Oh, and if you're in the hospital, slip the nurse a pen. Next time you're there you'll get VIP treatment."

"Laughter is the best medicine of all."

"I did a demo once and made a stressed guy relax."

"Geriatric amnesia can be a bonus. Sometimes you find things after months!"

By way of accounting for his knee-bending choreography while turning, Joe explained, "My Vicmarc has a knee-bar for stopping."

"I put this item in a competition once and got no marks- the judges didn't know what it was."

Simple sanding-strip holder: a bit of board and some clothes pegs. Write the grit numbers on the board. (Not a joke)

Joe got a free sample of a hearing aid from Hidden Hearing..."Now I can hear fellahs talkin' behind me back!"

Toward the end of the demo, our intrepid demonstrator (who was now wearing a Scotsman's cap, with copious tufts of orange coloured hair sticking out) frowned and was heard to say, "What am I doing?" ("Hello,... 'Senior Moment' Department?")

I honestly cannot recall the details of a lengthy anecdote about a phone call Joe made concerning a malfunction with his mobile. I do know that Joe terminated the conversation when the voice at the other end said, "Pull out your modem." (Well really, is nothing sacred??)

Let's end with the following gem (referring to teaching people how to woodturn): "Dig-ins are part of the Course." I can see it now: "How to achieve a spectacular dig-in effortlessly!"

Thanks for all the laughter, Joe! Oh, and for an interesting demo too.
Pacelli O'Rourke



Joe, making a saltshaker at the Dec demo.

Who was winning 10 years ago?

Pictures of Competition winners ten years ago this month. Recognise any of them?

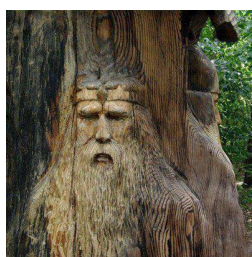
Answers towards the back.



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RIP Michael Farrelly

Sadly, we report that fellow woodturner Michael Farrelly passed away on November 24th 2016 after a long illness. He was 41 years of age. A minutes silence was observed at the December meeting and a tree will be planted for him in the New Year. Our condolences go to his family.

RIP James (Mick) Healy

Sadly, we report that Mick Healy passed away on December 4th 2016. He was a founder-member of the Dublin Chapter and was given a life membership for his services. Our condolences go to his family.

A Tall Story by Anon.

Luigi, a perpetual bachelor, owned one of the biggest and fastest-growing businesses in Miami, a furniture manufacturing shop. Friends convinced him that he needed to take a trip to Italy to check out the latest trends there, and maybe he could meet an available young Italian woman at the same time.

As he was checking into a hotel he struck up an acquaintance with a beautiful young lady. She only spoke Italian and he only spoke English--neither understood a word the other spoke. So he took out a pencil and a notebook and drew a picture of a taxi. She smiled, nodded her head and they went for a ride in the park. Later, he drew a picture of a table in a restaurant with a question mark and she nodded. So they went to dinner.

After dinner he sketched two dancers and she was delighted. They went to several nightclubs, drank champagne, danced and had a glorious evening. It had gotten quite late when she motioned for the pencil and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

He was dumbfounded. To this day he says that he's never been able to understand how she knew he was in the furniture manufacturing business.

Trade Stands at the Saturday Meetings for 2016/17.

Jan	The Wood Shed	Aug	The Hut
Feb	The Carpentry Store	Sept	The Carpentry Store
Mar	The Wood Shed	Oct	The Carpentry Store
Apr	The Carpentry Store	Nov	The Wood Shed
May	The Wood Shed	Dec	The Hut
June	The Hut	Jan 18	The Wood Shed
Jul	The Hut		

Saturday

January - John Killoran	July - Kieran Reynolds
February - Noel Fay	August - Michael Fay
March - Pat Lynch	September - John Doran
April - Christy Glynn	October - Pat Walsh
May - Robert O'Connor	November - AGM
June - Roger Bennett (tbc)	December - Joe O'Neill

Wednesday

January - Charles Ryan	July - Paul Murtagh
February - Michael Fay	August - Sean McMurrow
March - Cecil Barron	September - Noel White
April - Seamus Carter	October - Malcolm Hill
May - Pat Walsh(e)	November - John Sheeran
June - Willie Reville	December - Joe O'Neill

The Wood That Fights Fire

Alex Eben Meyer

As gold-crazed settlers flocked to the Bay Area in the 19th century, they needed lumber to build their homes and mines. And what better way to get a lot of wood at once than toppling an enormous redwood? Little did they know the wood had a greater legacy in store.

In April 1906, San Francisco awoke to a major earthquake. As if the rocking buildings weren't bad enough, residents were soon battling massive fires that threatened to consume the city. But the city didn't go up in smoke for one reason: redwoods.

Though the fire spread for three days, a curious thing happened when it hit a building made from the mighty tree. While not totally fireproof, the redwood's low resin content and porous grain allows it to take on moisture, which makes it far more flame-resistant than woods like pine. As one reporter noted, "[I]n all principal directions, the fire was finally stopped in the very midst of frame redwood buildings."



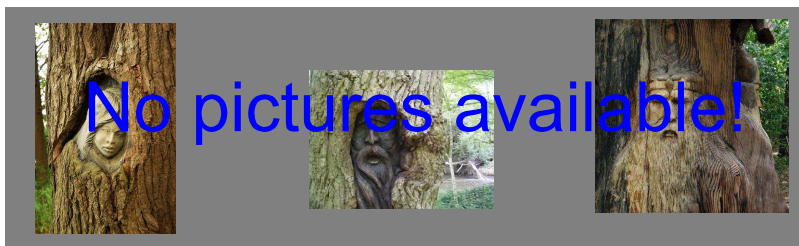
Put a Cork in it?



Cork is the most environmentally friendly way to seal a bottle. While aluminum and synthetics can be recycled, that process requires a lot of energy. Harvesting cork, on the other hand, is much greener and doesn't begin until after a cork oak tree's 25th birthday. Workmen carefully peel off the outer layers of bark using special axes, making sure not to harm the trees so that the cork can be manually harvested again after a decade of rest. As the cork regenerates, the trees continue to play a valuable role in the forest's ecosystem by helping to clean the air. If you compare the impact, an aluminum wine cap generates 24 times more emissions than natural cork.

These two facts about trees can be found with others at,
<http://mentalfloss.com/article/50274/16-amazing-stories-about-trees>

Who were the winners 10
years ago - Jan 200?



Adv - ???

Exp - ???

Beg - ??

Competitions Pieces 2017

JAN - Goblet + captive ring(s).	MAY - Open	OCT - Three-legged Stool
FEB - A bowl	JUN - Lam/Segmented	NOV - AGM
MAR - Table Lamp	JUL - Fruit	DEC - Christmas Item
APR - 250 x 60 x 60	AUG - Clock	
	SEP - A Hollow Form	

Riddle.

What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?

Ans - Nothing.

December Competition Winners



John Duff - Exp



Colm Murphy - Beg



Tony Hartney - Adv



Cecil Barron - Art

December Competition Entrants



Competition 2017

Advanced

NAME	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	TOTAL
Tony Hartney	15												15
Martin Boyle	13												13
Sean Ryan	11												11
Pecelli O'Rourke	9												9
Frank Maguire	7												7

Experienced

NAME	dec	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	TOTAL
John Duff	15												15
Michael Jordan	13												13

Beginners

NAME	dec	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	TOTAL
Colm Murphy	15												15

Artistic

NAME	dec	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	TOTAL
Cecil Barron	15												15
Paul Murtagh	13												13