

Dublin Chapter Newsletter

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- Next DWT Meeting - September 1st.
- July Sat. Demonstrator - Michael Fay.
- July Wed. Demonstrator - Noel White.
- National Seminar - Limerick. Oct 13 - 14.

A Visit to America - 2018.

The month of May was one of the busiest months for me this year, but when you are enjoying yourself time just passes very quickly.

My journey this year was to San Diego and then to Utah for the Woodturning symposium.

Firstly, I had problems trying to book on line - nothing seemed to work for me. While in Nutgrove Shopping Centre there was a travel stall and after enquiring about my flight the lady had everything sorted for me. I did not need a second thought and booked there and then.

The flight was to San Francisco and then on to San Diego which was eleven-hours flying time.

Tom Edwards and his wife Becky met me in San Diego and after resting we sorted out our stuff for Utah. An early start at 4 am in darkness, picking up our friend Nan in Fallbrook, so we were ahead of the early morning traffic.

The scenery along the way stretched for miles and by about 5:30 it was getting bright. We passed Las Vegas and had a meal in Mesquite, a gambling casino, but the grub was good and not expensive.

Having arrived at our hotels we checked in at the Utah Valley State University where the symposium was held and received our information packs. Tom and I were demonstrators at the symposium.

There was a pen-turners meeting that night and as I was interested in the subject, even though sleep was upon me at that stage.

At these gatherings you meet old friends and catch up on their news over the past year. A raffle was held and everyone came away with some prize - even pen blanks or a lathe or many other worthwhile prizes.

The symposium opened on Thursday with demonstrators giving a presentation of what they would be doing. Some spoke in French and other languages so, not to let the side down I greeted the audience in Irish. There were refreshments after the opening ceremony and everyone scarpered to the demo they wanted to see.

My two demos were at the end of the seminar and for my presentation the items most asked about by cabinetmakers, joiners and antique restorers, was my bag of tricks!

Tom Edwards demonstrated his use of resin in turning.

A room was provided for the demonstrators to have lunch each day and on the Friday evening there was a buffet for all attendees with an auction of donated turned items to benefit youth training. This auction took in a large donation of dollars for the cause.

My two demos were at two different locations and having made ready my items to show how they were done (there were over ten items) I got through just nine of them. These were the most asked turnings from the trade like knobs handles split turnings etc.

There was a youth turning section where well-known turners helped the students with their projects. Craft Supplies USA also had an ordering center where items ordered would be ready to collect in a few hours.

It was possible for me to see most of the demonstrations and I homed in on some of the stuff I was interested in.

At the final symposium wrap up, all were thanked for attending and prizes were given to the lucky winner of the door raffle. In the youth section one lucky winner got a lathe and some tools.

Who was winning 10 years ago?

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

Answers towards the back.



Advanced



Experienced



Beginners

We left Orem at four am and headed back for San Diego. We had only gone but ten miles when I noticed that my two false teeth were still at the hotel in a glass so we just turned round and went back to the hotel to retrieve them.

My first host family was Karen Freitas and her husband Mouri at Chula Vista. Both are retired from the police force. Karen is a very accomplished turner and one of here special items is the barley twist. They had a grand surprise laid on for me - a visit to Big Bear in Riverside up the mountains to their log cabin and a large new workshop. It took a four-wheel drive to do some exploring of the mountain. They were most kind to me and I appreciated their hospitality. Maurie is an accomplished archer and he taught me a few tricks on how to throw an axe.

The next home that I was a guest at was Nan Bushleys and Roseannes. Nan had for many years put me up and I enjoyed their friendly hospitality. Nan was instrumental in me going to the seminar in Utah for many years. Her old truck knew its own way there and back. Nan was responsible for the involvement in promoting woodturning to the military veterans in hospital and there are now three hospitals that the chapter visit on a weekly basis to show and help the soldiers how to turn wood. This has helped in their recovery and confidence in themselves. Camp Pendleton, the marine base; Aspire Military Hospital in Old Town; and the hospital in Balboa Pk. Eight to ten members support each of the bases and its some achievement to keep this program manned on a weekly basis. I attended all 3 of the bases during my visit.

My next port of call was with Pat and Brian Saunders. Brian is a retired Medical doctor and Pat also retired Naval Nurse and both turn wood and specialize in Pen making. They also look after the super glue for the chapter and help prepare the blanks for pens for the hospitals at the bases. It is always some new adventure when I stay with the Saunders and this time we went sailing on the old type sailing ship, the American, which was in the bay in San Diego.

Both Pat and Brian have their own wood shop and their equipment is in immaculate order.

Tom and Becky Edwards were my last and first place to stay. Becky looks after the library at the chapter's meeting place. She is into quilt making and has her own designated workshop in the house.

Tom is a retired Navy Seal of a high rank. Tom's workshop is at the back of the house. His lathe is outside and the wood is in a large drying kiln type box nearby. Tom has several projects in the making that are at different stages. He starts



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Saturday

January - Christy Glynn	July - Michael Fay
February - Tom Murphy	August - Willie Creighton
March - Cancelled	September - Irene Christie
April - Kirsten Doherty	October - Graham Whitty
May - David Lowe	November - AGM
June - Willie Edwards	December - Joe O'Neill

Wednesday

January - Paul Murtagh	July - Noel White
February - Michael Fay	August - Sean McMorrow
March - Cancelled	September - tbc
April - Colm Murphy	October - Malcolm Hill
May - Willie Edwards	November - tbc
June - Willie Revielle	December - Joe O'Neill

turning at six am every morning. Tom is manager of a gallery at the Spanish Village Balboa Park where many turners and carvers display their work for sale. He does duty there once a week as do other members who also have their works of art for sale. Other crafts are on display at the village such as glass blowing, jewelry, pottery, gemstones, oil and water-colour paintings, and fashion items of clothing

The park is a wonderful place as the Zoo is right next to the gallery and many museums are also based there. I was lucky with an old pass to visit the space museum. There is a charge into the museums and on special days it is free. There is also an international village representing many countries and the Irish have their own place where there's music and all things Irish on display.

While I was with Tom and Becky, I helped with Tom's new project of making cabinet doors from beautiful cherry wood.

I am indebted to all of the above for their kindness and hospitality to me on my visit to the USA. Without their help my visit would not be possible.

Joe O'Neill

TREE IDENTIFICATION APP on your Phone

I came across this app from the Woodland Trust. MS.

An interactive British tree identification app from the Woodland Trust, the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. In just a few steps, you can identify native and common non-native trees in the UK, whatever the season.



Use bark, twigs, buds, leaves, flowers and fruits or our A-Z guide full of stunning, clear images to identify the most common British trees.

Discover more about each species with fascinating facts, folklore, history and uses – from medicine to musical instruments.

- Recognise species in spring, summer, autumn or winter, even when there aren't any leaves on the trees.
- Use the app when you're out and about – no internet connection needed.
- Family friendly and easy-to-use.
- Packed with detailed images and illustrations for accurate identification.
- Read fascinating tree facts.
- Add identified trees to your favourites.
- Use the map to record trees you've found.



<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/identify-trees-with-our-tree-id-app/>

Competitions Pieces 2018

<i>Jan</i>	- <i>Platter</i>	<i>Jul</i>	- <i>Egg Cup and Egg</i>
<i>Feb</i>	- <i>Set of napkin Rings</i>	<i>Aug</i>	- <i>Box with Lid</i>
<i>Mar</i>	- <i>Picture or Mirror Frame</i>	<i>Sep</i>	- <i>6" X 2" X 2"</i>
<i>Apr</i>	- <i>Candle Stick (s)</i>	<i>Oct</i>	- <i>6 Buttons</i>
<i>May</i>	- <i>Open</i>	<i>Nov</i>	- <i>No Competition</i>
<i>Jun</i>	- <i>Pedestal Bowl</i>	<i>Dec</i>	- <i>Christmas Item</i>

Trade Stands at the Saturday Meetings for 2018.

Jan - The Wood Shed	Jul - Open to Members
Feb - The Carpentry Store	Aug - The Hut
Mar - Open to Members	Sep - The Wood Shed
Apr - The Hut	Oct - The Carpentry Store
May - The Wood Shed	Nov - Open to Members
Jun - The Carpentry Store	Dec - The Hut

Current Competition Positions

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Beginners													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Tommy Hartnett	15	13	13	15	13	13	13	11					106
Brendan Phelan		15	15		15	15	9	15					84
Brendan Kelly	13	11					11	9					44
Renee Kennedy	9		11	13		9							42
Tony Carolan	11		9	11		7							38
James Kelly							15	13					28
Mike Simms						11							11
Vincent Whelan								7					7
Experienced													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Colum Murphy	15	13	15	15	15	15	15	15					118
Michael Jordan	13	11	13	13	13	13	11	11					98
Patrick Costigan	11	15	11				13						50
Advanced													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Tony Hartney	15	11		15	15	9	15	15					95
Frank Maguire		7	13	13	11	7	13	11					75
Cecil Barron	11	13				13							37
Pat Walsh		15				15							30
Paddy Finn			15					13					28
Sean Ryan	9				13								22
Paul Murtagh		9	11										20
John Duff	13												13
Sean Earls						11							11
William Edwards	7												7
Joe O'Neill	6												6
Artistic													
Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Colum Murphy	13	13	15	15	15	9	11	13					104
Cecil Barron	15	15	13	13	9	11	15	11					102
Brendan Phelan			9		11	13	13	15					61
Paul Murtagh		11	7		13		9						40
Seamus O'Reilly	9					7							16
Pat Walshe						15							15
Tommy Hartnett	11												11
Adrian Finlay			11										11
Paul Murtagh			6										6

Who were the winners 10 years ago - Aug 2008



Adv: Michael Fay



Exp: Frank Gallagher



Beg: Tom Murphy