



Oxon Woodturners

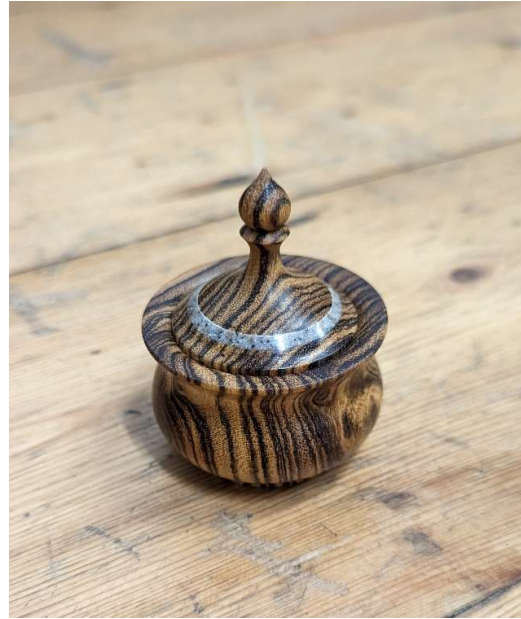
January Newsletter

Dear Members,

It was great to see so many of you all earlier this month and I'd like to extend a special welcome to the several visitors who also attended. We also welcomed Gary Rance back this month to provide his 23rd demo for the Oxon Woodturners.



Gary started by demonstrating some basic cuts with the common turning tools, before putting them into action to turn three interesting items for us. The first was a small box with finial, made from "Mexican Rosewood", a.k.a. Bocote. Gary demonstrated a technique he described as an "onlay", using a piece of Corian, and explained that it was a quicker and easier alternative to making a traditional inlay, and the result is essentially the same, leaving a ring of contrasting material glued in place.



The next item to be turned was a wooden pear. Gary commented that turned fruits were one of his biggest products, and he'd mastered the process down to about three minutes per piece. Thankfully he went a bit slower for us to see, but I still didn't manage to get any pictures!

Finally, Gary turned us a "tippee-top". For those of you who haven't seen one of these before, it's a spinning top that rolls over mid-spin and continues turning on its stem.



This month also marked the start of the annual competition, and many members brought entries for this month's project (mushrooms/toadstools). There was some excellent work on display:





Our next meeting (9th February) will be our first “Hands On” session of the year; If any members would like to start the night giving a short demo then please get in touch.

Don't forget to bring your entries for the monthly competition (Green turning) and I look forward to seeing you all.

Dan