

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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You all know that I have asked often for people to volunteer for the HCW Board. No one has come forward.

Now, we have reached a critical point. November is when we elect new board members. I have received several emails, as well as direct conversations, suggesting that I NOT be President next year since I have not really moved the club forward, and have not done my job as well as I should have. I can't really disagree with these comments. "Quarterly Schools" mean one each quarter. 4 total. We are about to squeeze in the 2nd one this year. That's all my fault. The main purpose of this club is to teach, and I have failed miserably in that respect. But, when I ask these people if they would consider being President, I got no response.

Sully is basically the only one we have who can run the A/V equipment. He needs a back-up in case he is not able to attend.

Joe Grimes does not want to be Training Coordinator next year. His job is to organize what kind of training, and get people to assist in the training.

Gary Sanders will not be Vice president next year. His job is to line up meeting demonstrators, as well as Nationally Known Demonstrators for more advanced schools. He also will not be President.

I do not desire to be President next year. I will stay as SWAT director if you want me to, but I cannot do both.

Bottom line,, We have 105 members in this club. We have 4 positions to fill. That's all. Just 4 out of 105 people. Any of these members are more than qualified for any of these positions I have described above. It is time for new leadership to get us back on track and advance this club in the direction it needs to go.

Please consider being on the Hunt County Woodturners Board. The future of our club depends on you.

Thank You, Lee

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## HCW Christmas Party Coming Soon!

It is planned for the December 2nd, we will need Volunteers to help set up and fix up some great food.



### Dan Henry

I am down sizing some of my turning equipment.

My Lindow Rose Engine lathe and all of the related tooling I have 2 UFC and 3 drilling frames plus a very good compound cross slide, curvaliner, several cutters and mills cutters including the stand with a steel top and 4 drawers and a shop made cabinet to store all of the stuff. I will provide some instruction to get started. \$12000

My 18 inch Ricon 10 -340 band saw has 18 inch wide and 12 inch tall opening for cutting those big logs for turning 2 HP. 220 volts.

\$1000

My Wood stabilizing system including the chamber, vacuum pump and oven with an oven tamer. Also a Harbor Freight pressure chamber.

\$450

I also will be having a wood and tool sale including some chucks later.

If anyone is having trouble or is still new to using Zoom then please contact Cory White 972-345-6205

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**PRAY FOR:**

**Kay Shrode &  
Frank Shrode**



# REMINDERS

While everyone is at home socially distancing, things can get boring so use this excess of time to call up a mentor from the [mentors list](#).

They can mentor you over the phone, or maybe even a video call. This is the perfect time to practice your woodturning skills and get the help you need to succeed.

When you call if they don't answer, please TEXT and or leave a message so that they know who to call back .

For segmenters, George Freeman has 1in. Square boards that can be cut to different lengths for segmenting. He has this in Pecan, Mesquite, and Walnut.

He also still has his original stock of turning blanks.

His address is 7151 Sandy Lake Rd. Quinlan Tx. 75474

And his phone number is (214-334-4035)

## September Birthdays

	days
Stephen Miller	1
Rodney Follis	17
Lee Craft	20
Randy Rather	23
Cheryl Cornish	24

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Gary Sanders will be doing the demo on October 13th.**

**Topic: Hunt County Woodturners' Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Oct 13, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89894361871?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89894361871?pwd=cms1Q2FQT0Zudkd0bVRGUmwRNVBZZz09)

[pwd=cms1Q2FQT0Zudkd0bVRGUmwRNVBZZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89894361871?pwd=cms1Q2FQT0Zudkd0bVRGUmwRNVBZZz09)

**Meeting ID: 898 9436 1871**

**Passcode: 035020**

**The Club Library** is now gathering demonstration handouts to keep on file. If you have a handout from a demonstration that you found interesting, helpful or had project instructions... please make a copy and give it to our librarian Keith Clark or president Lee Craft.



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We are going to build up the Club YouTube channel. We are putting in mini demos on the channel. If you have something you want to share, you can make a demo as long or as short as you'd like. If you need help filming, we are putting together equipment to facilitate that. Please contact any board member if you are willing to help with this. Here is the link to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7KsCch28Ne5sE8LjhR2D1A>

## OPEN SHOP

October 15th: Burt Andrew  
8085 CR 2578, Royse City

Good morning folks.

First off, the Air Conditioner is working in the church.

Now, Gary Sanders will be doing the demo at this meeting,

We are going to get a quarterly school going some time in Oct. making Christmas ornaments. Then there will be a quarterly challenge at the Nov. meeting for the best Christmas ornaments, or decorations.

We need to start planning for this year's Christmas party planned for Dec 2nd. Volunteers are needed.

Thanks, Lee.

For several years I have supplied free turning blanks for Hunt County Woodturners. This included locating trees, going out and cutting them down and transporting them back to my home, a time consuming and expensive endeavor. Then they were turned into slabs on my sawmill and later cut into turning blank rounds using my tractor to move the heavy logs and slabs around. Then they were stored in my barn we called the turning blank room for long periods of time until members come by and picked the best of them off the top.

This has been a very expensive and time-consuming endeavor on my part with only some of our members occasionally coming by and helping. I cannot continue to do this for the Club. It has become far too expensive and very time consuming not allowing me time to do other things like wood turning for myself. At 73 I am unable to physically keep doing the heavy work I have been doing.

Therefore, things are going to have to change. Immediately the following rules will apply to the turning room: If you are a Hunt County Woodturner member and have been to a work party in the last six months to help with the gathering, preparing, and stocking of the turning room...

Each wood blank you need will cost \$5.00 each

For all other woodturners that have not participated in a work party in the last six months, the cost per wood blank will be from the posted price sheet in the turning room. Cash only.

I had started supplying this service to HCW members to help them get started into woodturning at a reasonable cost. Times and conditions have changed, requiring these adjustments.

George Freeman

October 6, 2022

## 2021 Hunt County Woodturners Board Members

### HCW Mission

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. (a Texas non-profit corporation) also known as Hunt County Woodturners (HCW), is organized exclusively for educational purposes, and its mission is to educate woodturners and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning. This mission is accomplished by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of training programs for woodturners; by disseminating information about sources of material and equipment; by exposing the art of woodturning to the public; and by serving as a center of information about woodturning for members, galleries, other interested groups, and the general public. Further, the Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Financial records are available for inspection upon request.

Lee Craft (President),  
Gary Sanders (Vice-President),  
Burt Andrew (Secretary),  
Alan Fields (Treasurer),  
Sully Sullivan (Technology Officer: interim pending replacement),  
Joe Grimes (Training Coordinator),  
Doug Balzer (Event Coordinator)

### HCW Board of Directors meetings

are held on Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Board meetings are open to all members.

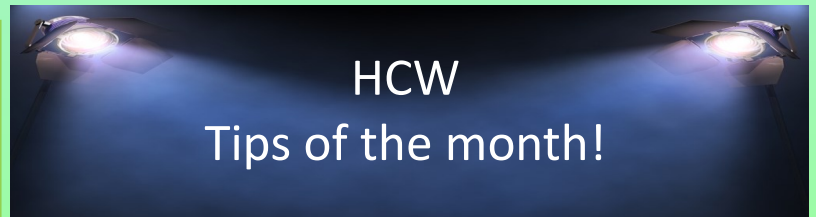




"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

### Upcoming On-Line Events:

Nothing for now, check back later.



There are lots of things made of silicone that can benefit a woodturner...

Silicone Molds are available for resin projects and are used often by those who wish to make their own pen blanks.

Silicone Glue Brushes are handy for applying wood glue to a project. After use, you can let the brush dry, and the crusty glue will just peel off for an easy cleanup.

Silicone Mats are also super handy for easy project cleanup.

However, don't get super glue on the edge of a silicone mat. If it sticks to your work bench and you pull on the silicone mat... it will tear!





### Woodturning Quotes:

*Ever wonder the difference between Craft and Art mentality?...*

“A poorly designed turning is a constant and irritating reminder to you and to others that you could have done better; and a needless waste of resources and of your turning abilities.” – Mike Darlow

“I always say, if it don’t work out... so what! It’s ok... don’t worry about it. Doctors bury their mistakes, we burn them!” -Emmet Kane

*This is a good blend of Art and Craft...*

“I am one who turns for me I turn what I like. If someone likes what I make great!

Customers means business which means production which means efficiency which means proficiency in every aspect of the turning process.

the skill which one manipulates their turning tools matters greatly in the finished product.

An artist was asked how he painted such a beautiful picture. He answered that the painting was already on the canvas he simply uncovered it with his brushes.

My goal in turning is to look at the piece of wood, decide what it wants to be then efficiently turn away everything that isn’t that object.” – Tim White

*More food for thought on Art and Craft...*

Artists make “one-offs” that are artistly embellished turnings... I heard a Craft production woodworker once say, and I’m paraphrasing, that all his pieces were “one-offs”. He said he didn’t just make useful items out of wood. He categorized each piece of wood as to what item to make, that would show off the wood’s God given grain figure. He said each utilitarian item he made was “unique” in its organic features, his job was to cooperate with nature and highlight those qualities in the pieces he made.

Continuing that thought: If the function of some woodturnings is art and its use is to emit emotion... don’t all woodturnings serve a purpose and use? Can’t Craft production woodturnings be naturally artistic while still being utilitarian useful?

Perhaps maybe Art and Craft aren’t so different after all!

(All this is not to say that bad art and poorly crafted woodturnings are anything more than dross.)

IMHO anyway... Donna Frazier

# Inspiration

Some YouTubes were suggested by various members of our club so I decided to set up hyperlinks and lists of good YouTube pages so everyone can enjoy them!

## Educational Reading:

Woodturning Lathe Speeds- Complete Guide <https://www.uwoodcraft.com/woodturning-lathe-speeds-a-complete-guide/>  
Five Quick and Easy Woodturning Finishes <https://www.woodworkersjournal.com/five-quick-and-easy-woodturning-finishes/> Watch: Mike Mahoney Finishes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITYyrYLgEfl>

Recently someone emailed me about BOB... I couldn't figure out what BOB was. I found a neat website with woodturning and wood-working acronyms that are used in on-line forums. <http://www.hobbitthouseinc.com/personal/woodpics/acronyms.htm> You won't find BOB there though... I was told later that BOB is Bottom of Bowl Gouge

## In the News:

How to Forage from the World's Oldest Tree – Gastro Obscura <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/how-to-use-ginkgo-nuts>

A Lumber Poacher Has Been Foiled – By Tree DNA <https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/a38303861/lumber-poacher-foiled-by-tree-dna/>

A First in Fossil Research: Seeds Sprouting From 40 Million Year Old Pine Cone Encased in Amber <https://www.scitechdaily.com/a-first-in-fossil-research-seeds-sprouting-from-40-million-year-old-pine-cone-encased-in-amber/>

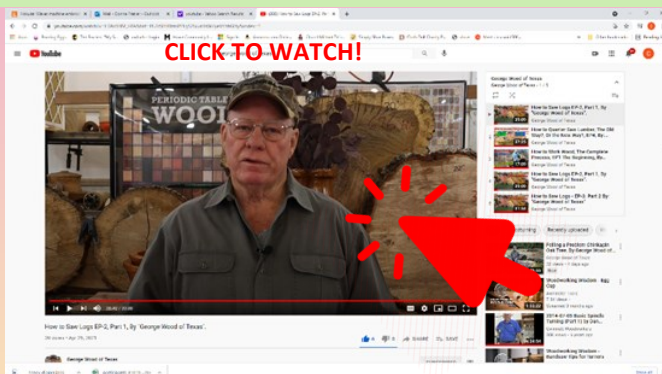
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

Does the Walking Palm Tree Really Walk? <https://www.livescience.com/33663-walking-tree-socratea-exorrhiza.html>

A tree that smells like rotting fish is so invasive that states are trying to kill it <https://bangordailynews.com/2021/12/03/homestead/a-tree-that-smells-like-rotting-fish-is-so-invasive-that-states-are-offering-bounties-to-kill-it-joam40zk0w/>

George Wood of Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKIK0-SnOevQbMue-V3sUUDg>



## Suggested YouTubes

- [Brian Havens](#)—Suggested by Fred Groves
- [Cap'n Eddie Castelin](#)—Suggested by Ross Spielman
- [Rocky Mountain Woodturners](#)—Suggested by Donna Frazier
- [WYOMING-WOODTURNER \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— suggested by Fred Groves
- [Robohippy](#)— Suggested by Tim White
- AAW website videos— suggested by Cory White

Woodturners, don't forget to check out **The American Association of Woodturners.**

<http://www.woodturner.org>

Hunt County Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this fine organization and each member should seriously consider becoming a member of AAW. The insurance protection alone is well worth the dues. Check out this excellent guide to membership services and publications.



**Become a member of the Hunt County Woodturners!**

Membership is renewable annually for a calendar year, and covers individual and family at **the same address.** The membership cost is **\$48.00.**

Download the application [HERE](#).

Bring completed application and dues to our next meeting or mail to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc  
Attn. Alan Fields  
P.O. Box 8191  
Greenville, Texas 75404

**OR Email to**

Alan Fields at  
[mafields3@yahoo.com](mailto:mafields3@yahoo.com)

*Dues are prorated for new members at \$4.00 per month*

## CLUB MENTORS AND SPECIALITY

HCW wants to support the learning and skill development of every member. If you are seeking support, advice, or mentoring, help is just a click away.

**CLICK BELOW TO OPEN**

2018 Hunt County Woodturners Mentors																			
Mentor	Home City	Cell Phone	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Spinning	Turning	Carving	Design	Business	Marketing	Finance	Insurance	Legal	Medical	Education	Travel	Other
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Collins	Castle Hill	803-533-8633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger England	Greenville	803-483-1486	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Robinson	Greenville	803-527-0066	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Spillert	Greenville	803-483-9579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Freeman	Greenville	214-538-8535	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McKinney	214-455-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Greenville	803-483-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eric White	Greenville	817-345-6335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. is recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. (Gifts to Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. are fully deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes.)

**MEMBERSHIP IN HCW, INC. ENTITLES YOU TO DISCOUNTS ON SELECTED ITEMS AT THE FOLLOWING FINE BUSINESSES:**

**Wood World**

13650 TI Blvd.  
Dallas, TX  
(972) 669-9130



**WEEKEND HELP WANTED**

**Rockler**

584 West I-30,  
Suite 403,  
Garland, TX.  
(469) 329-0971



**Klingspor's Woodworking Shop**

Hickory, NC,  
(800) 228-0000  
(ask for discount)



**Hartville Tool**

[www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com)  
(800) 345-2396



**Woodcraft**

601 W. Plano Pkwy,  
Suite 145,  
Plano, TX  
(972) 422-2732



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Looking for sponsors for the next year's Freedom Pens

**Other Corporate Sponsors of  
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Ward Manufacturing**

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2022**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom conducted by Sully Sullivan.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Gary Sanders\*, Sully Sullivan\*, Doug Balzer\*, Alan Fields\*, Burt Andrew\*, George Freeman, Cynthia Balzer.

**Club members Attending through Zoom:** Dale Scruggs, Ed Mastin.

[Voting board members for 2022 indicated \*. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

**The Meeting was called to order** at 7:00pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

## **Items of Business**

### **President – Lee Craft**

Review of upcoming Ornaments class:

Class will be Saturday, Oct 22, and Sunday, Oct. 23, same program for each of the two days.

Time: 9:00am through 4:00pm.

Cost will be \$15 per participant, payable at the time of the event.

Training location: Dale Scrugg's shop (4245 Destiny Drive, Caddo Mills).

The training will cover the turning and finishing of Christmas ornaments, with most of the time spent on turning. Hands on, with no more than two students per lathe.

Class limited to 10 students per day.

Members to contact either Lee Craft or Joe Grimes to sign up.

10 members, total, are signed up so far.

Quarterly challenge (due November meeting) will be Christmas ornaments for December Christmas party table decorations. Two \$50 gift cards will be presented for best entry (as determined by the membership through voting). One for traditional entries, and another for rose engine/CNC entries.

HCW member Charlie Tucker will do our October demo on Christmas ornaments, with primary focus on finishing.

Wesley United Methodist Church Christmas Market:

Lee received a request from WUMC to participate in their annual Christmas market.

Event is Monday, Nov 28, and Tuesday, Nov 29.

WUMC Booth fee is \$50.

HCW will participate. A lathe will be made available for public demonstration.

Members will be allowed to sell woodturned items, \$10 fee per seller.

Lee will announce and cover details during Oct. club meeting.

Review of Bois d'arc Bash (Sept 24):

Noted low overall club interest and poor event participation. Lee suggests this event may be too much effort and trouble considering benefits obtained.

If done again, need to assess: club interest; possible new booth location (vendors were somewhat blocking our booth); reduction to only one lathe; approval for our members to advertise and sell items.

Note: Any new booth location would require electricity.

SWAT leadership highly appreciated and complimented our A/V contributions at SWAT (both equipment and operation).

The Board discussed the slate of potential officers for next year. Current officers, Joe Grimes excepted, have agreed to serve if needed, though any nominees for any position, especially Training Coordinator

(currently Joe), will be encouraged and welcomed. Lee will inform/discuss during the October meeting.

In accordance with our Bylaws, next year's potential officers will be presented to the membership during the November meeting, and along with any others then nominated from the floor, will be voted upon and approved, also during the November club meeting.

### **Vice President – Gary Sanders**

Discussed professional demonstrators:

Need to identify professional demonstrators for club demos and associated classes.

Many potential topics (pyrography, carving, segmenting, others) have been done within the last several years.

Should consider demonstrators who can offer more than one subject, e.g. Janice Levi's pyrography and jewelry.

Suggested that membership be queried during an upcoming meeting.

### **Secretary – Burt Andrew**

Board Meeting minutes from September 1, 2022:

*Gary Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 1, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.*

Membership currently stands at 105, up from 104 last month. Our newest member is Dennis Ogren from Plano. Has turned for 18 years. Dennis was referred to us by Alain Schwarz and Ed Mastin.

Rockwall Public Library Display in November:

The Board decided to again host a display in the Rockwall Library during the month of November.

Burt Andrew has confirmed that the usual space (2 cases) in the lobby has been reserved for us.

An announcement was made to the Club during the September meeting requesting that display pieces (say 2 to 5) be brought to the October meeting, for display November 1 through November 30.

Mini-Course during Open Shops

Prompted by Gary Sanders, Burt Andrew proposed details for an ongoing mini-class program during Open Shops.

Objective is to offer training each month during Open Shops, instructed by experienced club members, largely benefiting newer members.

Classes will be informal and simple, starting near the opening of each Open Shop (8:30am) as a sideline activity, on a wide variety of topics. May or may not be hands-on. Details and scope will be at the discretion of the instructor, limited to about an hour. Will not preclude usual Open Shop activities. Uninterested parties will occupy themselves in usual open shop activities, during and after.

Many mini-class topics have been identified, with many more possible. The first mini-class will be presented by Burt Andrew during Open Shop this month, and will feature pen turning, using techniques recently learned at SWAT.

Burt Andrew was assigned to announce this initiative during the upcoming club meeting.

### **Treasurer – Alan Fields**

Alan provided account transaction information to the Board members in advance.

Significant income and expense items in September:

Income: SWAT income @ \$1000.

Expenses: Payment to members for SWAT activities (A/V support, transportation reimbursement, others); Kevin Bassett demo fee; reimbursement to Gary Sanders for worm screw order.

Checking account balance:

Sept 2, 2022: \$13,209.

Sept 27, 2022: \$13,034.

**Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes (absent from Board Meeting)**

**Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer**

Reviewed Open Shop locations for remainder of this year:

October: Burt Andrew, Union Valley

November: Rhonda Stelly, Greenville

December: No open shop

Locations for 2023 will be mostly the same as in 2022. Other members willing to host

Open Shops should contact Doug (replacement or stand-by). Note: New members Tom and Stacy Nehl have expressed interest in hosting in 2023.

January: George Freeman

February: Dale Scruggs

March: Lonnie Duke

April: Brian Livingston/Dale King

May: Lee Craft

June: Lonnie Duke

July: Donna Frazier

August: Burt Andrew

September: Alan Fields

October: Rod Brumlow

November: Rhonda Stelly

**AV Director – Sully Sullivan**

Identified a number of A/V items needed for upgrades, including: hard drive to replace one that failed during SWAT, cable wraps, audio cables, extra monitor (needed for Zoom), others. Sully will prioritize and get pricing for next Board meeting. Alan will update and present the A/V budget for this discussion.

The club needs a back-up for Sully. Lee will address next meeting.

Doug suggested that Zoom be discontinued for both Board and Club meetings. Reasons: minimal use, past connectivity problems, equipment constraints, resumption of routine in-person meetings. Sully noted that the license is paid up for several months w/ no re-funds available. Outcome TBD after further discussions.

**Other items**

Regarding the need for greater overall involvement by membership (club administration, supporting club functions, etc.) from club members, esp. new, Cynthia Balzer emphasized the importance of more frequent and personal contacts and phone calls.

George expressed concerns about effectiveness of e-mail communications with members, especially for newsletters. Suggested possible use of phone messaging for newsletter distribution also.

Aside from regular business, George presented upcoming changes in management of wood resources. Details will be published in this month's newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.