



May 2023 Newsletter

Special Dates

June 2023

- 2nd Committee Meeting
- 9th T.o.M. – David Wells
- 12th Queens Birthday Holiday (or is it, Kings?)
- 16th Monthly Meeting (Important)
- 30th End of Financial Year

July 2023

- 7th Committee Meeting
- 14th T.o.M. – Greg Schrivner
- 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM)
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*** I have been away during the month of May. Special thank you to members for providing articles and images for this newsletter.*

Editor

T.o.M. Presentation Robert Miles

(Article and images provided by George Campbell)

On 12 May another outstanding T.o.M. presentation was conducted by Robert Miles.

He captivated us with a demonstration on making boxes with finger joints. He discussed the use of a multiple teeth Finger Joint Router, then demonstrated making finger joints on a home-built Jig, one finger at a time. We were all amazed at the working of the Jig and also how small he was able to make nested boxes akin to Babushka Russian Nesting Dolls.



Note the cutting blades with tungsten tips. The two boxes show examples of quality finger joints

Show and Tell

(Articles contributed by George Campbell with images by Greg Schrivner and Will Howard.)

Small rolling pins approx 240 mm long and 33mm diameter, made of pine, sanded to 320 grit with no finish. **George Campbell** made 20 rolling pins for a Scouts & Guides variety concert, The Hornsby Gang Show. George says they will be seen on stage by 'thousands of patrons. He made the little one, half size, just for the fun of it. Web page for Hornsby Gang Show. [Hornsby Gang Show | Sydney NSW | Facebook](#)



Wooden Yarn Bowl made by **Steve Sessions**. The bowl is approximately 200mm dia, made from Camphor Laurel finished with shellac. Wonder if Steve is taking up knitting also.



A homemade jig. Note how it clamps the piece of timber firmly so the blades can cut the joints cleanly. Need to keep fingers well back from the blade as shown by Robert.



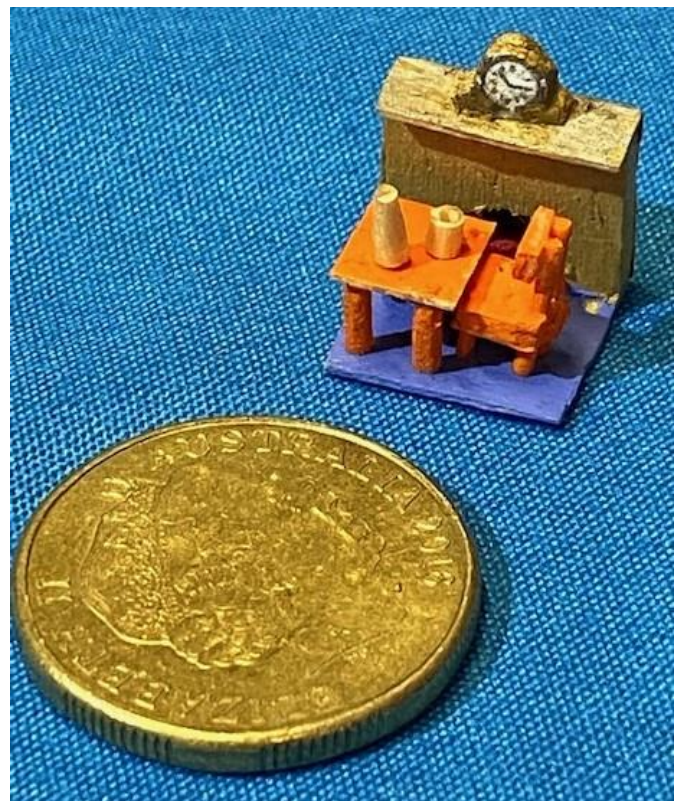
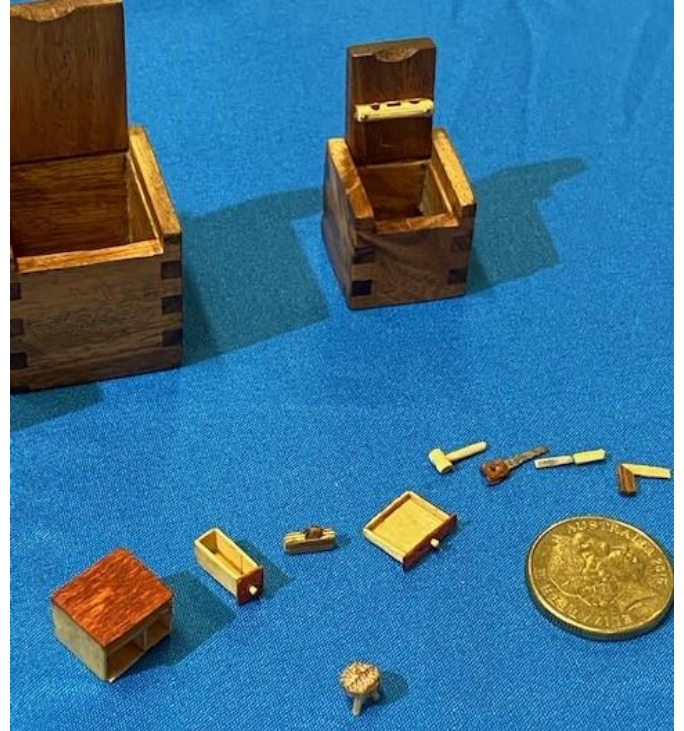
Some of the members watching intently as Robert demonstrates the joint-making process.

Thanks, Robert, for providing this demonstration. Members greatly appreciate your effort.

Intarsia. John Ockers had fun making two Japanese intarsia characters, expertly crafted and each mounted in a frame.



Small creations. Continuing on from his T.o.M demonstration on finger joints, **Robert Miles** showed his small, even miniature nested boxes he has crafted. Of course, you need small tools to make small things.





The **lidded pen box** created by **Robert Miles** made from Blue Gum with a lid from Mangrove. Pen is made from Blackwood.



The **Love spoon** was commenced by a former member and completed by **Robert Miles**.



Will Howard proudly displayed a photo of the Games Table he created. Approx 1500mm long by 500mm wide. The border is forest oak, chess board border is swamp oak and the chess board is jarrah and something whitish. The Jarrah is from recycled lounge chair. Everything is glued to a radiata base for support. Legs and drawers are forest oak. The slightly sunken end is for jigsaws and now has a toughened glass top allowing use of the table when the jigsaw is not complete.

