



Leeds Marquetry Group

Newsletter
Spring 2017

Beginners Course 2017

We welcomed 22 Beginners to our Course and now have fifteen new members as a result: twelve Full, two Country and one Junior. As usual, there is some good work from these folk to keep the rest of us on our toes. Thanks to all those who helped, especially Ernest, Geoff, Godfrey and Ron.

So we welcome: Rosemary Bullers, Lindsey Butcher, Dave Clarke, Liz Dunnett (Cty), John Finn, Malcolm Foyle, Lesley Hurst, Yannis Ioannidis (Junior), Irene Jones, Carole McDermott, Phil Mott, Tracy Robinson, Susan Seddon and Ted Webster. Carole's husband Robin has also recently joined, as has Fred Rowland and just last week Ada Louke. We hope you will enjoy your time with us.

AGM 2016

Held on 19 October 2016 the key points were:

- We remain independent of the National Society
- Beginners' Course 2016 went well again with some excellent work produced
- GYShow was better this year than last
- Members encouraged to enter their pieces for both the GYShow and our own Seaton Cup
- Coasters Project was good, although not everyone managed to complete for this year's Scup
- Club finances are solid
- Members are encouraged to pay subscriptions by Standing Order as this is very helpful to Geoff
- Steve is always on the look out for new Kit ideas – suggestions welcome
- Our Christmas Buffet and Summer Presentation Dinner will once again be at Sand Moor Golf Club
- Our Library continues to grow with books and DVDs available to borrow
- Members are encouraged to send a digital portfolio of their work to be published on our website

A full copy of the draft minutes can be seen by asking Steve.

Demonstration Evenings

Just before we closed for Christmas, Laurence led a fascinating demo on **Glass Fusion**, explaining how he uses glass to create pieces
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of artwork. He brought along some of his work which was beautiful.

We had our usual '**Finishing**' demo, this year led by Eric, tied in to our Beginners' Course. This is a difficult task to get the long process of finishing a piece crammed into an hour, but well done to Eric for all his detailed preparation.

The '**Show & Tell**' evening (which was actually just 'Show' and no 'Tell') enabled our Beginners to see a good range of members' pieces to be an encouragement to push themselves on with our hobby.

In April, a rather poorly Ernest gave a repeat of last year's demonstration on '**Fragmentation**' which was again well received. We anticipate a rush of pictures using the technique to good effect after Ernest's excellent demo, as happened last year.

Upcoming demos are Ron's '**Finger Cutting**' in July, Eric and Godfrey with '**Fretsaw Marquetry**' in September, Malcolm's '**Boxes**' in October and a hands-on '**Pyrography**' by visitor Bob Neill in November.

Thanks to all members who share their expertise in leading a demonstration evening which is always very well received and appreciated by members.
Ideas, requests or volunteers to Steve please.

Committee Meeting 17.01 (January)

- David has been sourcing LED lamps at a good price for members as lighting continues to be an issue in the Hall - £20 (a saving of £10) as used in the Beginners' Course.
- A new vacuum pump and bag have been purchased and the old one can now be borrowed by members
- It was decided that rosettes would not be used at the Seaton Cup, particularly as it could influence the members' Choice vote for the Seaton Cup.
- Veneer packs are being re-priced at £5 for 15 pieces (instead of 25) and trialled at the Newark Show
- The 'rules' for the 'Three Veneers' Project were agreed
- Suggestions for improving the Christmas Buffet were discussed

Committee Meeting 17.02 (May)

- Veneer packs sold well at the Newark Show so we would hold the price for the GYShow
- We have taken on a stall at Lotherton Hall for Yorkshire Day on Tuesday 01 August
- We will not be going to the Ilkley Art Show as it costs us and we have had no return (in terms of members) as a result
- We discussed how we take on new beginner members at times of the year away from the Course
- A First Aid kit will in future be kept with our Tea/Coffee items
- Preparation for the GYShow is in hand
- New books and DVDs have been added to the Library – Geoff will be displaying a list of items available
- We talked about getting our Summer Dinner preparation started
- We agreed to keep our pot beakers and not use disposable plastic cups for Tea/Coffee whilst there are still able folk to carry them down and up the stairs each week

A full copy of the minutes of these two meetings can be seen by asking Steve.

Three Veneers Project 2017

This was launched a month ago and quite a few members are already on their second piece. It is hoped that this Project will grab the enthusiasm of members so that we can have an additional category and prize at our Seaton Cup in September.

A reminder: the Club Project for 2017 is to make any item of marquetry (picture, coaster, box, tray, clock, . . .) but you are only allowed to use THREE VENEERS in the visible part of the project.

- non visible veneer (back of a picture, bottom or inside of a box) need not count as one of the veneers
- in the case of a picture, the framing veneer (edges and borders) counts as one of the three veneers
- an individual veneer with figuring or shading, or which includes both edge and heartwood, still counts as ONE veneer, ie it doesn't have to be monochrome. However, in the spirit of the competition, this shading should be used to effect in single pieces of veneer rather than to covertly give additional 'colours' by using different parts of such a veneer in different parts of the item
- fragmentation can be used but using only the three veneers
- sand shading is allowable
- TWO veneers could be used if so desired, ie a maximum of three veneers

- Members can create more than one item if they wish

And don't forget, if you still have your unfinished Coaster Project from 2016, or your Musical Box from 2015 or even your Clock from 2014, they can be finished off for this year's competition as well.

LED Lamps for Sale

As mentioned elsewhere, David has some excellent rechargeable LED lamps for sale for £20 if any members are interested.

Sanding Discs

A recent addition to David's stock is some self-adhesive 800 grit sanding discs at 20p each. These are ideal for sticking to the down side of your straight edge with the fine grit preventing slippage.
