

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 4th January 2021:- Virtual Gallery.

Monday 1st February :- Virtual Gallery.

The December meeting was a Zoom meeting hosted by **Jeff Hornung** from Missouri in the USA. Jeff is both a woodturner and an artist who specialises in combining both of these hobbies into a craft. His demo was him turning a platter from Maple, and then decorating it with Chestnut products wood stain applied with an airbrush. The result was a dynamic and dramatic sunset 'mountain' scene.

The demo was attended by 27 members and some members had several family viewers with them, so there were about 30 viewers for the Demo, which gave an interesting and very well received insight into another professional woodturner's methods. Very many thanks to **Bob Hope** for arranging yet another highly successful Zoom meeting.

December is also the month of our HWA Social Evening, quiz and the Christmas Challenge. Due to the current situation we unfortunately had to forego the Social Evening and the quiz, but we were able to continue with the Club Challenge which was to make "Something Seasonal". The title was deliberately vague to encourage members to turn a seasonal item of their choice without being restricted to one subject.

The result was a very interesting and varied bag of Christmassy things. There were 14 entries in all, and a total of 20 photographs of your work, so thank you to everyone who managed to find time to compete in the challenge.

Voting for the favourite entry was open to all members, who had the opportunity of electronically choosing their favourite.

I must say that my wife Gail was so taken by the Robins that she asked me to make some, I shamefully have to admit to plagiarising them as best I could from the photos and I made four of my own, three of which have been sent to family members as presents. So, a huge thank you to whoever you are that made them, they are very cute, and I hope you do not mind!

PIERRE BAUMANN

We have had the very sad news that our good friend and HWA member **Pierre Baumann** passed away at Southampton General Hospital on Wednesday 9th December. Pierre was admitted into Southampton General for an aneurysm operation but succumbed to complications following the operation. Pierre was a very highly respected member of The

Hampshire Wood Turners Association who was always positive and helpful, he was also an HWA volunteer at Minstead. He will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Pierre's wife Caroline and their family.

JOHN BRESLAIN

We also have to pass on the very sad news that **John Breslain** passed away on the 28th of November 2020 aged 90 years. Here are some words from Adrian Smith.

John was a long-standing member of Hampshire Woodturners Association. He joined the club when it first started with meetings that were held in Winchester Prison when there were only a few members. As the membership numbers started to increase the HWA moved to the Log Cabin in Stockbridge Road Winchester, (that is when I joined) Since then the club has moved locations numerous times.

John was a very busy man who also belonged to numerous clubs including the Test Valley Turners, the Poultry Association, The Fuchsia Society and he was a volunteer with the First Alresford Scout Troop where he also helped out with the rebuilding of a new scout hut, that's where I first met John as I was a volunteer as well (as most parents often are) In his retirement John was also a member of the maintenance team on the Watercress Line. So, he managed to keep busy until just a couple of years ago.

John had moved into a care home for a couple of months before he passed away and I'm sure that he enjoyed the company around him for the time he was there. RIP John. Our thoughts and sympathy's go to John's family and friends.

Adrian Smith

We have all had such a topsy turvy year that has been full of bad news, as the previous two items shows, that we all need a boost and cheering up so hopefully we can have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

I would also like to say Happy Christmas to our Australian friends in Otway Turners who have also had a pretty rubbish year, with droughts, floods, wildfires, decimation of their wildlife, and Covid lockdowns. Stay safe over there.

On behalf of all of the Committee of the HWA I would like to wish you and your families a Very Happy Christmas and hope that you all stay safe. Hopefully, next year will see us being able to meet up, just like in the old days' and have a proper meeting.

Dave Simpson. Editor

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION GALLERY



FIRST CHOICE :- Dave Gibbard



SECOND CHOICE:- Harry Woolhead



THIRD CHOICE;- Steve Howells

Many thanks to everyone who participated and voted