



Public Demonstrations & Exhibitions

FUSION Exhibition at Limerick City Hall "Vessels" including pottery, metal work,

Woodturning Exhibition at Foynes Library

Display at Limerick County Council, Dooradoyle during Heritage Week

Display of work at a two day Castleconnell Craft Fair

Tree planting took place Curragh Chase for National Tree Week about 1999

Parkway Shopping Centre window display to promote Limerick Chapter Seminar. Members also had a demo in shop unit at the Parkway Shopping Centre.



The **Limerick Chapter** ran three seminars Kilfinane Outdoor Education Centre. We had the likes of Liam Flynn, Br. Ciarán Forbes, and Jim Foley.

Jim Foley may have been small in stature, but was a big influence on his passion and skill for woodturning and woodworking in general. He was a master in how to use the skew chisel. He always spoke about finishing his spindle work straight off the tool with minimum use of sand paper. In the early days of the Limerick Chapter, many enjoyable days were had in Jim's workshop in Ballina, Co. Tipperary. He had an old Viceroy lathe in his workshop, probably as old as himself. His workshop was a treasure chest of job in progress, stocks of wood and interest old tools. Some may think that his workshop was all over the place but only Jim knew where everything was kept. After his demonstration, we had a very welcome tea or coffee break in his home. Ballina is on the Tipperary side and Killaloe on the Clare side of the river Shannon is linked by one bridge. This is a popular tourist location and Jim's home was located right on the Ballina street after crossing the bridge. This was the perfect location for Jim to set up a small shop attached to his house to sell his finished woodturning goods. After our tea/ coffee break we would finish our visit with a quick viewing of his display in the shop. While in there, Jim had a viewing window of his workshop. During the day, Jim could be seen working away at his next project. He was always keen to transfer his knowledge on to others. Sadly, Jim is no longer with us, but he is still often remembered and talked about at demos especially when it comes to the master of the skew.



Br. Ciarán Forbes in action in Kilfinane Centre 1994. Br Ciarán demo on his "Oneway" in

Glenstal 2002

Br. Cianán Forbes played a import roll on how the produce small and large bows. He showed member how to enjoy woodturning woodturning. He was always in good spirits when members of the Limerick Chapter would visit him in his workshop located in Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick. Br. Cianán would normally hold his workshop demonstration before the summer break in June. Br. Cianán was a woodturner on grand scale. For anyone who was never in his workshops, he has about four lathes, even one lathe is so big that he has a large WADKIN lathe located outside in a open shed. He uses this for heavy woodturning work. Even has a jib hoist for mounting large heavy jobs. His unique demonstration style was always one everyone looked forward to before the summer break. He would often be asked what bevel is on his bowl gouge. He would just say he could not tell you what gringing bevel was on his bowl gouge. It was uniquely his own style bevel, but it worked for him. Br. Cianán has a great eye for the profile of a bowl. Decades of producing top quality bowls and winning many prizes. A master a work.

Limerick Seminar 2007



Rodger Bennett explains to Claire Curley.



Rodger drills hols for silver inserts.



Barry McKee explains carving.



Glenn Lucas fixing a dust hat.



Liam Flynn was at our seminar in 2003. Here

you can see him carving the bottom of a bowl. He has demonstrated for us many times in the past. His work is in a class of his own. He makes it look easy to turn his bowls, but he just has the gift of making unique designs. He exhibits his work in the U.S.A. and Europe. He is well respected on world scale in the woodturning world for his design styles.

Joe McKenna's Hardware Shop, Parnell Street, Limerick.





Display and demonstrations held at Joe McKenna' Hardware Shop by members including John Ryan, Ballyneety and Dick Ross, Limerick during the day. Thanks to Joe McKenna and manger Pat Roche for allowing the Limerick Chapter use the shop floor for a demonstration.

Charleville Show 2006

Joint demonstration between Limerick and Cork Chapters at the Charleville Show 25th June 2006



Display of woodturning work at Charleville Show





John Ryan turning a bowl watched by B. Collins.

John Ryan turning the back of his bowl.



Brendan Collins is hollowing out a goblet.

B. Collins finishing a small

Master Classes

Tom Dunlop 18th June 2005 at U.L.



Tom explains how to hold tools correctly and safely.





Tom shows how best to grind a bowl gouge.
close.

Getting a class on bowl turning up



Display of members work on the day.
high do they go?

Evan, Willie Brett & Dick Ross.

Robert O'Connor 20th June 2009 at FAS, Raheen, Limerick



Robert turns a three side candleholder.
bowl.

Robert finishes the bottom of beaded
bowl.





Robert pays very close attention to his work.
bent goblet.

Pat Horgan photographs the finished







Robert finishing the out side of a bowl.
is nearby!)

Hot work (lucky the fire extinguisher

Christmas Party 2007





Dick Ross and Louise Madden prize giving time.

Dick entertaining with music