



Weed Pot by Ken Croft

Following on from last month's task of using a skew chisel this month Ken, our vice chair, demonstrated how you can use a skew for quite delicate work.

The term 'Weed pot' is a rather derogatory term for a rather delicate shaped single dried flower vase. Some examples shown below.



As Ken pointed out using a skew is great for the delicate beads that you have at the top of the pot. But first you have to get a shape from a block of wood. Ken used a skew with a curved end. In his opinion this was easier to handle and what's more gave you a slightly longer length of cutting edge. Cut or more correctly shave with the blade touching the wood a third of the way down.

The wood being used was sycamore. As Nick pointed out the type of wood was important as you had to work delicately around the neck and top of the vase. It is quite easy to spend a lot of time getting the block down to size then slicing a chunk off at the neck and top.

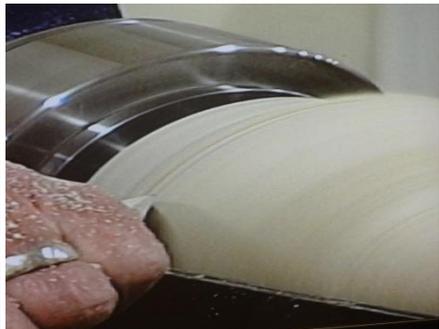
Just at this point Ken caught a snag and had to reshape the bowl end.



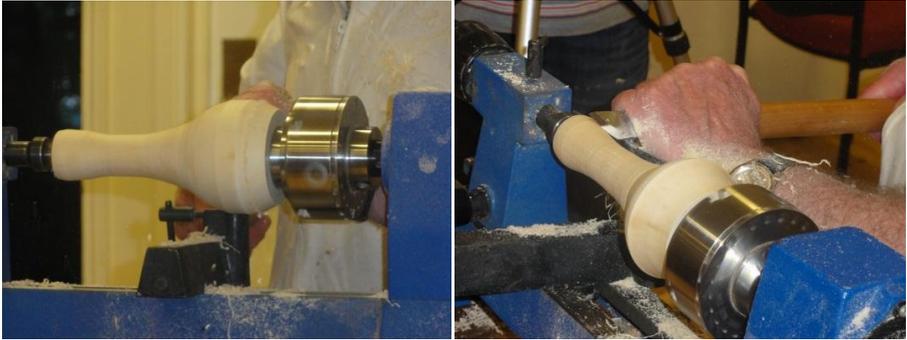
Ken starts on shaping up the vase



Note the angle of the cut of the skew and the cut position of the skew 1/3 down.



Here Ken is using the tip to start making a bead.



Final shaping up and making the beads at the top



Finally the hole is drilled out. Then all that is required is to put a good finish on your Weed Pot

Forthcoming Attractions – 2017

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