

Turning End Grain Boxes – with Richard Raffan 27th and 28th August 2016

Sunday, August 28th. saw Day Two of Richard Raffan's Box-with-a-Suction-fit-Lid turning workshop. The group claimed to be enjoying themselves despite the occasional frustrations of faulty material and failure to follow the recommended steps. There were a few disasters, some of which ended up as a very small pile of orphaned lids and bases, but most catastrophes proved to be design opportunities that resulted in over a dozen boxes with very acceptable suction fit lids.



All day at the other end of The Shed and out front, sixteen Guild members completed thirty-one accreditations covering router table, drum sander, band saw, drill press, table saw and drop saw. Our thanks go to the accreditors who donated their Sunday to helping to make the Guild a safer working environment: Robin Cromer (router table), Alan Walker (drums sander and drill press), Peter Rogers (band saw), and Terry O'Laughlin (table saw/drop saw and drill press).



The Shed is a bit cramped with so much active woodworking at one time, but on this Sunday four groups were able to function concurrently without intruding on each other thanks to Jim Stevenson's organization of the accreditation groups. Jim Stevenson declared the day a complete success, there being not one instance where he needed to modify his plan to accommodate the box turners. At the other end, Richard's ability to teach his group was in no way compromised by noisy saws, routers, or even milling woodies making for the kitchen.

