

Marketing marquetry

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EDITORIAL

Well here we are, summer is just a memory and we are well into autumn. People are talking about Christmas. The National is just around the corner! Well it is if you want to enter something. Last year we celebrated Alan Mansfield's win at Thurrock. Will Alan or anyone else come up trumps next year? **The answer to that question has got to be 'No'** - unless you enter something. Now is the time to start planning at least one picture. I speak to myself here as well. It takes time as we all know to choose, cut and finish a picture. There is nothing worse than finishing a picture with the National only two or three weeks away. Polish does not get time to harden properly and often gets marked in transit spoiling an otherwise potential winner. So how about it. Spend some time looking for a suitable picture. Every year Roy reminds us that each and every one of us is able to enter something. Let's see if we can't enter more than we have on previous year and show the Marquetry Society that Marquetry is alive and well in Redbridge. Don't forget that you can only enter if you are a member of the Marquetry Society. We don't insist that such membership is a condition of joining R.M.G. but by joining you are supporting the cause of Marquetry. Roy has information and details of membership.

Our numbers have been low of late. Please remember that our continued meeting at Beal School is very much dependant on being able to collect weekly subscriptions, enough to cover the hire of the room.

We will soon have to vacate our present room because of the new building and other alterations. We will be given another room, but where we cannot find out yet. Watch this space. Good cutting! Dave Walker.

There will be no meetings on :-

29th May. The following meeting will be on 5th Nov. Last meeting before Christmas will be 17th December. Re- start on 7th January.

GROUP COMPETITIONS

Our Inter-Group Competition to be held in November with St Albans has had to be rescheduled for next March/April. This was because we could not get a group of rooms together near the dining hall. St Albans were happy to postpone it because they like us had limited entries for each Class. We would each find ourselves entering pictures that didn't fully represent the quality of either Groups. They have agreed that for the Competition we will both be allowed to draw on the results of both this years and next years competition. So again lets see if we can enter work in as many Classes as we can. This applies to our own Competition as well. Remember, it is the first three winners in each Class that will represent our Group in Competitions with St Albans and Bexley. Here are the Classes that you could enter:-

Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Premier, Miniature, Three veneers and Applied. For the rules of each Class see Dave or Ken. Be adventurous. If you haven't created a three veneer, miniature or applied piece why not consider it? It's different.

I hope to get Alan Townsend from Chelmsford along to demonstrate various techniques in marquetry. He was going to come at the beginning of the Autumn term but family illness prevented him coming. He hopes to be able to make it before Christmas. Those of you who have never seen his work or watched him demonstrate should make a point of coming. Even experienced marquetarians will learn something from him.

If you have any article, hint or tip to be printed in the next issue please give it to Dave Walker.

Your Officers, elected at the last AGM are :-

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