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Colwin Way demonstrates on the sundeck as the off-shore islands glide by.
MS Gann at dock.
Entering Trollsford – a breathtaking experience.
Mike Hosaluk turns the scoop of a long-handled ladle.
Part of the impressive on-board gallery of work.
Richard Raffan in the 'tween-decks' demonstration room.



I shared a lathe with Richard Raffan and, although we have been friends for 20 years, I have never had the chance to observe him turn at very close quarters. I learned a lot and was reminded that it's never too late to learn. On the other side of the room was the turner I admire above all others, Canadian Mike Hosaluk. Day after day he lit up the room with his energy, creativity and good nature. English turner Nick Agar, who helps organise the cruise, is also a wonderfully creative turner, as well as a great entertainer.

There were also local turners, such as Asmund Vignes who specialises in the traditional hook tool. In the teaching room Stuart Mortimer and Mark

Baker spent many hours teaching passengers how to turn well and safely. It was all a 'tween-decks hive of industry. On the upper deck Colwin Way organised open-air turning when the weather permitted. I admit I was not disappointed when my stint north of the Arctic Circle was cancelled because of the (surprise, surprise) cold! But that was more than made up for on the days when the sun broke through and lit the world in slanting golden rays.

The most unlikely experience was the traditional crossing of the line ceremony where, despite the chill, people lined up to be doused in freezing water and daubed with a disgusting brown gunk. I chickened

out. At night we were treated to presentations by individual turners and another evening highlight was when the pieces made by the demonstrators and donated by passengers were auctioned, raising \$15,550 to support cancer research. There is so much more to tell about the cruise and it will all be repeated in 2017, so bon voyage to all involved!

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