

Creative writing challenge: portrait of Lailey at work

Here's a picture of a framed painting (oil on canvas) by artist G W Allinson, that is in the museum's collection. It is a portrait of George Lailey (1869-1958), the Bucklebury bowl turner, in his

workshop. Mr Lailey is wearing a hat, and is working a piece of wood on a non-mechanised machine called a lathe. Mr Lailey was the third generation of his family to turn wood, to create bowls and other wooden objects, using a primitive pole lathe and hand tools in a hut.

Imagine you find one a wooden bowl made by George Lailey. Write a description of how it looks and feels, and what makes it unique. You can research online traditional bowl turning.

