

# TOM ELTANG

"IT'S GOOD TO BE A PIPEMAKER"



JAN ANDERSSON





*Tom making  
pipes in front of  
the public  
on one of  
his many  
tours  
in  
Germany*







# ESKIMO



*The Eskimo is a shape, created by Tom that really shows a block with perfect birds-eyes to advantage*





A lot of sandpaper is used, after which it is time to color the pipe. First several layers of a red stain are applied. After that the pipe is polished and sanded again. Then it is time for the final stain, also applied in several layers.

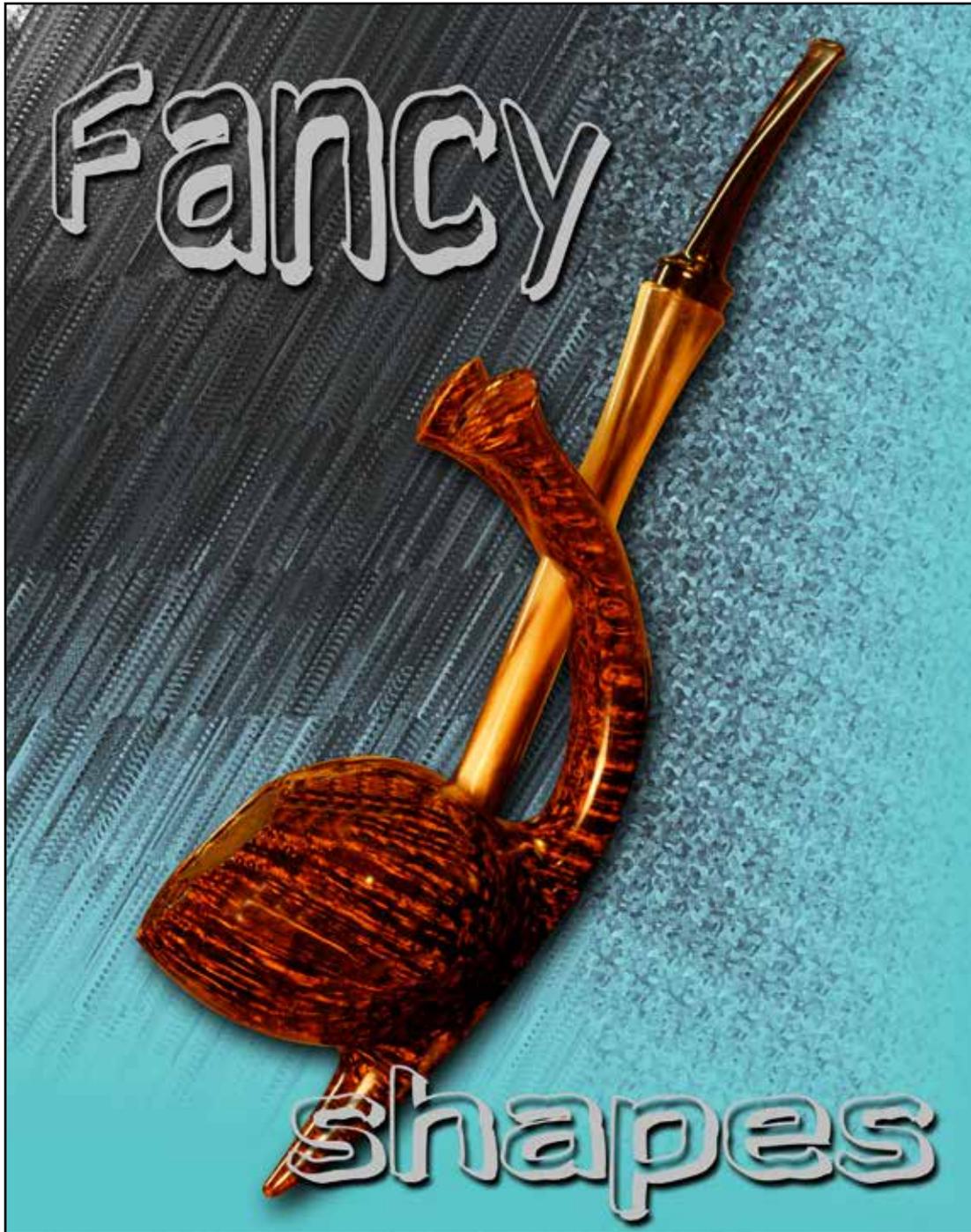


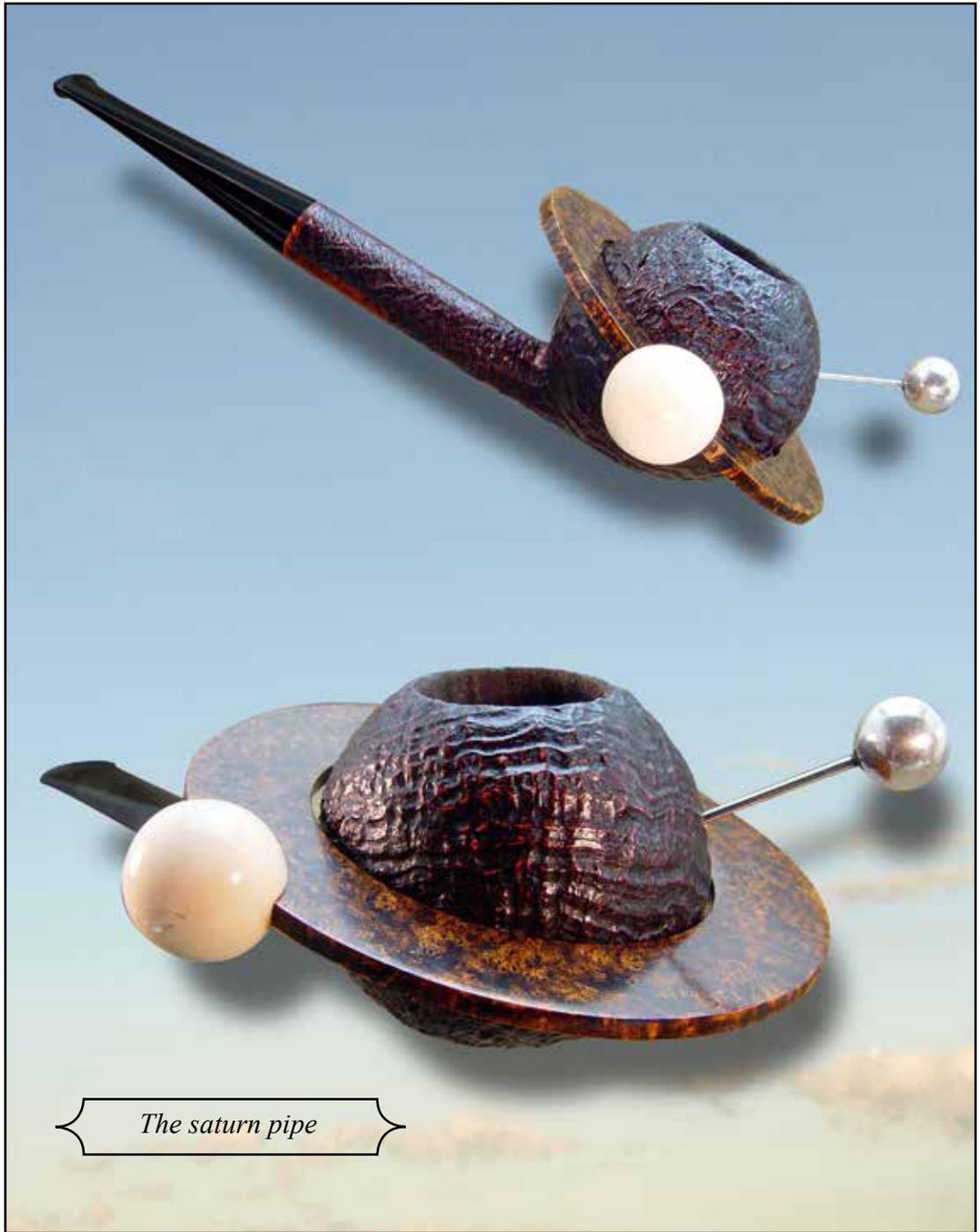
When I was leaving the workshop late in the evening, the pipe was hanging on its stand. It had to dry for at least 24 hours before it could be polished and stamped.

The polishing process takes a lot of time and several thin layers of wax is applied, to assure that the pipe will keep its luster for a long time. After that it is time to stamp the pipe, which is done in Tom's engraving machine.

The final result of Tom's efforts can be seen on the next page. The pipe was completely spot-less and with an exquisite grain. It was so beautiful that it was not only a *Snail*-grade, it was also stamped with an "M" (Masterpiece), the very highest grade of Eltang-pipes. Only one or two pipes of that quality are made a year, so indeed this was a very good day both for Tom and I.







*The saturn pipe*



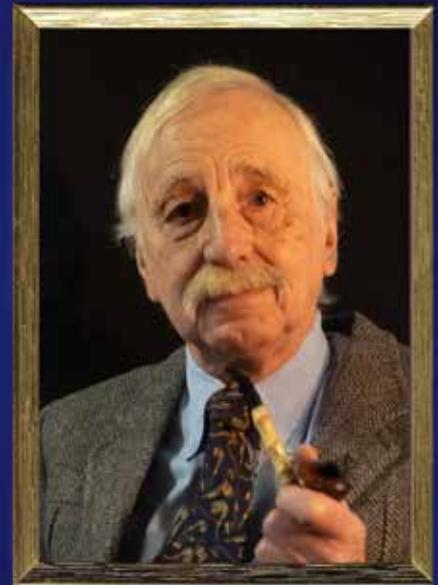
**Tom Eltang** is one of the most talented and skillful pipemakers of our time. He has spent all his adult life making pipes and he is extremely passionate.

Tom has also meant a lot to a number of young Scandinavian pipemakers, whom he has helped getting started making pipes.

This book is a tribute to a very good friend and one of the most creative persons I know.



**Jan Andersson** is the Hon. Secretary of the Pipe Club of Sweden and publisher of the magazine *Rökringar* (Smoke Rings). This is his third book about pipemakers. The first book *Bo Nordh- pipemaker* was published in 2008 and the second *Scandinavian Pipemakers* in 2012. A pipe smoker and collector most of his adult life, Jan lives with his wife in Tyringe, a small village in the southern part of Sweden.



**JANS BILD & TEXT**

ISBN 978-91-519-0876-2