



Duncan's Natter:

Group One Carvers working on the new Guild Sign

We are almost out of winter and the days are getting longer at last, I always like the feeling I get when we turn the corner towards spring, as it gives us all a lift.

Thanks go to Peter McCrae for organizing the demo we had on Saturday by Chris Hooton from Taupo.

Chris gave a very informative demo on sharpening wood turning tools and then went on to explain and demonstrate how to best turn a bowl, as a non-turning woody I felt even I learnt a lot from Chris if only

the basics of turning. So thanks to all involved in the day, from helping to set up the demo and the great afternoon tea provided by the carvers.

Doug has been on the job again readying applications for more funds to be able to purchase new equipment for the workshop, so by this time next month we may know the out come.

We are now gearing up towards our show in November, so it is time for members to get into their sheds to turn out some

products to put on display or for sale, thanks to you all that have put in for a table, it would be great to give Grant and Mike a headache trying to fit you all in to the area we have. We will be needing man/lady power to complete the process of putting on the show so please put up your hand when asked to make the job an easy one.

One hand I would like to see go up would be someone with secretary skills. Any way have a great month. Duncan.

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Finding Tips and Information on Woodcraft

The Guild's Library:

We have a good range of books and dvds and subscribe to some good magazines.

The Guild's Website:

www.taurangawoodcrafters.org

Lots of links to useful sites

The National Association of Woodworkers

Website: - www.naw.org

Links to other clubs, top craftspeople and suppliers

MEETING REPORT

Bulk insurance proposal for clubs - NAW looking into this

Show - Budget of \$2000 approved

More medium signs needed

Better portable screens have been acquired

Planning meeting to be held Thurs. 25th Aug. 2.30pm

Stall-holders, these people asked for stalls: Jacob von Holzen, Jim Dekker, Barwick Harding, Group 1, Roy Tregilgas & Rob Smith, Barry Kenworthy, Shan Robertson, Neil Joynt, Toy group, Robyn Watchorn, Guild stall.

Workshop - experimenting with seating arrangement
Swivel castors needed on one benchsaw

Safety - looking into better switches on both bench saws
looking at designing a sledge for the big bandsaw

School classes - Leaders to have a small budget of \$100 for discretionary spending.

Equipment purchases (Wish List)

Applying to TECT and Bay Trust for funding
\$5000 of Guild funds committed to this.

DEMONSTRATION BY CHRIS HOOTON





In the morning Chris demonstrated sharpening Turning Tools, using the familiar Tru-grind Jig.

In the afternoon he took us step by step through the techniques of Bowl-Turning, He used two Gouges, one with a 30 degree grind for outside and the interior walls of bowls, then one with a 55 degree grind for bowl bottoms.

He emphasized the benefit of getting a good finish with the tools, so that a lot of sanding would not be needed. He expects to start sanding with 240 grit, rather than coarser papers.

He then showed Power Sanding, and as he was working on a very gnarly piece of Swamp Kauri, he showed us wet-sanding, using Paraffin Oil. He then used wire to burn a ring near the lip.



Next came Vacuum Chucking, using an adaptor that was powered by a Compressor. He finished the Base and used a Texturing Tool to make a delicate ring just out from the base.

Finish was with Penetrol Wood Oil and Shellawax.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group One Woodcarvers 2nd & 4th Mon. 9.30am- 3pm-ish.

The last two carving sessions have seen workmanship to the fore. Gavin's shell dish is taking shape, Harry has started a relief carving of irises and Frazer is carving a set of three stylized flower motifs - fit to grace any wall. Alan is thinking ahead to the show and is stock piling his 'axe' paper weights, that have been sought after in previous years. All the rest of the group are pushing ahead with their individual handiwork. It was a busy group that hopefully impressed prospective carvers, Peter and Carol McFetridge (Brother and Sister-in-law) We are looking forward to having them join our group.

This Week's Howler; 'Human beans are smarter than monkeys!' (Does that apply to Donald Trump? Maybe, he is just a has 'bean'!)

Next Meetings; September 12th and 26th
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Group Two Woodturners: 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm

NOTICE TO ALL TAURANGA WOODCRAFTERS GUILD MEMBERS. Group Four will be on Duty on Saturday, 17th September, 2016 and will be presenting the Wig Stands to a great cause. This means that Group Two and Group Three combined will be on Duty for the October Meeting. We apologize if there is any inconvenience, but remember that the items are going to a great cause.

Group Two met on Tuesday, 9th August, 2016. Many Thanks to Marion and Milan Bacica for their donation towards our next turn of Duty in October. Jim Dekker and Milan Bacica brought along items for the 'Show and Tell.' Group Two meet again at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th September, 2016. Seth Douglas 576 5815

Group Three Woodturners: 1st Sat at 9.30am

Group Three met on Saturday, 6th August, 2016 at 9.30 a.m. We had a very good session. A couple of the members were having a well earned holiday in the warmth of Queensland, Australia. We meet again on Saturday, 3rd September, 2016 at 9.30 a.m. N.B. Group Three and Group Two combined, will be on Duty for the October Meeting. Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 5777 9574 Seth Douglas 576 5815

Group Four Woodturners: 1st Tuesday at 1.00pm

Group 4's monthly meeting held on the 2nd August was treated to a busy session with Mike McCarthy. First of all he showed how a bowlsaver should be set up and proceeded to then separate a large block of wood into 2 pieces ready for turning.

He followed this with showing how best to set up a vacuum chuck to allow finishing the bottom of bowls. A most useful demonstration and very well explained.

A practical exercise followed, led by Merv Griffin, where members were led through the making of a wooden mallet. There were some creditable results with members who took part going home with a useful mallet.

We also had a small show and tell table. Jim Sutherland 543 4829

Bowl-saver in action with Mike McCarthy at the tiller!

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Guild Calendar for September

Sat.	3rd at 9.30am	Group 3 Turners
Mon.	5th at 9.30am	Group 1 Carvers
Tues.	6th at 1.00pm	Group 4 Turners
Wed	7th at 9.30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Wed	7th at 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Sat.	10th at 9.00am	Group 6 Toymakers
Tues	13th at 1.30pm	Group 2 Turners
Wed	14th at 6.30pm	Group 6 Night W/shop
Sat	17th at 11.00am	Committee Meeting
Sat	17th at 1.00pm	Full Guild Meeting
	Present Wig Stands	Group 4 on Duty
Mon	19th at 9.30am	Group 1 Carvers
Wed	21st at 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Wed	28th at 6.30pm	Group 6 Night W/shop



GROUP 5 SCROLL-SAW AND INTARSIA

1st Wednesday at 9.30am

The Scroll saw group was well attended and there was a buzz in the workshop with all the new plans and projects in progress, thank you to all the people who bring their scroll saws, we made crosses for a pastor and finished them off at home.

I will be away for the month of September and will be back after 12th of October

Greetings, Japie Volschenk 542 3633

Cute Chalet made by Jacob von Holzen



GROUP 6 TOYMAKING AND OPEN WORKSHOP

2nd Saturday 9.00am, 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6.30pm. No report this month.

Roy Tregilgas 574 7405

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Progress - One Step at a Time

Part way through our building project we started to give some thought to the facilities and equipment we would need, once the workshop was built. Through consultation with Group Leaders we initiated the "Wish List." Thank you to everyone who has contributed their ideas to this list.

Over the months since then, many of the items on the "Wish List" have been provided, and the remaining list has been refined and revised. Workbenches have been made, Scroll-saws have been bought, a couple of lathes have been replaced. At the same time, further needs have been identified and the major machinery items remain on the list.

Now that all the building accounts have been settled, the Guild members have decided that it is time to seek further funding, in order to purchase the items on the Wish List.

While on a recent visit to Auckland I undertook to visit the major suppliers of woodworking machinery, to evaluate and price the main items of Bandsaw, Buzzer and Thicknesser.

As an inveterate bargain hunter and dabbler in second-hand machinery, looking at all this new gear was a novel experience for me. At one end of the range there are top quality Austrian machines, at Mercedes Benz prices! Then there is an array of products from Asia, ranging from the good to the cheap and nasty.

After visiting eight showrooms and talking to a lot of people, I narrowed the choices down to three makes, all from Taiwan. I have obtained quotes for the AMAC from Robertson & Sinclair, the Jet from Carbatec, and the OAV from Vince Ross at the local Powertool Centre. We also obtained separate quotes for some further Turning equipment from Carbatec, Timberly and Vince.

I am happy to say that Vince came up with the best overall price, by a very small margin. So armed with these three quotes, we will now go back to the various funding Charities and make applications for the necessary funds.

Doug St. George

WHAT'S ON AROUND N.Z.?

KAWERAU WOODSKILLS COMPETITION 22nd to 25th September 2016 17 Categories for artistic woodworkers. Entry forms to be received by Friday 19th August. Exhibits to be received by Friday 16th September. Contacts: <lynhughes@orcon.net.nz> <ann.clarke2004@gmail.com> <www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/woodfest>

WOODTURNING NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 29 September to 2 October 2016

Our new venue at Kings College, Otahuhu, Auckland, offers us some exciting new features to add to the past two very successful symposia.

Full information and Registration forms can be found on the South Auckland Woodturners Guild's website: <www.sawg.org.nz> Or email <events@sawg.org.nz>

For those of you who plan to attend the symposium, and enjoy meeting and watching the international and local woodturners there, you have another 10 days to register without penalty. After that we will still be taking registrations but we have added a fee to try to ensure that the cook knows how many people there will be to feed.

If you are not planning to attend you can still come along to the Trade Hall and Instant Gallery between 7:30am and 6:30pm on the Friday or Saturday and the Sunday morning. You are also welcome to come to our Charity Auction of woodturning to benefit St John Youth at 1:00pm Sunday. Last time a number did come up for the day. **No entry fee just a gold coin donation for a coffee.**

Unfortunately we cannot open up the demonstrations for day visitors this year as we pay for the full 3 days if anyone even wants to see one demo.

Anyone is welcome to ring me if they need to find out more

Terry Scott

Last Word:

Experimenting with the Seating: Next time you are in the Workshop, you will see that a corner seating platform has been made to match the existing ones. This set-up remains flexible and can be used in more than one position, as required. Group 4 are on duty for the September Meeting and would like the Guild to try the seating in the present position then, so that we can get a good idea of how well it works.



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