



*Project for the month was Rolling Pins, members were able to explain that different shaped pins were for different purposes*

### THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

It is pleasing to see that around 80 members have renewed their membership for the 2017/2018 year. Regrettably we have lost a few members for various reasons but that must be expected and is balanced by the new members we attract.

The sleepy winter season is all but over and spring is just around the corner. The signs are there. The nights are getting lighter and the grass is starting to grow. I hope that our woodcrafters are waking up also and starting to get productive. The "show and tell" table has been dominated by Group 4's new initiative of a monthly project for the last 2 months. I hear that the project for this month will also be productive so look to a big display of lidded boxes at the September meeting.

It is encouraging to see these projects being enthusiastically adopted. It would be great if the "table" was enhanced by work from the other sections of the Guild. It need not necessarily be new work. We have new members who will be just as interested in pieces you have already produced.

I look forward to being amazed.

*George Yardley, President*

a member club of the national association of woodworkers Inc.

**Hauraki Visit:** Unfortunately the visit by members of the Hauraki Club was cancelled. Many thanks to our members who had risen to the occasion by providing a sumptuous afternoon tea. We did our best, but on our own we were not equal to the task, and quite a lot of food went home again. Hopefully there were some grandchildren on hand to enjoy it!

**Finance:** Some 80 people have paid their subscriptions, *However some have not renewed and will not receive this Newsletter.* Margaret explained the accounts, Insurance has increased markedly, mainly due to the Earthquake Levy.

**Annual Scroll-saw Workshop;** The date for this has been set as 14th April 2018

**Disabled Parking:** We need to keep two car parks free, so that people with walking frames or wheelchairs can have easy access to the ramp, please.

### **Equipment Purchases Wish List:**

The Committee are keen to finalize the current "Wish List," and apply for grants for these major items. We ask that Groups which have requested the various items, be ready to make their case to have them included in the final list.

There are valid arguments for and against most of these items. The Guild needs to hear these, so that they can vote on which items should be included. After that funding applications will be prepared.

#### **The present wish list is as follows:**

Modify two lathes to variable speed.  
Eight inch Grinder and accessories.  
Dremel Tool.  
More lathe chucks.  
Bench Clamping system for Carvers.  
Some more robust Scroll-saws.

A number of smaller items have already been bought or approved:

A Drum Sander for use in Drill-press.

A wheeled base has been fitted to the new Bandsaw.

Additional overhead wires have been fitted for to safely carry power leads to the central area.  
Vacuum cleaners/blowers.

#### **Care of the guild's gear and premises:**

***Please don't use the Guild gear for recycled timber and if you accidentally damage any gear, please report it to John Harrison, or record it on the whiteboard.***

Please always sign the book when coming in to the clubrooms.

In recent days lights have been left on, the kitchen has been left messy, a bandsaw has been left connected to the power.

Please keep the kitchen doors shut, to keep dust out.

*We appear to be missing one lathe chuck, if you have taken it home by accident, please bring it back.*

**Safety and First Aid** We will be asking St.John Ambulance to provide a speaker on this important topic, hopefully next month.

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**Show Dates Show Dates Show Dates Show Dates Nov. 17th, 18th, 19th. 2017**  
***Mea Culpa*** - I have previously omitted to publish the dates of this year's Show!

Some revision of signs and their placement is underway. Our usual vendors are being invited again. If there are any particular items that you would like Vince, of the Powertool Centre, to have on display, please contact Stephanie or George.

If you are planning to have a stall, hopefully you are getting on with preparing your exhibits.



*Fretwork Box  
by Japie Volschenk*



*Turned Lidded Boxes  
by Mike McCarthy.*

**SOME OF THE WORK ON DISPLAY**

*Boxes featuring Spalted Sycamore  
by Mike Buck.*

*Novelty Box  
by Derek Kerwood*





*Bowl in Lawson Cypress by George Yardley  
Marquetry Picture by Jacob Von Holzen*



*Bowl in Figured Willow by Mike McCarthy*



### **DEMONSTRATION**

Mike Buck showed us how the new sanding drums work. They fit in the drill press and do a great job of sanding curved pieces.

Lawson Worsnop then presented a slide show, based on his recent visit to the American Assn of Woodturners Annual Symposium in Kansas City, Missouri.

There was a great range of work on display, featuring artistic pyrography and texturing, cutouts, colour, novelty items and carved turnings.

He also showed some of the local wildlife and the cactus and scrub vegetation. Then a quick tour of a racing car museum, whales in Cairns, and magnificent woodcarving in Italy.

### **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**Group One: Woodcarvers** 2nd & 4th  
Mon of the month, 9.30 am – 3.00pm.

Group One has had 3 successful gatherings since our last report. The usual two, at the clubrooms, with the eager swapping of ideas, tips and general chitchat. Progress on all work was made, in spite of all the discussions. Bob Ferguson intrigued us all with his tiny scroll saw giraffe couples with their entwined necks and his rather cute gecko. It was good to see Stephanie putting the finishing touches to her two turned



*Group One visited  
Thomas Hansen's workshop in June*

woolwinding sticks and Billy Bishop putting the first coat on his completed 'Dolphin'. Phil worked on his Genghis Khan portrait - complete with 'Dreadlocks'! Tom Coomber is still working on his intricate chain, while Ivan managed to snatch a very few minutes when not helping others, to work on his latest project - a fox terrier dog. Barwick Harding had been busy making and carving a number of 'Spec' Stands to be sold at our show. We will hopefully see more at our next meeting. We were also impressed to watch his sister Belinda, from 'Aussie,' carve her first piece – a creditable effort too!

This is the time of year that the Carvers traditionally have a social event. – Photos attached. Thomas Hansen was our guest speaker in June had kindly invited us to his workshop, a fascinating experience. Everybody was impressed. He certainly has 'Kiwi Ingenuity' down to a fine art. His multiple carving setup was intriguing, dusty and noisy. But fun to play with. Most had a little play! We all appreciated him giving up his precious time to make us welcome. Our successful social event ended in the Patio Rose (Villa Ridge) café. Our thanks to Barwick for organizing such an enjoyable event.

Next meetings – Aug 28th, Sept 11th. & 25th

Ivan Watchorn (07) 308 7914. Barwick Harding – 544 9094 or Jean Crabtree at 576 9011..

### **Group Two and Three: Woodturners**

GROUP TWO meets on Tuesday, 12th September at 1.30 p.m. and GROUP THREE meets on Saturday, 2nd September at 9.30 a.m.. Seth Douglas 576 5815. Jim Reilly 577 9574

### **Group Four: Woodturners**

1st Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Starters Class 1st Tues & 4th Wed at 9.30 am

Since our last group report we have had another session with our starters group where participants either made lidded boxes or a goblet and all progressed well.

We have now reached the stage where the starters' needs are really more time spent on the lathe. To this end we will continue, at present, with meeting on the same days per month, with the projects and wood supply being decided by themselves and with at least one experienced turner in attendance on each occasion.

Our monthly group 4 meeting held on 1st August gave us a look at some interesting 'show and tell' items along with an impressive display of rolling pins which was our monthly project. They came in all shapes and sizes but the most popular wood to use was Kauri. The workmanship was very good. Our President took an adventurist approach to the task and produced what could be called a folding version.



*Group One Carvers on their mid-winter social outing*



*Colin Milne is our Pen-making Maestro.*

Our main event for the day was a demonstration by Colin Milne showing how he makes these fine looking pens he is noted for producing. There was keen interest in the process and the whole business was ably shown and coolly explained. The ease with which he uses CA glue types to effect a finish I found interesting in itself. He used Camphor wood for his demonstration which gave a pleasing finished colour and he also had a small display of previously completed pens of various shapes. Jim Sutherland 543 4829

## Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

July 19th; We only had five attend as a lot of our members had the Flu. Bob Ferguson had his new Scroll saw, an upmarket Carbatec 16" Variable Speed Scroll Saw. Bob does a lot of Scroll saw work and has already worn out two of the cheaper Scroll saws, so decided to invest in one of better quality. He decided on a 16" as this is all that will fit in his shed, and is easier to transport to the Clubrooms.

August 2nd; We had 16 members at this meeting with most of them working on their projects.

August 5th; My Wife and I went along to Jack Williams' funeral. We were the only ones present from our Guild, but I suppose there were not many who knew him when he was a member of our Club. He was the Group Leader of Group 6 until it folded through not enough members in the Group. He had resigned from the Guild a few years ago. Jack was 92 years, and his memorial service was held at the Tauranga Crematorium, and then the family were taking Jack's Body down to Raetihi in his Daughter's bus, where he was born for another service for Jack's Family. He was then being taken to his Wife's Tribal land for burial, near Whanganui.

August 16th; we had 11 members present at this meeting, and we had a talk about our Group's needs. The first was suitable tables, capable to hold three to six Scroll saws. We will consider what is available, but may have to design something more suitable. These tables will need to be very solid, at the right height, and able to be folded up. We also talked about the purchase of some better quality scroll saws.

**Group 5 are On Duty for the next meeting.**

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*The Late Jack Williams.*

*Bob Ferguson with his new Scroll-saw.*



### GUILD CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Sat. 2nd @ 9.30am	Group 3 Turners
Tues. 5th @ 9.30am	Group 4 Starters
Tues 5th @ 1.30pm	Group 4 Turners
Wed 6th @ 9.30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Sat. 9th @ 9.30 am	Group 7 Toymakers
Mon. 11th @ 10.00am	Group 1 Carvers
Tues 12th @ 1.30pm	Group 2 Turners
Wed 13th @ 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Wed 13th @ 6.30pm	Group 6 & 7 W'shop
Sat. 16th @ 10.30am	Committee meets
Sat. 16th @ 1.30pm	Guild Meeting.
Wed. 20th @ 9.30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Sat 23th @ 9.30am	Group 6 Workshop
Mon. 25th @ 10.00am	Group 1 Carvers.
Wed 27th @ 10.00am	Group 4 Starters
Wed 27th @ 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Wed 27th @ 6.30 pm	Group 6 Workshop
Sat 30th @ 9.30 am	Group 6 Workshop

## Group 6: Open Workshops

2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm 4th Sat at 9.30am

Good to see Emma and Stephnie back from the US of A, sounds like they had a good trip. Mags is still away in Ireland and will be away for a couple of weeks yet, otherwise the group is rolling along nicely.

Meeting dates for Sept. (Spring, yipee ) are. Wed. 13th and 27th at 6.30pm, Sat. 30th at 9.30am

Roy Tregilgas 574 7405

## Group 7: Toymakers

Second Sat. at 9.30am & 4th Wed night at 6.30pm

Roy and Mike have decided that the 4th Wed night being the Open Workshop night, will also be for the Toy Group. This will mean the Toy Group will now meet twice a month 2nd Sat:Morning

Mike Buck 574 4525

FOR SALE second hand Nova 1500 lathe.  
Twin bar bed type, in very good condition.  
Same model as the one pictured.  
Contact Jim Sutherland 543 4829



## PARTICIPATION 2017

Good news and bad news:

First the bad. All our lathes have been booked for hire. If we have more customers who really need one then we will have to negotiate with one of the locals to get their lathe out of the shed. Nothing impossible and I am sure that some need a bit of time out in the fresh air.

Second the good news. There are now more people to share your time, questions and talents with. Come along and bring your favourite or most problematic projects.

No apologies for duplicate addresses in this email or for sending it to people who are already registered to attend. Please give all your mates a nudge.

Registration form attached. If you want food this must get to our treasurer by 1 September.

## Editor's Comment

*Doug St.George*

Is there an aspiring Editor out there?

My wife and I are planning an extended overseas trip, starting in April next year. That seems like a good time for me to finally step down from my responsibilities within the Guild.

Over the last ten years I have been successively: President, Building Project Convener, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. It has been a solid effort and I would now like to step back and leave things in the capable hands of others. Maybe even spend more time in my own workshop!

So if putting words on paper, with the odd picture thrown in, is something you would like to do for the Guild - then give me a call, or talk to President George.

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