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Guild Meetings; 3rd Saturday afternoon of each month 1.00pm at our Guild rooms.

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Next Meeting; Saturday 20th September. 2014

Group on duty; Group 3; Woodturning Group

Demonstration-Speaker; Chris Brommell.

Ponderings of the Month

It is with great sadness to hear that Ralph Harding has passed away. Our condolences go to Marie and the family. Ralph was a man of integrity and during the 14 years that he was a member of the Guild he served on occasions both as the secretary and the workshop manager. His friendship and experience will be greatly missed; I'm sure by all of us.

Integrity reminds us of the China wall. To protect themselves from the barbaric hordes from the north, the people of China built themselves a Great Wall. It was so high that nobody could climb over it and it was so thick that nobody could break through it. During the first three hundred years of the walls existence, China was invaded three times. The enemy didn't try to break down the wall; they simply bribed the gatekeepers and marched in. While those who built the wall were relying on the stone wall for protection, they neglected to teach integrity to their children. As a result they grew up without moral or spiritual principles to guide them.

When it comes to integrity, here are some questions that we could ask ourselves,

Am I the same, no matter who I'm with?

Am I willing to make decisions that are best for others, even though another choice would benefit me more?

Can I be counted on to keep commitments I've made to God, myself and others?

Don't seek fame, seek to serve others. If you do, your impact will be greater than your image and your eternal reward greater than anything you can drive, wear, live-in, or hang on the wall.

Peter



MEETING REPORT;

Members in attendance; There were 33 members present at our meeting today

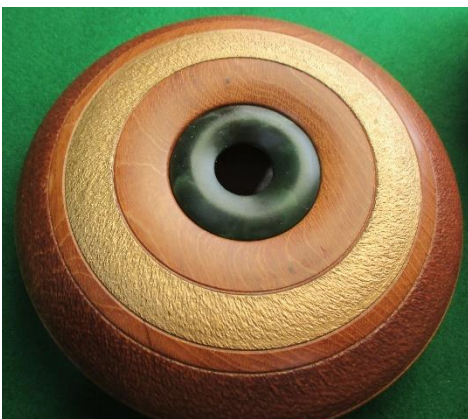
New Members; we welcome David Foster, Wian and Conrad Grasmus, as new members to our Guild.

Guild Rules; there has been some concern from members about how some member are using the machines in the workshop. It was suggested that the Group leaders, if they see members not using the machines correctly, to stop the machine and talk to them.

Membership Forms; for all new members, and for members renewing their membership, there **must be a membership form filled out.** This is most important, as if a member pays in cash with no form, we have no record of it as a membership payment. In future if there is no membership form filled out, the money you pay may be regarded as a donation and your name will not be on the members' list. I also notice that the forms we put out this year didn't have a place for an email address. I have added this into the form now, plus a note at the bottom for members paying by direct credit to also fill one in too. This is very important, as we have had one new member who paid this way, and we had no details about him.

Raffle; was won by Brian Crawford

Critique; there were several nice articles on the table today. Lawson Worsnop did the critique.



Photos 1 & 2 above were turned by Grant Parker

Harry Bimler shaped this piece of wood to show off the grain in the wood



Rob smith said his Coasters with the scroll sawn pattern evolved from having coasters made from glass which stuck the wine glass each time it was picked up. The plastic centres were made to take out to wash them.

Our Guest Speaker was Harry Bimler talking about his life as a deer stalker, deer farmer and trophy hunter. Harry was brought up on a farm that his father was able to buy, after many years of hard work. It was covered with gorse and blackberries, and his father had to work in the bush to earn a living. Harry learnt to shoot as a boy, and used to shoot rabbits, and earn money by selling the skins. He left school when he was 15 and after putting his age up to 18 got a job as a deer stalker. He said they had to get at least



one deer a day, or they would be down the road. After many years of working for the Government as a deer stalker, he to go out on his own shooting deer. He later got his first live deer, a baby one which he reared. At that time it was illegal to have deer, as they were regarded as a pest. He started to breed some, and was fined for keeping them. Later he started one of the first deer farms in New Zealand. Harry and his wife had made a good living as deer farmers, and were able to travel all over the world trophy hunting too. Harry has many trophy's in his house. He has appeared on TV three times, and has written a book of his life story.

Thanks Harry for a great talk.

Selby West



From the Editors desk;

Hello Fellow Woodworkers,

I will not be at our next meeting and the September Newsletter is going to be quite a lot later going out. I will still expect to receive the reports as usual and will be putting the Newsletter together while we are away, so it will be ready to be sent when we arrive back home.

Selby West

Ralph Harding's' Memorial

There was about 12 members from our Guild who went to Ralph Harding's Memorial which was great, as it was never in the papers. Ralph was unable to attend meetings the last few months because of ill health, but was a very active member of our Guild for about 14 or so years. He was Secretary from 2006 to 2007, and our Workshop manager for several years as well. He was also a member of Group 5

Selby West

What's on in our Guild and other Guilds around New Zealand?

Group One. Woodcarvers. Clubrooms. Monday 8th September 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Ivan Watchorn Ph. 07 308 7914

Group Two; Woodturners. Tuesday 9th September 2014. At the Guild rooms 1.30pm

Contact Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815

Group Three; Woodturners. Saturday 6th September 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Jim Reilly Ph. 577 9574

Group Four; Woodturners. Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at the Guild rooms 1.00pm.

Contact John Adnitt Ph. 576 9130 or Harry Bimler Ph. 572 071

Group Five; Scrollsaw and Intarsia. Wednesday 3rd September at the Guild rooms 9.30 am

Contact Lauren Tubby Ph. 5720104

Group Six; Toy Makers. Saturday 13th & 27th September 9.30am, at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

Group Seven; Night Shift. Wednesday 10th & 24th September 6.30pm to 9.30 pm at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

Woodcraft Classes for Home School Students; Wednesday 3rd & 17th September

Contact Doug Ph. 573 8399



Main Meeting; Saturday 20th September. at the Guild rooms

Woodturning NZ International Symposium; 2nd to 5th October 2014 at Wesley College Paerata.

More information on www.sawg.org.nz

Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild Annual Show; 14th, 15th, 16th November at the Mt. Maunganui Sports Centre, Maunganui Road



Group Reports

Group one Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday 9.30am There was a full complement of 12 carvers at our meeting this month. Space was at a premium! Roll on our new premises. In addition, we were thrilled to have Ken Hawkeswood back amongst us. He hasn't changed. He spent his time reforming and sharpening all of Harry's chisels on Harry's special chisel sharpening device. Ever cheery, ever helpful. Is it any wonder that we miss him?



Everyone was busy. Alan brought along his completed vintage car. A fine result capped by tiny delicate, wooden letters standing proud, spelling the detail of the car and individually crafted by the Master scroll-sawyer, Jacob. Von Holzen! How does he do it? Gluing them on to the background of the 'picture', alone, really tested Alan's skills! Barwick continued with his 'Girl's Head' between selecting and sharpening other's chisels for them, to His very high standard. He also brought along a 'Blackwood' bowl trophy, he made for a local Garden Club. The first recipient was Suzanne Harding! Successfully ambitious Tom has started a 3D arum lily. Ivan was too busy mentoring Lexie, Marianna and, son, Easton to work on his 'Tui'. Our newer carvers are all showing promise and making steady progress with their first carvings. Geoff is another who is always ready to lend a helping hand. Our thanks to him too.

Our usual midyear social potluck luncheon was another great success. Our thanks to our long suffering hosts, Tom and Alison Comber, who opened up their home yet again. We really are a united 'Group'. Stephanie organised a birthday, cake for the three that tick off another year within a few weeks of each other about this time!

Next Meeting; Monday September 8th. 9.30am.

This week's Howler; 'Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas' --Logical, isn't it?

Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn Phone (07) 308 791

Group Two Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday 1.30pm

Group Two met on Tuesday, 12th August 2014 at 1.30 pm at 60 Milton Road and we were on Duty for the August Guild meeting. Preparations were being made for the Saturday 16th just a few days away. Harry Bimler had agreed to be the Guest Speaker for the August for the Guild meeting and he did us proud. "Thanks you Harry" two little boys shouted at the minister, "Hey minister, the Devil's dead," "in that case," he answered, "I must



pray for two fatherless bairns". Many thanks to Peter Hoggard for the afternoon tea on Tuesday and also many thanks to the people who provided for the Saturday meeting. A number of the Group for different reasons weren't going to be able to come and Lawson Worsnop and Grant Parker kindly filled in with the provisions. Thanks once again. We will meet again in September at the Guild rooms Tuesday, September 9th 2014 at 1.30pm

Seth Douglas 576 5815

Group Three Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am

Group Three met on Saturday August 2nd 2014 and enjoyed another session of 'Tricks of the Trade' and thanks to Jim Reilly for showing us how to turn very small objects on the lathe with ease. We have been feeling the cold weather these mornings and of course we are getting older etc. 'Old Angus ended up in Hospital with splinters of glass in his tongue. "How did that happened" asked the nurse. Angus's tongue was too full of splitters him to explain. Helpfully, the nurse gave him a pencil and a sheet of paper. He wrote; "I dropped a bottle of whisky on the kitchen floor."

We meet again on Saturday, 6th September 2014 at 9.30am "Happy turning in the meantime" we are on duty for the September Guild meeting. We have arranged Chris Brommell to show us something etc. NB A plate please with something on it. The smaller Groups have only got to have a few less Group regulars who are unable to attend, which leaves the afternoon tea to be shared, a half biscuit each!

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

Group Four Woodturners; 1st Tuesday of the month 1.30pm

Group 4 met at Mike Bucks place. At Papamoa. Where Mike gave an interesting and informative talk and



Photo 1 Mike with a bending former



Photo 2 the completed handle



Photo 3 the former used to bend the wood



Photo 4 clamping the wood to the former



Photo 5 showing how to feed thin wood through the thicknesser



Photo 6 template for cheeseboard



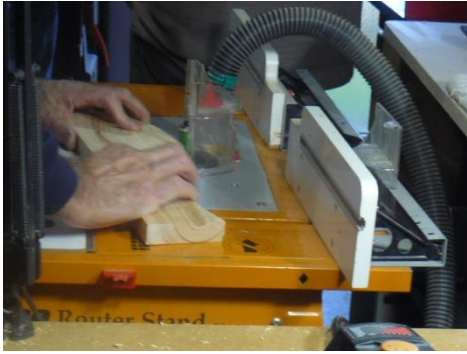


Photo 7 cleaning up the wood demonstration.



Photo 8 a sledge for the saw bench



Photo 9 a sledge for cutting mitres

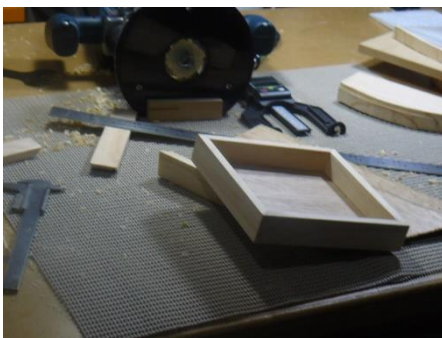


Photo 10 a small tray box.

He showed us how to scribe a line to cut on the band saw. He used a Vernier calliper with one of its jaws ground down to do this.

He then showed us how to run fine pieces of wood through the thicknesser while avoiding snipe. He then demonstrated how he bends laminated wood using one of his jigs. Next was tapering wood for lamination then making a wavy cheese board. This was followed by showing us how to cut mitres and keyway slots to join mitre corners using sledges., how to mitre a box side when it is higher than the depth of the saw blade, then making a small tray with mitred corners.

We then moved into his house where afternoon tea was provided.

Contacts; John Adnitt Ph. 576 9130 and Harry Bimler Ph. 572 2071

Group Five; *Scrollsaw and Intarsia*; 1st Wednesday of the month 9.30am at the Guild rooms

We had two visitors to our monthly meeting this month. Our marquetry pictures are coming along nicely and we are all looking forward to seeing the finished results. This month Jacob started by demonstrating how he glued the picture to the backing board and clamped everything together while the glue dried. We then had to square up our pictures, and cut the veneer to make a frame to go around them and attach it with cellotape, so that the pictures were ready for us to glue down and sand between meetings. On the display table we had another marble game that Barry had made by adapting one of Jacob's creations, My apologies to other members who had items on the table, but I did not make a note of them.

For club members who are not taking part in our marquetry project, please remember you are always welcome to come along and work on your own intarsia or other fretwork project. Barry Kenworthy will always be happy to help you if you have any problems. We will probably be having another group marquetry project, and if any of you are interested in doing a group intarsia project please let me know.

Our next group meeting will be held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 3rd September commencing at 9.30am,

Visitors are always welcome. We are happy to make a Scrollsaw available if you would like to have a try to see if this is the hobby for you. Please bring your lunch, we will supply the cuppa.

Lauren Tubby

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Group *Six Toy Makers*; 2nd and 4th Saturday 9.00am at the Guild rooms

As the toy group tend to be mainly making things for our show in November, Mike our show organiser has found we are short on lolly bowls and the majority of our group are not turners so the call is out for help from the turning groups to make bowls of about 125mm dia, and 75mm deep. These are good money makers for the Guild. Please help.

Our Sept. meetings are Sat. 13th and 27th at 9-00am

See you there

Roy

Group *Seven Night Shift*;

No new news to report this month.

September meetings are 10th and 24th at 6-30pm

See you all there,

Roy

Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

Building Project *Report*; August 2014

Last month I reported that our application for Building Consent, had been lodged with Council.

The law requires that applications are processed within 21 working days. On about day 18 I received a couple of phone calls, to clarify a few points. "Good," I thought, "They are on the job, not long now!"

On day 21 we received by mail, a list of 22 questions to be answered before further processing could be done. Jane, our architect, considers this to be a record! About five of the questions required some further work by the architect and engineer. With the rest it was a matter of pointing out, as politely as possible, that the information had already been supplied, and where it was to be found.

The updated package of information was delivered to the Council offices on Friday 15th August. As Ken Frew, our contractor says, "All documents were lodged with Council this afternoon, we wait with baited breath!!" Hopefully we will soon be able to swing into some real action.

Doug St.George.

Home school Class

Winter ills have kept some of our students at home, as the winter term starts. However this has meant that we could give closer attention to helping those who were present, with their projects. Seeing their excitement with the success of their efforts, is all the reward we need.

Hopefully with new and bigger premises, we will be able to take more youngsters into this class. We ask you as members, to consider joining us in passing on some basic skills to these kids.

Doug St.George



Show Report (August)

At our recent meeting the number of Trade & Members stalls stand at 17.

Trade Stalls:-

“Timberley” (Terry Scott) –

“Record Tools” (Mike Davies)

“Power Tools” (Vince Ross)

“Tree Workx Sandpaper” (Ron & Heather)

We have not heard back from Graham Oliver (“Tree Workx”)

Members Stalls:-

1 Mike Buck & Roy Tregilgas (Share)

2 Peter Seaton

3 Mike McCarthy

4 Laureen & Lou Tubby

5 Barry Kenworth

6 Rob Smith

7 Colin Milne

8 Jacob Von Holzen

9 Dereck Kerwood

10 the Carving Group

“Woodcrafters Toy Table”

“Lolly Bowl Table”

“Feature Display Table”

If there are anyone else who is interested in a stall or wishes to withdraw please contact Mike Buck ASAP.

We are endeavouring to still have Displays from other Craft Groups as we did last year, being the - “Quilters” – “Embroidery Group” – “Floral Arts” and we are trying to get a Working Weaving Loom & Spinning Wheels also.

“The Lolly Bowls” Last year Mike Harold organized and made the bowls, quite a few of them were needed, but sadly he is no longer with us. So it would be great if others could make some. Thanks.

Mike Buck





These are the five charitable trusts which have given us grants for our new building

