



Have a safe and merry Christmas
and have a wonderful, and happy 2018.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

To all Members and their families I wish you all the very best Seasons Greetings.

Our Guild continues to expand and we now have around 90 members spread across a variety of disciplines. A number of members embrace more than one discipline e.g. turning and scroll saw and the Open Workshops see people completing a wide variety of projects.

We have had excellent use of our facilities which, on average, have 25 meetings or workshops every month. These facts were useful in supporting the Guild's application for a lotteries grant.

Completing these applications and the new Performance Reports required for Charities is no longer a simple process. Over the next few Newsletters I plan to share with you some excerpts from these. This may be helpful for others in the future having to prepare these.

What community need do you propose to meet:

We do not have specific clients or target markets. We regard the whole community as being able to benefit from what we offer i.e. the development of woodcraft skills within the community from school children to adults, males, females, all ethnicities and creeds. With the demise of adult education in schools, e.g. night schools, there is a practical need that is no longer being met which we are now providing. Our "schools" program is not available elsewhere in the region. This is proving hugely successful and of immense benefit to the children.

a member club of the national association of woodworkers Inc.



We also provide an outlet for the development of woodcraft skills in a positive and supportive atmosphere. This also caters for a social need essential in particular sectors of our region and community.

How will you address the need:

- By developing, providing and maintaining the appropriate facilities and equipment together with competent instructors;

Home Schools Tutors Needed

If you are able to help please talk to Doug St George.

We particularly need some scroll saw help and assistance with other areas.

The Home School meets twice a month on Wednesday afternoons.

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- By continually reviewing and adapting to the needs of the community in our areas of expertise;
- By providing the facilities and equipment; and
- By providing appropriate instruction.

2018 is upon us. Embrace it, make the most of it and enjoy it. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.
Slainte, George Yardley, President

MEETING REPORT

The December 2017 meeting was the Xmas BBQ for Guild members and there was no general meeting.

Group Reports: These are included in the newsletter.

Finance: Margaret presented the Financial report to the Committee meeting.

Committee Changes: Doug St George has resigned from the committee (he remains as a Guild member). George Yardley proposed to the committee that Phil Hansen replace Doug, and this was approved.

Introducing New Members: Colin King, Phil Aldwinckle and Kae Choo joined as new members.

Equipment Maintenance Issues: Nothing noted.

Equipment Wish List: At the November meeting the Guild members approved self funding for part of the wish list. George has subsequently prepared an overall funding request to submit to the Lions.

COGS Funding: George has submitted the COGS funding grant request.

Magazine Subscription Renewals: The committee agreed to renew the 24 month subscription to the UK Turners Magazine.

SAFETY MOMENT

Take care on the roads out there this summer holiday season folks. We want you back safe and sound in the New Year.

DEMONSTRATION

No demonstration was organised since the the December meeting was an end of year social BBQ event. Note: Group Four - Turners - will be on Duty for the January 2018 meeting.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group One: Woodcarvers 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 9.30 am to 3.00pm.

The final woodcarvers group meeting of the year was attended by 17 people and included a new prospective member - Kae Choo, recently arrived from Malaysia. It was also the occasion of Jean's birthday and she put on a scrumptious feast for the whole group while Stephanie supplied a beautiful cake.

A large variety of carving work has been progressing. Tom has completed his complex carving of a Shell and had sanded it "baby bottom smooth". Since the last meeting Phil had also finished his Eagle

from macrocarpa. The diversity of work, which is underway, is amazing. Barwick was working on his carving inspired by a folk story on a Swedish Krona banknote. Geoff's camphor wood walking stick is developing nicely. Ivan's Lama is looking great, but as per normal he was generously giving



much of his time to helping other members. Fraser continued with his Celtic cross from oak. Several members - Stephanie, Jean, Gavin, Billy, Harry Pemberton, Tom and Phil - have started or are developing relief carvings. Alan oiled his latest set of wooden stirrers for home cooks and began a new line in oven tray push sticks made from Totara. Harry Bimler and Ivan were busy creating a prosthetic leg to solve an issue with a new wolf carving.

Chris showed off the development of his kauri tree root sculpture.

And finally our new prospective member - Kae Choo - was preparing timber blanks for carving some spoons.

Next Meeting: Jan 22nd 2018
Phil Hansen for Ivan Watchorn (07) 308 7914.

Group Two and Three: Woodturners

*Group 2 meets 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm.
Group 3 meets 1st Saturday at 9.30am.*

Group 2 will meet again on January 9th 2018, but there will be no Group 3 meeting in January.

Many thanks to Milan Bacica and Trevor Martin for showing off new items of their excellent work.



Group Two Seth Douglas [576 5815](tel:5765815)
Group Three. Jim Reilly [577 9574](tel:5779574)

Group Four: Woodturners

Group 4 Woodturners - 1st Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Group 4 Learners - 1st Tuesday & 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

Our Learners course continues with reasonable success and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the experienced turners who have assisted in coaching during the year and willingly given up their time for the cause. They have been a great asset.

27 members attended our Dec. 5th meeting and after a brief discussion on the possible direction of our intended programme for 2018 we moved on to our "show and tell" items along with our months project. I had expected a larger project entry but what we had on display showed good workmanship, was well finished, some to a very high standard indeed. It was a very pleasing display.



Mike Buck was our demonstrator for the day and he ably took us through his method of using the Buzzer, Thicknesser and Sawbench with safety always to the fore. First up he explained his way of ensuring or achieving a squared length of wood on the buzzer and how/where to put pressure on the wood being worked on while feeding it through. Next it was the turn of the thicknesser and he showed a very clever way to avoid "snipe" while dealing with short pieces of wood using longer lengths of shoulder wood. Then it was on to straightening a twisted plank using a flat surface along with wedges and thin side pieces which were held in place with double sided tape. His final demonstration involved use of the sawbench with self made guides, appropriate pushsticks and squaring everything up before use. The pace and delivery of his demo was excellent. Many thanks to Mike from everyone.

Group 4 now have no 1st Tuesday meeting until the 6th February 2018 (this is Waitangi day), but the Learners group will resume on Wed. January 24th. Group 4 has duty responsibility for the Guild meeting on the 20th January, which means we have each to bring a plate and look after the catering.
Jim Sutherland 543 482

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

We have been getting new members along to our Scrollsaw Group each meeting. This is good to see, and they are all keen to be doing something. At the last meeting of the year most members were working on projects, and there was quite a lot of work on display again. Grant Parker had another three items of work in the last Creative Wood Magazine, and this time he won the prize. There is a lot of excellent done in our Club, and it can be any sort of woodwork to enter into this competition. The 1st meeting for 2018 will be on Jan. 17th.

Selby West 578 8934

Japie Volschenk 5423633



*Leigh Morris' Scroll Saw Boxes
and a bowl*



*Barry Kenworthy's Cock Pheasant
strutting nicely*

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Group 6: Open Workshops

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

This group restarts on January 10th 2018.

Roy Tregilgas 574 7405

Group 7: Toymakers Second Saturday at 9.30am . We will meet again on January 13th 2018.

Mike Buck 574 4525

Thursday Students

Well another term has gone by and of course so has the year of 2017. We had our celebration for this last term on Thursday 7th December and it was great to see the student's reaction when they saw all their project work laid out on the work benches. It was a very special moment for all the Tutors as this group had been a bit of a slog to get them to interact with us, but they were very animated on this final day and had a good time with games we had for them. The projects they took home were: a cut out picture of a bird; a Jacobs ladder; a spinning top; tool box; horses head; a dolphin, and stool with a lid.

The next group will start in early February and at this stage we will again have two schools on each Thursday.

Thanks to all the guys in the Guild for their time and effort over 2017. If anyone else would like to join us as a tutor and get the same kicks we get, please get in touch.

From the Thursday Student Tutors we wish everyone a great and happy Christmas.

Duncan Campbell 543 2590

Homeschool Students

The Homeschool term also ended for the year. A huge vote of thanks to all the volunteer tutors who gave their time during 2017. If teaching kids the basics of using a Scroll-saw or Lathe is something you would like to help with, please have a chat with Doug St. George.
 Doug St. George 573 8399



Braydon Collins with his placemat & box, and Saul Nahi with his cutting board

GUILD CALENDAR FOR JAN 2018

Tues. 9th @ 9:30am	Group 2 Turners
Sat. 13th @ 9:30am	Group 7 Toymakers
Wed. 10th @ 6:30pm	Group 6 Workshop
Wed. 17th @ 9:30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Sat. 20th @ 10:30am	Committee Meeting
Sat. 20th @ 1:00pm	Guild Meeting
Mon. 22nd @ 9:30am	Group 1 Carvers
Wed. 24th @ 9:30am	Group 4 Learners
Wed. 24th @ 6:30pm	Group 6 Workshop
Sat. 27th @ 9:30am	Group 6 Workshop

DUTY ROSTER - 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

January 2018	Group 4
February 2018	Group 5
March 2018	Group 6 & 7
April 2018	Group 1
May 2018	Group 4
June 2018	Group 5
July 2018	Group 6 & 7

Last Word: from Phil Hansen

Several thank-you notes have been recorded in this newsletter for the volunteers who support Guild activities so generously with their time.

My "Last Word" this month is also to record a special vote of thanks from all of us to our President George Yardley who has done such a great job for the Guild in 2017. The amount of effort, patience, and research he has put into preparing the Performance Report, and funding Grant Application paperwork has been considerable. This is a real minefield of rules and regulations. George has shown great tenacity when others would have given up.

*His effort has been huge.
 Thank-you George!*

Have a very enjoyable & safe festive season and all the best for 2018.

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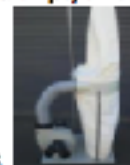
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