



# TAURANGA WOODCRAFTERS GUILD INC NEWSLETTER

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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 16th January 2016 Group on duty; Group 6 Workshop Group

Demonstration-Speaker:

**From our President;**

Presidents thoughts for December 2015.

Well we have arrived at end of another year, and most of us will be asking what happened to the last 12 months. As a group of wood crafters the year has been one of many ups really, when you look at the new building we have now completed all bar the shouting, and a little paper work. Earlier in the year we had our annual Scroll Saw day, which was enjoyed by all who attended, then our AGM with a change of leadership, and on a personal note the president disappeared for just over 6 weeks to the UK, then we started to erect the last stage of our building, while getting ready for our annual Show, which has been another success for us (money wise), thanks to George Yardley and Stephanie Simpson. The building as I said earlier has all but been completed, thanks again to Doug St George and Mike McCarthy for their efforts. We have also had some very good and interesting speakers this year and different demonstrations from overseas demos on turning, another from Sorby tools, even the talks that have not been on wood crafting have been interesting, such as Lawson's talk on health and diet, and to today's talk from Paula Von Holzen on the tragic event on the first ascent of The Matterhorn peak in Switzerland, and the lessons that were learnt from that tragic event, I think we could all take some lessons from the result of that climb, i.e. plan, prepare, have the best tools for the job you can get, communicate with your team. Thank you Paula for your time and sharing the story with us.

Our year with the younger set has been an interesting time of learning for both the students and the members that have been able to help out with their skills, with both the home school students and the group of students from Gate Pa and Merivale schools, it was great to see the look of satisfaction on the faces of these students when they had completed a project.

It is good to see the different groups growing also in numbers, such as the cavers and the open workshops both on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings, it means our new club rooms are being used as we wanted them to be used, so thanks to all the leaders for their efforts.

I, with Pamela, would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and may you all be safe where ever you travel, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Cheers Duncan.

**MEETING REPORT;**

**Member's present;** there were 34 members plus 2 visitors present at our meeting;

**Annual Show;** our Show was a success again. There will a full report and suggestions for our next years' show in the January Newsletter.

**Raffle; the** raffle was won by Japie Volschenk

**Critique;** Our display table had some very nice articles on it again as usual. Derek Kerwood to comment on them, see pictured below.



*A very nicely finished box by Mike Buck*



*A band sawn box by Mike Buck*



*A nicely finished Bowl by Roy Tregilgas*



*A ornamental tray by Roy Tregilgas*



*A Scroll sawn box by Rob Smith*





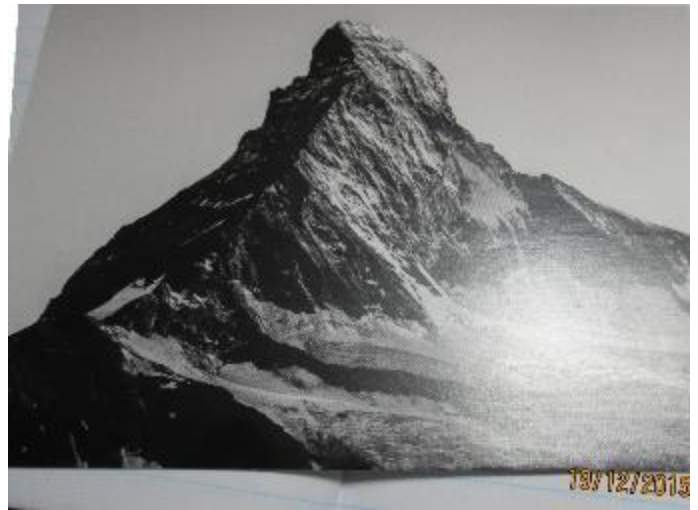
Paula

Our guest speaker was Jacob's Daughter Paula. Paula's talk was about the first men to climb the Matterhorn mountain situated on the Swiss and the Italian border. The first ascent of Matterhorn

## History

Between 1857 and 1865, 15 unsuccessful attempts were made on the Matterhorn from the Italian side and 3 from the Swiss Side. In July 1865, London-born Edward

Whymper made a further attempt with the Italian mountain guide Lean-Antoine Carrel. As Whymper waited for good weather in Breuil/ Cervinia, he heard that Carrel had set out for the Matterhorn with an Italian roped party. By chance, Whymper met Lord Frances Douglas and learned of his intention to conquer the summit from Zermatt with Peter Taugwalder.



Matterhorn Mountain

## Departure

On 12th July, Whymper and Douglas reached Zermatt through the Theodul Pass and met the mountain guide Michel Croz, who was also planning the ascent with the Reverend Charles Hudson and D. Robert Hadow. They decided to make the ascent together and also involved Peter Taugwalder's son, also called Peter. They spent the night at the foot of the Matterhorn on 13th July and on 14th July 1865 at 3.40 a.m. climbed onto the rock Pyramid on the Hoernli Ridge (Hornligrat). The higher they climbed, the more difficult the ascent became - the inexperienced Hadow relied on help.

## The Triumph

14th July 1865, 1.40 p.m.: The group stood together on the Matterhorn summit. There were no traces of their Italian competitors.

Whymper spied the Italians far below. The victors drew attention to themselves with cries of joy and by throwing stones down the mountainside. Carrel recognised Whymper by his brightly coloured trousers and disappointed began his descent.

## The Disaster

After an hour, Croz, Hadow, Hudson and Douglas roped up to their strong rope and started their descent. Taugwalder senior also secured Douglas, the last in the party. He used his thin reserve rope which was the only one he had available. Whymper, father and son Taugwalder followed on a second rope party. Douglas noticed Hadow's lack of confidence and asked Whymper to rope himself to Taugwalder senior. The seven men now formed a single rope party. To secure them, Taugwalder senior tied the fixed club rope that connected him to Whymper to a rock spur. Hadow suddenly slipped and pulled Croz, Hudson and Douglas with him. The impact of the auxiliary rope hit Taugwalder senior and injured his hands and chest, then severed off. The four unfortunate men plummeted down the North wall. The three survivors were deeply shocked and spent the night under the Hornli shoulder. Whymper wrote later that, at sunset, they saw shadows that looked like crosses above the Lyskamm. On Saturday morning 15th July they arrived back in Zermatt.

## The Rescue

The following day, Whymper climbed with three Anglican priests and five foreign mountain guides to the Matterhorn Glacier. They discovered the shattered bodies of Hadow, Croz and Hudson. They only found Douglas' gloves, one shoe and his belt. The body remained missing. The three dead were buried in the compacted snow of the glacier. On the orders of religious and secular authorities, the corpses were transferred to Zermatt on 20th July. Croz was buried with Roman Catholic rites in the cemetery, Hadow and Hudson were buried outside of the cemetery by an Anglican priest. Hadow's bones were later transferred to England, and Hudson's remains were enclosed within the altar of the Anglican Church in Zermatt.

## The Epilogue

The court decided that Hadow was to blame for the accident. And yet no crime had been committed. Malicious tongues claimed that Whymper or Taugwalder senior had cut the rope to save themselves. The two suffered badly from this accusation. The tragedy brought worldwide attention to Zermatt and had a lasting effect on tourism development in the village.

Thank you Paula for a most wonderful talk



Selby West



## *From the Editors desk;*

Hello Fellow Woodworkers,

This is the last Newsletter for 2015. Where has the year gone? Our new Guildrooms are now completed except for some tweaking. As Christmas is only a few days, I am hoping to get this Newsletter out by Tuesday at the latest, so that our members receiving it by post can have it before Christmas, so I asked the members sending in Group reports if they could have them to me as soon as possible. I have received a great response to this, and have **all reports** in by Sunday. This will enable me to keep to my deadline. Thank you for that, it is really appreciated. For our **New Year** I would very much like to be able to work to a deadline for the Newsletter to be ready to send by the Tuesday after our meetings. It makes my job as the Newsletter Editor a lot more predictable, and easier. My Wife Phyllis and I wish a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Selby West

## What's on?

### **Taupo Woodturning Jamboree 2016; 11,12,13 March 2016**

To be held at the Wairakei School Hall, 250 Wairakei, Brander 8053

There are minimal changes but all designed to improve the weekend for participants. Bring your lathes, some available for loan and don't forget your sense of humour. All secretaries will have final details next month after our planning meeting. Chris Hooton Ph. 022 479 0609 or Bob Taylor Ph. 021 0874 2417

### **Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild; 9 April 2016 seventh Annual Scrollsaw Workshop advanced notice**

Due to a clash with Easter Weekend, next year's Workshop will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Registration forms and further details will be in the next Issue of Creative Wood.

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**Otago Woodturners' Guild Inc.; 15 May 2016** Waiora Turn Inn, Whare Flat, Dunedin

\$170 for the whole weekend, part weekend attendance prices available. Please contact Leah Jelgersma (Secretary/Treasurer Ph. 03 453 1174 or Email; [otgowood@gmail.com](mailto:otgowood@gmail.com) for a registration form. Closing date 1 April 2016

**Manawatu Woodworkers Guild Inc.;** Open Day 15 May 9.00am -3.00pm in the Barber/Bell Hall, Waldergrave Street Palmerston North (Entry free) This is an annual inter-club event and is a fun day involving nine Woodworking Clubs from the Lower North Island. There will be demonstrations, trade/craft stalls and food can be purchased on site.

**Manawatu Roundup 2016;** 8,9,10 July Manawatu Woodworkers' Guild Inc Ashhurst Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst, Palmerston North (from Friday noon and finishing 4.00pm Sunday) A jamboree style event for all woodworking arts. Novice to skilled workers all welcome. Bring your lathe, Scrollsaw, carving tools, and wood or just turn up to watch others. A fun weekend and learning experience for all. Raffles and display table. Sessions by top NZ Demonstrators. Material suppliers invited to set up shop. Registration form will be available from the NAW website early 2016. Saturday and Sunday Registration includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

**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. Watch our website [www.sawg.org.nz](http://www.sawg.org.nz) for future notices. Or email [events@sawg.org.nz](mailto:events@sawg.org.nz) to be added to a new email list for future symposium notices, or if you want to be removed from the current list.



**G**roup; One Woodcarvers; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 9.30am

1 Report for 30 November

Seven members of Group one met at the Guild rooms. The main activity was planning the lettering layout for the outside sign. Four of us made a start on the cutting in of the letters, whilst the other three carried on with their own projects.

In the evening 10 of us and our partners were hosted by Harry and Colleen Bimler at their home to a very enjoyable pot luck dinner Christmas get together. Thank you Harry and Collen for a splendid evening, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

2 Report of December 14th

There were 9 of our group at our 14th December meeting, five of us, including novices and more experienced worked on the sign under the watchful eye of Barwick Harding, and the rest of the group worked on their own projects.

Our next group, day will be on January 11th starting at 9.30 am.

Group One wishes everyone an enjoyable Festive Season be safe at home in the water and drive to stay alive. Ivan Watchorn 07 3087914

Cheers Robyn for Ivan Watchorn, Phone (07) 308 7914

**Group Two Woodturners; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1.30pm**

Group Two met at the Guildrooms, 3 Cherokee Place Mount Maunganui on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 1.30pm. we admired the completed brand new building that we have now, and Thank all those who helped with the "Project" all the way to completion. Many thanks to Milan Bacica for demonstrating his method with Bowl turning and using different types of gouges etc. Thank you also to John Harrison for showing us the woodturning tools that he has made and they are certainly well made, sharp, beautiful and strong. Thanks to Jim Dekker and Harry Bimler for showing their woodturning gouges and chisels and the "Show and Tell". A great afternoon was had by all, for the end of the year, 2015. We have had a great attendance throughout the year. Many thanks to the loyal attendees during the year, and your help to run the show.

Kind regards Seth.

We will be meeting again on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 1.30pm. and in the meantime WISH YOU ALL THE COMPLIMENTS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Seth Douglas 576 5815

**Group Three Woodturning 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9.30am**

Group Three met in the brand new Guildrooms on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 9.30am and the meeting went off well. We had been informed about the asbestos etc. at the old Council building, our previous Clubrooms, and it was probably a good thing that we had vacated the premises. It was our last meeting for the year 2015 with a Xmas spirit and the fellowship made it great. We admired the brand new building and admired the work, and thought of the work and thought that had gone into making the project a success. On completion of the end of the year meeting, there was the usual end of the year exchange of gifts and the "reminder" that Group Three don't meet again until Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 in other words there is no a meeting in January. So all the best for Christmas, New Year, The Festive Season

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

**Group Four Woodturners; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 1.00pm**

We met at our Guildrooms and discussed our excellent facilities, then our "Show" at Blake Park and suggestions and constructive ways we may be able to improve it.

Our member and guest speaker was Chris Bromell, and what a surprise when he gave us a talk on his life. Because of ill health, he was forced to change his occupation from "Joinery" to "Bee Farming". The trials of not enough "capital" to start with, and then poor seasons when most of the honey was kept to feed his bees, and finally he succeeded with I think 600 hives.

Most interesting, and the quietly slow speaking older gentleman was "embarrassed" by one member who continually asked questions, or made 'so called jokes', when he produced "Birthday cards" from John Key, for 65 years' marriage,

Then Gerry Mateparae, the Gvnr General, then Peter Dunne, Minister of Internal Affairs and then our outspoken member laughingly said “you never got one from the Queen”. Chris reached into his bag and here was a nice photo of “Her Majesty” with a personal hand written note signed, wishing Chris and his wife, health and happiness.

May I suggest especially for us older members. When delivering a talk or speech, PLEASE, ask for questions at the end, not during the talk, as it is very embarrassing for us who are not fluent speakers. Thank You Chris.

Harry Bimler for John Adnitt 5769130

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

**Group Five Scrollsaw and Intarsia;** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 9.30am at the Guild rooms.

We had a good attendance of members as usual, with some working on their individual projects. Jacob and Lauren were working out more details for the Scrollsaw workshop for March next year. There will be more details later. It was great that Lew was able to get to our meeting.



Group Five wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperity new year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Guildrooms.

Selby West

**Group Six Workshop Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 9.00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6.30 to 9.00 pm at the Guild rooms  
**OPEN WORKSHOP**

Where the heck did 2015 go? it seems to be only about three months since last Xmas but I will just have to go with what the calendar say's. Last Saturday was the final meeting of the year for our group but for those wanting to get back to it as soon as possible our 2016 starting date will be the **Sat 9th January** followed by **Wed 13th, Sat 16th, Wed 20th, & Wed 27th.**

With our Guild rooms now complete thanks to the huge effort of Doug and Mike, and helpers we now have a lovely spacious workshop with just a little fine tuning of equipment placement to do for a smooth running operation.

Since we changed from being a separate Toy group and Night group to a combined Open Workshop the attendance has increased with a great atmosphere developing creating a real workshop buzz. The variety of projects has been quite amazing from kitchen cabinets to electric guitars but we still want to be making toys for sale and the end of year giveaway.

Here's looking forward to a great 2016.

I wish all Guild members a **Merry Xmas** and a **Happy New year.** Best wishes, Roy



**B**uilding Project Report December 2015

The building is now complete and code compliance will be applied for as soon as we have received the paperwork from all trades. When that is done the Building Project Committee members will be pleased to formally hand over the new premises to the Guild. It has taken four years of hard slog to achieve this, we ask you to use it well and care for it well.

The Committee has asked Doug to investigate security mesh and alarm stickers for windows. Also suggested that we should have a photographic record of all equipment in case we ever have an insurance claim.

A suggested date for an opening ceremony is Thursday 10th March 2016.

Doug St. George.



## The Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild 2015 Show part 2

Japie Volschenk sent me these photos of our Show, with gives a different viewpoint, and also at times when I wasn't there to take them.



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