



## 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 19th March. 2016 Group on duty; Group 1 Woodcarving Group

Demonstration-Speaker:

**From our President;**

Hi to you all, we are now one month away from our official opening of our new club rooms/ workshop, and it is something we should all be looking forward to. We of course are hoping for a fine day, which will make the event more enjoyable. The committee has asked that each member bring a plate for afternoon tea as we are looking at perhaps 60 – 70 persons attending, and the club will be buying some savoury finger food. I would like to thank all members that have taken on the tasks that the opening committee have asked them to do, they have all very willingly stepped up to the mark.

Everyone has been asked to supply one or two items of their work to be on show at the opening, and I am sure it will show case the talents we have in Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild.

So until next month cheers Duncan. (President).

**MEETING REPORT;**

**Member's present;** there were 33 members present at our meeting;

**The opening of our new Guild rooms; 19<sup>th</sup> March. 2016.**

**Raffle;** the raffle was won by Seth Douglas

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





photo 1 Jacob von Holzen photos 2-3 Japie Volschenk  
photo 5 Doug St. George photo 6 Jim Dekker  
photos 4-7-8 Rob Smith



Our guest speakers today were Seth Douglas and Harry Bimler.

Seth started off with talking about the many tools and gadgets which he has. His supply of what he has purchased and what he has made seems endless. See some of them in the photos, above.

Harry talked about his early life, which had been exciting and terrifying at times. Harry said there are a few marks and scars where the action came too close. He also wrote a book "My Deer Life" which is about his early life and what the deer did for him.

In the early times Harry and his family lived in the backblocks, no power, no roads, and Harry and his sister started school riding tandem on a chaff sack on their pony. From the age of 10 he was allowed a .22 rifle and shot rabbits, and the best ones were sold to Costell's Fish Shops. The skins were dried over no 8 wire hoops, and sold for 6d to 2 shillings at Dalgety's, which enabled him to buy traps there later.

The highlight in their life was when the power came to their place, and Mum bought an electric jug, a wireless and a washing machine. and they got an all-weather metal road. It was marvellous to be able to flick on a switch to have light etc. and his father bought a Haywood milking machine, and a skin dick pump that saved the job of carrying 4-gallon Kerosene tins of skim milk over to the pigsty.

Schooling was difficult for Harry and he learnt how to fight and little else. Some teachers just gave up on him, and his Dad didn't believe in doing the teachers work, with homework. Developing a farm from out of scrub and bush and milking cows was a full time job. Harry's job was to make certain the wood box was filled and the kindling too. And then he could go shooting and check his traps.

1948 was a drought year and the Native Bush at the back of their place burned, there was terrible destruction, and daylight was dim and smoke and bits of black fern was in the air for days.

Harry was at the Internal Affairs Office every two weeks cashing in his tokens, which was a credit for him, as no other kid ever did as well. Scotty MacGregor the Senior Ranger, used to talk to him and tell him about Noxious Animals Control work, and maybe this could be his future. His Dad told him that as he was not doing any good at school, he could leave as soon as he could get a paying job. He said he got the paper work and application form and carefully filled them in then came to **Parents or Guardian** signed authority. After much practise he signed E A Bimler with quite a flourish and

saved his Dad the job. He also had to fill in his date of birth so he was three years older too, making him the youngest ever Govt. Deer Culler at the age 15 years.

He took to the job like a duck to water. Hunting was his greatest thrill, and getting paid for it, he thought he was in paradise in 1950, based at Ruatahuna, in the Ewerea with only two white people there, the Ranger and the Store owner.

All Native Bush, no roads, and no milling as yet, and only pack horse tracks. From there he got transferred to Lake Okareka, Okatina, and Rotomama for Wallaby destruction. He felt this was too close to civilisation and longed to the high back country. He got transferred to Hawkes Bay where he shot thousands of wild sheep and goats plus pigs and deer.

Arriving back in Rotorua after 8 1/2 years away it took Harry a while to adjust and couldn't explain anything without swearing. He got his first home built and got a job with H.C.O. dosing 4000 dogs annually. After seeing how some owners feel about their dogs, he decided to sell his house and buy 2 acres in the country and build a flash boarding kennels, and later built another building for cats. He got married, had a good job with the council and the boarding kennels were the icing on the cake.

When Choppers came to New Zealand to hunt deer, and the venison industry, prices of venison was up, a mate of Harry's said he could double his income shooting from a chopper. Harry told his wife he would do it for a year. With a Yankee pilot they shot and recovered 100s of carcasses into the chiller. It was wonderful flying around in the chopper, but too dangerous with too many accidents and overloading, and flying in terrible conditions. He only lasted 4 months.

Harry bought 30 acres at Kaharoa and got a Rural Bank Loan to go full time into Deer Farming, breeding from 1961 to 2010.

There was a lot more to Harry's life but I have had to stop. Thank you both Harry and Seth for a wonderful afternoon.

Selby West,



***From the Editors desk;***

Hello Fellow Woodworkers,

It is great that the official opening of the Guild rooms is nearly here. A good effort by everyone. We hope for a nice fine day.

Selby West

## Opening Ceremony Sat 19th March at 1.30pm

### Preparation before the day:

**Friday morning;** - working bee to clean and tidy building - bring in work for display

**Friday afternoon** - Grant to set up displays

**Saturday morning** - erect gazebos - deliver food (bring a plate please)

Below is the proposed outline of the event if fine: (If wet we will do the best we can indoors)

**Master of Ceremonies;** Duncan Campbell (President)

**Call to order;** Bagpipes, George

### Assemble outside, West end

**Unveil the new sign;** Mayor Crosby's representative

**Move to Main Doors;** Bagpipes

**Cut rail with chainsaw/declare open;** Geoff Addison - Acting Pres NAW

**Move in to building;** Bagpipes

**Bless the building;** Rev. Doug

**Speeches;**

**Hand over Code Compliance Cert;** Mayor Crosby's rep.

Thanks President Duncan

NAW Geoff Addison

New beginning Doug

Afternoon tea Group 1. and helpers.



## **What's on?**

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

To be held at the Wairakei School Hall, 250 Wairakei, Bryndwr 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. 027 479 0609 or Bob Taylor Ph. 021 0874 2417

### **Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild; SCROLLSAW WORKSHOP**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 9.00am to 4.00pm, Setup from 8.30am

Preparations for our Workshop in April are well underway. As usual we will be endeavouring to cover all levels of ability, from very beginners to those more advance and of course those in-between.

If you are intending to attend this event it is now time to register, so that the appropriate project kitsets can be prepared.

Registration forms are available on the Guild website. [www.taurangawoodcrafters.org](http://www.taurangawoodcrafters.org).

Laureen Tubby

Co-ordinator

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; [otagowood@gmail.com](mailto:otagowood@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.



## Group Reports

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

The pressure is on for the group. They have been meeting every Monday with the aim of completing the Guild's new sign before the Official Opening Ceremony. All carvers, from the novice to the expert, have contributed valuable hours under the reassuring tutelage of Ivan and Barwick, whose expertise have shaped design and applied techniques. Jeff has become a deft hand with a router. All should be proud of their efforts and dedication, as I think all members will agree. Personal carving has definitely been relegated to the back seat!



Our thoughts and envious wishes go out to our group members who are off on extended holidays. Enjoy! We also have special thoughts for those coping with personal health issues. Best wishes and our full support.

**This Weeks Howler;** God's own country is Heaven. (Yeh Right! Especially when compared with the British weather I experienced!)

**Next Official Meetings, February 22nd and March 14th**

Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn, Phone (07) 308 7914

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

Group Two met at the Guildrooms on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with only one absent member. As we are on Duty this month and as usual Marion and Milan Bacica aren't always able to attend the Guild meetings as usual contribute to the afternoon tea, which Group Two are most grateful, and sincerely Thankful for helping us out on the day. As usual, the afternoon session went off with interesting matters. Jim Dekker had brought 3 pieces, made from cedar wood and was beautifully made. Jim had also brought a piece of the timber that he had made his finished work with. Thank you Jim, that was very much appreciated with the "Show and Tell"

Group Two meet again on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Guildrooms at 1.30pm

Seth Douglas 576 5815

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

As usual the gathering went off marvellously and we learnt a great deal, which is what it is all about. We are on Duty in April. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. George Yardley sends his apologies, as he is not able to come to our March meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, as he is occupied with the Scottish Bagpipes, and Piping is his main place in life. Of course he'll be back in a month or two. All the best George from us all.

We meet again Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 9.30am at the Guildrooms

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

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

On Tuesday 2nd Feb group four met at the guild rooms where Tas Davie showed us how he makes different tools with old car gas struts and concrete nails as well as many other wood embellishing tools.

We then moved on to the lathes to make handles for the tools.

During afternoon tea we discussed what we would do as a group when next we were duty group in May.

In the show and tell Doug showed us his salted dish, Mick McCarthy a large Totara burr and Roy a plaque he is making for a client. sorry no photos

Thanks to Tas & Lyn for a very nice afternoon tea.

I then told the meeting that after three years as group leader I intend to step down by the next AGM.

So do we have any volunteers?

Regards John Adnitt Ph. 5769130

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

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

The numbers at the scroll saw group was a bit low to start off with, with 6 people there, everyone was busy with their own projects and Laureen came in a bit later and discussed with Jacob and Barry the projects for Scroll Saw Day, next group day Jacob will have a new project for the group to start.

Greetings

Japie

Marquetry;

All those wishing to take part in the next Marquetry picture project, please bring the following items to our next group meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 9.39am;

Cellotape, Pr. Of scissors, Craft knife, Pencil, Cutting mat.

Jacah.

**G**roup Six Toy/Open 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:** THE OPEN WORKSHOP IS ACHIEVING WHAT IT IS MENT TO DO, THAT IS, HELPING EACH OTHER WITH ANY PROBLEMS IN ALL CATAGORIES OF WOOD CRAFT. MEMBERS ARE ALSO BRINGING ALONG PROJECTS THAT ARE TOO DIFFICULT TO HANDLE WITH LIMITED SPACE AND TOOLS AT HOME. JEAN CRABTREE BROUGHT ALONG A COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT NEEDED OTHER WORK DONE TO THEM APART FROM CARVING WHICH A COUPLE OF OUR GROUP SOLVED IN NO TIME, SHE WENT HOME REALLY HAPPY. (WELL I HOPE SHE DID?) IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH A PROJECT BRING IT ALONG AND ASK FOR HELP AND USE THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, DON'T JUST GIVE UP AND PUT IT ASIDE AS MOST THING ARE ACHEIVABLE. THIS IS HOW YOU LEARN AND WHAT THE GUILD IS ABOUT.

OUR MARCH MEETING ARE: WED 9th at 6-30pm, SAT 12th at 9-30am, SAT 19th at 9-30am, WED 23rd at 6-30pm.

**TOY GROUP:** OUR MARCH MEETING WILL BE OUR FIRST GETTING BACK TO STRICKTLY TOY MAKING, COME ALONG AND HELP MAKE TOYS TO GIVE AWAY TO THE SALLIES AND KIDS WARD AT THE HOSPIAL, IT IS REWARDING WHEN THESE ARE HANDED OVER AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS GROUP IS HELD ON THE 4th TUES EVENING OF THE MONTH.

OUR MARCH MEETING IS THE 22nd at 6-30pm

**AS THERE IS ONLY LIMITED WORKING SPACE DON'T BE DISAPOINTED BY MISSING OUT, GET IN BEFORE EVERY ONE ELSE.**

**( YEA RIGHT, said MR TUI )**

SEE YOU ALL THERE, **ROY**

***P*roject Report** February: Doug St.George.

Promoting Safety in the Workshop - an Idea.

Service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Jaycees etc., have a Sergeant-at-arms, Sheriff, or Tail Twister, whose task it is to fine members for misdemeanors, whether real or contrived, all in a spirit of good humour.

At Saturday's meeting I put forward the idea of having such an officer in the Guild. This person would issue \$1 fines for any misdemeanors, but with a particular emphasis on breaches of safe practice. This would provide a good-humoured way of promoting a culture of safety in the Guild.

Over recent weeks I have seen plenty of examples that could be fined:

- Using the buzzer without the guard over the unused part of the blade.
- Ditto the small bandsaw.
- Supervisors not watching while learners use machinery.
- Parking in the disabled carpark.
- Leaving the doors unlocked.
- Not cleaning up after using gear.
- Not emptying the vacuum cleaner after use.
- Not using the dust extractor with machinery.
- Leaving machinery plugged in.

The idea seemed to receive a fair amount of approval, so I think we should put it to a vote at the next committee meeting. If you can suggest a good candidate for the job, please let Duncan or me know. Perhaps you can suggest a good name for this officer, maybe Wood-chopper?

Doug St. George. =