



TAURANGA WOODCRAFTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report;

I believe our need to find a new home for the Club may be about to become a lot more urgent.

I was present on Thurs 7th July, when a Council contracted Building Inspector, made a Health and Safety Inspection of our Clubrooms. Councils throughout the country are understandably jumpy about the safety of their buildings, since the dreadful earthquakes in Christchurch.

Structurally our building falls far short of the present day Building Code requirements:

There are serious cracks in the concrete block walls, the fire escape is rickety, the roof beams are not adequately attached to the steel posts, the veranda is not strongly attached to the building, plus an array of lesser faults.

Our Fire Exits also fall short of requirements:

Fire Exit Doors must open outwards and not have any locks, our Exit signs do not comply. If this was all, they would be easy enough to fix, but the structural issues are beyond fixing.

The Inspector was friendly and helpful, he will send his report to Council and they will decide what to do about it.

In my opinion we should not be at all surprised if they decide to condemn the building and ask us to vacate in short order.

In all honesty, the place would be a death-trap in the event of an earthquake, or a fire; so let's gird our loins and see what we can do about it.

In recent times a number of members have asked about the suitability of the old Papamoa Hall. The Building Inspector was able to tell me that this hall has been condemned, being even worse than our present building.

Vice President, Peter Seaton and I will meet with Mayor Crosby on 27th July. We will be recounting our recent communications with Council staff, and asking whether there is any realistic chance of Council finding us another building.

Doug St.George 573 8399

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Club Meeting;

3rd Saturday afternoon of each month 1.00pm at our Clubrooms.

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Next Meeting;

August 20th, 2011

Group on duty

Group Two, Woodturners.

Demonstration-Speaker;

Milan Bacica will talk and show slides kauri recovery etc.

Meetings report;

Committee Meeting;

As I was unable to attend the Committee meeting, Grant Parker took these notes for me. Thank you Grant.

Show Committee Peter Seaton;

3 spare spaces for stalls holders available. Rosters available for Club table, Members table, and Raffles table. Peter giving Selby copy of all details for the Show. Schools display no longer involved. Roy sending letter to Bunning's re-materials tools etc. sponsored for our Show- letter to New World rep, food raffles, and lollies for our bowls.

Update of keys to Club premises; being held by members, and Committee members, talked about.

Roy suggests having night classes, 3+ people needed for safety reasons etc. maybe toys, turning, scrollsaw person to help. Talk about it at Main Meeting.

Future of building; Doug and Peter are going to see Mayor to discuss our future, and maybe the Council will help us in some way.

Doug, Geoff, and other members of committee looking for a new home for our Club.

Roy suggested fishing trips for members, and making wig stands.

The meeting closed at 11-55am

Main Meeting;

I was able to get to this meeting. There were 42 members and 3 visitors present today. Peter talked to the Club members about the Show, and two clipboards were circulated around the members, one for orders for Club shirts and caps, and the other for the rosters for Club table, Raffles, and members table.



Doug talked about the re-visit from a building inspector to inspect the Clubrooms and his report, which wasn't



The Tauranga Woodcrafter's Club is a member of the National Association of Woodworkers

good.

Morry Lawton won the raffle.

There were the usual selection of high quality work on display again, and Derek Kerwood gave his helpful comments.

Our Guest Speaker for this meeting was Rodger Dean from the Cambridge Club. Rodger said when he was first looking for a hobby, he would like something to do in wood. When he started woodcarving under the tuition of Derek Kerwood, he said yes, this is what he wanted to do. He said when he was working at Ruakura he used to cycle to work, and of course he would take his lunch. With an hour for lunch, he needed something to do to fill in the time, so decided to take a piece of wood, and knife along with him and whittle away on the piece of wood. The results you see in the photo on the left. There are over 100 pieces on



these boards, which he had done in his lunch hour, plus a few he has done when he had retired. They are all very delicately done, and would try many members patience!!! Here is another one of his work which he called a chain bowl. It was turned out as a bowl, and the chain links whittled out afterwards. It was all very time consuming. Derek commented that he was an excellent woodcarver, and that he has helped him with some of his carving projects. Thanks Rodger for a very constructive and interesting talk.

Selby West



From Your Editor's Desk;

Hi everyone,

This week has been a sad week for the West families, with the death of my brother Arthur on Tuesday 12th. Phyllis and I went down to New Plymouth on Thursday, for the funeral on Friday. We left New Plymouth at 6am on Saturday, to come back to Tauranga, so I could get to the Club meeting, but were held up in the Awakino gorge for about an hour and a half because of a very large slip. (see photo on the right)

When we did get through, we only stopped at Te Kuiti for a cup of tea and something to eat. We arrive back home just after 12 noon so I was able to go to the main meeting at 1pm.

I am enclosing a members list with this Newsletter, so please check through it to make sure the details are correct.



Regards Selby West

WHATS ON

Taieri Woodworkers Berwick U Turn; 12-13-14 August 2011

Times: 2:00pm Friday 12 Aug to 3:pm Sunday 14 Aug.

Held at the Youth adventure Trust Berwick Camp,

Accommodation and all meals included in cost.

Details and Registration packs available from the Secretary, Taieri Woodworkers Club. Murray Blackley, 41 Littlebourne Road, Roslyn, Dunedin. 9010.

Or e-mail murrayblackley@clear.net.nz.

Woodturning Cruise 2011 15 Aug - 27 Aug 2011

times: 15 Aug at 22.00 Finish at 27 Aug at 07.00

Details

The Woodturning Cruise takes place in Norway. We sail along the Norwegian coast, visiting 11 cities, fjords, Geirangerfjord and lots of other places. On-board you will find some of the Worlds top turners, including Terry Scott, who gives demonstration and a bit of tuition when we sail!

Excellent for holiday with your spouse and to get some woodchips made when we sail.

Contact: Odd Erik Thjomoe E-mail post@verktoyas.no

Website; www.woodturningcruise.com or

NAW website; www.naw.org.nz What's on section

Participation 2011 23 to 25 September 2011

South Auckland Woodturners Guild YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua, South Auckland (limited to first 90 paying participants)

Friday 23 September 7.3am until late

Saturday 23 September 7.30am until late

Sunday 24 September 7.30 to 3pm

This is a designed as a live-in event, but some may commute.

Lathes may be delivered Thursday evening. Don't have a lathe? You can book a Club lathe free of charge. Conditions apply.

Everyone bring some wood-or purchase on the site from the shop and sponsors.

Bottomless cups of tea and coffee. Friday lunch BYO. All other meals provided.

For further information contact

Terry Scott 09 297 7051 or 021 998 493

Waitaki Woodturners Guild Spin Around

28th- 30th October 2011

Times:

Fri 28th, 12pm to late

Sat 29th, 8-30am to late

Sun 30th, 8-30am to 2pm

Spin Around is held in Waitaki Guild Club Rooms, Oamaru Race coarse SH1 just Nth of township.

Guest Woodturner is Guilio Marcolongo from Australia.

All attendees must be registered.

Details from Ken Newton, e-mail knpnewton@xtra.co.nz

Turnfest in Australia

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Next Event 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th March 2012

Register NOW to be part of the 10th Anniversary.

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Tauranga Woodcrafters Annual Show.

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th September.

10am to 5pm. To be held at the

HIS & HERS HOME & LEISURE EXPO.

At the new TECT Arena.

Bay Park. Tauranga.



Group Reports

Group One; Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday

Ten members attended the 11th July meeting. Mike McCarthy visited and the coming Club Show was discussed briefly. Group 1 will have one table for displaying items for sale and space for two carving tables. If you are volunteering to carve during the 3 day period, start thinking about it now. The roster times for each day will be 10am-12.30pm 12.30pm-3pm 3pm-5pm 16th to 18th September. Individual projects are progressing with Barwick now joining Ivan and Alan, and each producing a man's head in accordance with details from project sheets. Ken's head is now completed but is patently a woman's head! Sex changes are prohibited and disqualification will follow. The Pot Luck dinner held at the Harding's home 9th July was thoroughly enjoyed by all with plenty of food, plenty of talk and a vote of thanks to our hosts Suzanne and Barwick. Harry has moved that we should have two dinners a year instead of one. Seconders at next month's meeting 8th August.
Ken Hawkeswood Ph. 5780074

Group Two; Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday afternoon 1.30pm

Tuesday July 12th, 2011, Ten of us met at the Clubrooms and we wish to thank Milan Bacica for an interesting talk and Show, about Kauri trees and swamp Kauri logs, recovery, through to processing etc. Milan used to dig for Kauri gum in his younger days. Ron Buckle was having difficulty turning a platter at home, and requested help from us to see whether it was his fault, or was it the tools. It seemed odd to him as he has turned bowls etc., for years, but hadn't turned bowls for some time. Ron brought the platter that he had been working on, as well as the gouges that he had been using. Ron had been given some Robert Sorby tools that had been sharpened the wrong way, when they were given to him and it was easy to see that that the problem wasn't Ron's fault and this time, it was a genuine reason to blame the tools. Paul Grainger-Allan offered to take the tools home and rectify and sharpen them. Alistair Field showed us his radio controlled boat which was beautifully built. Alistair used to be a Coach Builder by trade. Rob Thomson is due to have a shoulder operation, so we hope to see him quickly back to strength. Ralph Harding is a lot better after his operation.

Remember, that we are on Duty for the August Club Meeting, Saturday, 20th August 2011. Milan Bacica will compile information on Kauri and the topic and Show will be on Kauri.

Croup Two will meet at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 9th August, 2001 with requests and problem solving etc., as required.

Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815

Group Three; Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am

We had a good turnout for the July meeting at the Clubrooms, Saturday, July 2nd, 2011. Jim Reilly had made gadgets and demonstrated drilling holes or designs on the lathe. It was quite an interesting demonstration. Jim always has interesting things to show us and he explains where he had read about the Do's and the Don'ts.

Ian Dawkins showed us how he makes the designs on a finished product, using jigs etc., on the lathe. Ornamental turning.

We meet again at the Clubrooms on Saturday, 6th August, 2011.

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

Group Four; Woodturners; 1st Tuesday

16 members and 2 visitors were at our Group get together at the Clubrooms on the 4th



of July. The main topic was "**Bowls for sweets**" and donated goods for the Groups table at the Home Show in September.

First we watched part of a DVD on

finishing turned work, demonstrated by Chris Stott from the United Kingdom. The DVD was most informative and members all learnt something from it.



The Group had a look at some of the sweet bowls members brought along, and as they are all different sizes, it was decided to price each bowl individually.

Group Four need at least 100 bowls or more for the Show.

Mike McCarthy brought the Group up to date about the rosters, and the cost of the tables etc.

The next Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd August.

Mike Harold Ph. 575 0767

Group Five; Scrollsaw and Intarsia; 1st Wednesday

Nine members attended our Group Meeting this month. Ron Hartwell one of our newer members passed away during the last month. Ron was not able to attend many of our meetings, but we will miss him just the same. Most of our time this month was spent discussing the forthcoming Exhibition and Sale. It was decided that each member of our group would make at least one item to be donated to the Club for sale on the "Club table". Peter Seaton, the convener of the Show Committee called in to the meeting, and was able to show us plans of the proposed layout of the area the Club has been allocated at the Exhibition Hall, this gave us a much better idea of how many scrollsaws we would have room for, and have available for demonstrations. Members are asked to make themselves available at some time over the three days, to take turns at demonstrating. Please give your name to Barry Kenworthy with the times that you could be available so that he can make up the roster, he is also going to prepare some items to be sawn.

Manawatu Woodworkers Guild will be holding their Annual Scrollsaw Workshop on Saturday 6th August, I have more details if you need them. Our next Scrollsaw Workshop will be held on Saturday 31 March 2012.

Our next group meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd August commencing at 9.30am. Please bring your lunch.

Lauren Tubby

Ph. 572 0104

Group Six; *Toy making Group*; 2nd Saturday

The July meeting went well seeing the completion of the dolls cot. Having this fitted together we were then confident to go ahead and make up several more. Thanks to Tas, Ray and Geoff we got together for an extra session on the following Wednesday evening, and cut out four more cots, apart from a bit of routing to do, these are complete and will be left for assembly at the Show as our workshop demo. In addition to the stock of toys now at the Club Rooms, Tas has made three cots of his own design and is now working on some tic tac toe sets, Geoff is working on a tractor, Ron has built a large truck, Mike is working on a rocking horse, and I have made a heap of tops. Everything seems to be going well for the short amount of time we have had to put things together.

Thanks for the great effort guys, see you at our next meeting on Aug. 13th 9-30am

Roy

Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 9822

Beginners Group 3rd Saturday

We had two new members this month, one taking his first steps in Turning with Ian, and the other looking at Intarsia with Barry. Another man came to the Club meeting, wanting to join this group next month. Great to hear about prospective new members.

Doug St.George 573 8399

Woodcrafters Exhibition 16th -18th September

It is really encouraging to see you all enthusiastic about our Exhibition, and for all your help to make it work The Show Committee would like to thank you all.

The following are the points mentioned at our meeting.

1 We need to fill 3 more stalls. If anyone has some contact that would be suitable, please let a committee member know so we can follow it up.

2 Could members please bring an item to our August meeting, suitable for our Christmas hamper raffle.

3 The people responsible for the demonstrations (e.g., turning, scroll saw, toy making, carving) to make up their own rosters from their groups. It is preferred that we have the demonstrations going continually. Please give the names of those on the roster to Mike McCarthy at our August meeting, so that the Exhibitors passes can be produced.

4 All the demonstrating groups to organize their equipment, tools etc., and the transporting to and from the exhibition.

5 All stall holders will receive an Exhibitors pass. Folk on a 2-2.5 hour roster will get a pass for the whole weekend.

6 Stall holders please pay for your stall by the Aug Meeting.

7 Best time to set up is on the Thursday.

8 We need help to put up the road signs the week before our Exhibition.

9 We need help to collect and return tables.

10 Graeme Martin the Managing Director of Bay Events, will be addressing our August meeting.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

There seems to be a view that the **"Toymakers Group"** will manufacture all the toys we produce for the youngsters at Christmas, and give to the Salvation Army to distribute. This is not correct, it is a Huge task and very unfair - **Toys For Christmas** is a Club effort, so everyone should be participating. We do **"beat the drum"** over this.

When making little puzzles as toys, don't forget to enclose the instructions for them, not how to solve them, just what it is all about. The same applies to simple games, youngsters today don't know about noughts and crosses and the likes.

So if you haven't started your toys, now is the time.

Jim Reilly

Library

We are having several of the Video Tapes converted to DVD, as many of our Club members now have this facility.

Reminding members who are looking for ideas for toys, that there are quite a few ideas within the books and magazines. Past issues of **"Practical Woodworking"** are a great source.

Jim Reilly

Segmented Woodturning

Amongst the books and Videos donated to the Club by Mrs Duke, is a collection of photocopies (about 40 pages) all about doing segmented woodturning. A very thorough collection in my view collected from various sources. They are available for any member of the Club who is interested in this growing aspect of woodturning. They should go to a good home.

Jim Reilly

Safety for Woodcrafters

Power tool use

Bandsaws—The most dangerous of saws and require 100% concentration whenever using.

Things to watch for;

Lower upper rollers to just above work to be cut.

Ensure cutting table secured at desired angle.

Cursory look at cutting blade to ensure tensioned correctly and in good condition.

Ensure working area clear of material and floor area in front and back of saw, clear of sawdust.

Check to see if saw table clear of loose material and fence if supplied and required in correct position.

Ensure that the machine switch is in the off position.

Put plug into 230V outlet and turn on power point.

Material to be cut must be free of cracks, shakes, and loose bark and where it is to rest on saw table, must have a flat surface and not be unsteady.

Place material to be cut on the saw table and ready to be cut, but well clear of blade.

Put on earmuffs for noisy saws and safety glasses.

Operate switch on machine keeping other hand clear of blade, but resting on end of material to be cut, to ensure it does not vibrate into the blade.

Grasp the two ends of material firmly and advance wood slowly and steadily into the blade.

On a large and powerful saw, it is best to have an assistant at the reverse of saw to guide the wood after cutting, to ensure it does not jam, fall off the end of table or twist. The assistant also to have earmuffs and safety glasses on.

Make use of a push stick when getting near the end of cut, and fingers are getting too close to the saw blade. Assistant to guide wood for the remainder of the cut.

When cut finished, and the assistant still in position, turn off the machine switch and wait for the blade to stop moving.

Assistant now clear to leave.

Turn off the power at 230V outlet, and remove plug by pulling on the plug, and not the cord.

Clear saw table of debris, set saw rollers to max, and clear work area.

WANTED

LOLLY BOWLS & TOYS. This is a message for all club members

These are to be sold at the Clubs annual show in September to raise funds, all donations gratefully accepted.

Bowl's to Mike Harold ----- Toys to Roy Tregilgas

Cards for the Show

If you would like cards printed to go with your work on display or for sale at the Show, please let me know, with details of what you want on them.

Selby West



THE TAURANGA SENIORNET CLUB

Where Seniors learn Computing from other Seniors

Where are we?

Our Learning Centre is at Unit 70, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga. That's just uphill from the now-closed Wickham School. We have our own drive-in entrance. Turn right once through the gateway and then park.

Quality Woodworking Tools Ltd

3/11 Amohia Street, Kapiti Lights
Paraparaumu 5032 Phone 04 297 0976

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Grant

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