



# The woodcrafters

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### **Not on Committee**

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**Club Meeting;** 3rd Saturday afternoon of each month 1.00pm at our Guild rooms.

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**Next Meeting;** Saturday 19th July. 2014

**Group on duty;** Group 1 Carving Group

### **Demonstration-Speaker;**

Our guest speaker will be Mike Travis. He is an ex UK. Wood-carver and now 'Record Power tools' representative. So bring your wallet! He will be demonstrating carving on turning and displaying his wares.

## Ponderings of the Month

It was with sadness that we recently heard of Mike Harold's passing. Mike was a guy who committed himself to our Guild and helped out in many ways especially with the toy group. On behalf of the Guild, we sent flowers and a card to Anne and told her that our thoughts and prayers go out to her and Mike's family.

On a more cheerful note, on Saturday we received news that the Lotto had approved the grant we had applied for, so we are now almost ready to submit our plans for the building consent. It has been really encouraging to see that we had only been turned down once by the Trusts that we applied to, for grants. Hopefully, all those members who have committed themselves to helping with the interior of our new Guild rooms will soon be able to be put to work!! Thanks guys for volunteering.

Commitment is a willingness to do whatever it takes; it's a promise to yourself, from which you refuse to back down. There is a difference between interest and commitment. When we are interested we do it only when it is convenient to us. But when we are committed we accept no excuses—only results. We can only decide whether the rewards are worth the effort, for there are trade offs. We can't have a healthy body and live on junk food.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that, "Whatever course we decide upon, there will always be someone to tell us that we are wrong. "There are always difficulties arising which tempt us to believe that our critics are right."

To map out a course of action and follow it requires courage.

**Perseverance is not a long race. It is many short races, one after the other.**

Peter

## MEETING REPORT;

**M**embers in attendance; There were 40 members present today.

**N**ew Members; we welcomed Paul Grainger-Allan back, plus Rob Miller, Lexie Nicholson, Beryl Pridaux, and Sandy Lawrence to our Guild.

**S**ubscriptions; there are still some members who have not paid their subscriptions yet. To take advantage of the Guild discounts you will need to pay by the end of this month.

**R**affle; Was won Merv Griffin

**C**ritique; there was a good selection of articles on the critique table today. Derek commented on them.

He had a couple of urns which he had turned, the one on the left for his ashes, with a close-up of the description in the centre, and the one the right is the second one he had made. He said to turn one takes quite a big piece of wood.



There were a few stories told about scattering ashes from aeroplanes and from a long jetty after his critique.





Left made by George Yardley



Two of Jacob's creations  
Left and right



Chris Bromell, one of our members, has donated the Dovetailing machine pictured below, to the Guild. He has been working on getting this machine ready for quite some time, and has built the cabinet stand for it, with drawers which have still to be finished. He was hoping to have it in working order, and ready to demonstrate to the Guild at this meeting but ran of time. The motor still needs to be installed, plus hinging the top for easy access . Chris was a cabinet maker, and has had this machine for 25 years, and has made a lot of drawers etc. with it.



Thanks Chris for your effort, and all the work you have put into it.  
The meeting finished with our usual afternoon tea.  
Selby West



**From the Editors desk;**

Hello Fellow Woodworkers,

get some cold and wet weather.

We are certainly into Winter now and we are starting to

Some members may be wondering why the advertisement for SeniorNet is in our Newsletter. I am an active member and coach of the Tauranga SeniorNet Club, and I want to promote the Tauranga SeniorNet, and to inform our Guild members that SeniorNet have courses available to improve the computer skills of our Guild members as well. There are many skills you can learn, from just a basic course, to learning more of what a computer, IPad, or Android tablet can do for you. SeniorNet is a non- profit Club and uses its membership and course fees to fund the running of the Club. All coaches are **not paid** for the time they put in to coach, but we are learning new things all the time. Clubs seem to be run on comput-





ers, and a lot of the Guild members are now receiving their Newsletters by e-mail, which saves the Guild a lot of money. Anyone who has a computer can learn something from SeniorNet. For instance, if you wanted to print this Newsletter off using both sides of the paper, you can print all the odd pages first, and then put the paper back into the printer to print the even numbered pages. Some printers like the ones I have will print both sides automatically.

We have had several of our Guild members join-up and do at least the Introduction Course, and learned basic computer skills, and have even carried on to our Skills course. We have had people come to SeniorNet who have either been given a computer, or have brought a new one, and need to know how to use it.

We live in a computer world now.

Selby West

## **What's on in our Guild and other Guilds;**

**Group One.** Woodcarvers. Clubrooms. Monday 7th July 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Ivan Watchorn Ph. 07 308 7914

**Group Two;** Woodturners. Tuesday 8th July 2014. at the Guild rooms 1.30pm

Contact Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815

**Group Three;** Woodturners. Saturday 5th July 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Jim Reilly Ph. 577 9574

**Group Four;** Woodturners. Tuesday 1st July 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 2nd July at the Guild rooms 9.30 am

Contact Laureen Tubby Ph. 5720104

**Group Six;** Toy Makers. Saturday 12th & 26th July 9.30am, at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

**Group Seven;** Night Shift. Wednesday 9th & 23th July 6.30 & 9.30 pm at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

**Woodcraft Classes for Home School Students;** Wednesday 2nd & 16th July

Contact Doug Ph. 573 8399

**Main Meeting;** Saturday 19th July at the Guild rooms

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

More information on [www.sawg.org.nz](http://www.sawg.org.nz)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOODWORKERS NZ INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Saturday 26th July 2014. at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Corner Carey Street and Forest Lake Rd. At 1pm.

There will be Demonstrations from 9am.

MANAWATU WOODWORKERS GUILD.

11th To 13th July, at Ashhurst Village Valley Centre. Ashhurst Palmerston North.

Friday from noon, Saturday all day, Sunday finishing 3pm—4pm.





## Group Reports

### **Group One Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday 9.30am**

Midyear already! And a productive half year for our group- one way or another. It is fantastic to have Harry back with us, and great to have a very keen newcomer, Lexie Nicholson. Both she and Harry are looking to build up a collection of chisels, if anyone knows of any lying idle and looking for a new productive home. But it is sad that we are losing a keen learner carver in Juno Kim, who has to return to Korea.

Ivan was kept busy in his role as general teacher/trouble shooter, but just to show that all his time is *Not* spent helping others, brought along his granddaughter's request for a photograph album- in *Rimu* with *Puriri* trim. Very nice! Geoff has managed to access a *Lime* branch and has set about creating a "Nature" scene mini-pole. Tom is working on a sugar bowl, while Alan was at his favourite pastime- bandsawing a lump of wood! This time into a free form. The term 'Free' form can be quite useful after any slight altercation with a press drill!

**Note;** Group one is on duty for the July Guild meeting. Our guest speaker will be Mike Travis. He is an ex UK. Woodcarver and now 'Record Power tools' representative-Bring your wallet! He will be demonstrating carving on turning and displaying his wares.

**Next Meeting;** Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. 9.30am

**This Week's Howler:-**'Coal is decayed vegetarians' Winter fires could be quite interesting!  
**Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn-- Group Leader. Phone (07) 308 7914**

### **Group Two Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday 1.30pm**

Group Two met on the wet and cold Tuesday, 10th June 2014 at my place, 60 Milton Road. We had a great attendance, with only two regulars who were not able to make it. We welcomed our new Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild Treasurer, Mrs Margaret Dekker who came with her husband Jim Dekker. Jim showed us a beautifully made bowl that he had completed.

Our next meeting will be at the Guild Rooms on 8th Tuesday, July 2014 at 1.30pm.

*Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815*

### **Group Three Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am**

Group Three met at the Guild Rooms on Saturday 7th June 2014 at 9.30am with a very good attendance all eager to learn more "tricks of the Trade" from our Group Leader Jim Reilly. It was a pleasure to see a couple of olive wood creations, beautifully made by George Yardley. George had crafted the items with his care and attention to even the detail of a perfect finish to the wording and signs on the bottoms of the pieces. Thank you for showing us your exhibits George, and we look forward to learning more tricks of the trade at our next meeting at the Guild Rooms on the morning of Saturday July 5th 2014 at 9.30 am

Seth Douglass for Jim Reilly 5779574



**G**roup Four Woodturners; 1st Tuesday of the month 1.30pm  
The group met at the Guild rooms.

Grant Parker had a display of his excellent work.

He specialises mainly on turning lidded boxes both big and small, and as he makes very small items he does not waste any wood.

He gave an interesting and informative talk about Texturing, Inlaying, finishing, embellishing, resins and Liquid Glass. He also showed us how he made plugs for inlaying & he uses cheap acrylic paint and metallic paints.

Grant also showed us some books which could be helpful to learn from.

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

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

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June everyone was working on their marquetry pictures. Glen was back from his holiday and had some catching up to do. We cut out the pieces for the first section of the picture and assembled them on the backing board and taped them all down. Some have a few repairs to make before they progress to assembling the pieces of veneer ready for the tree, for the next section next month. I hope Selby took some photos as I was too busy getting my picture done.

Our next group meeting will be held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July commencing at 9.30am,

**Members who are working on the marquetry project, please remember to bring all the things you brought this month plus a "cutting mat" if you have one.**

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.

Laureen Tubby

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

The reason for the Toy Group forming was to make toys for charities at Xmas, but now it seems to be also for raising club funds from the sale of some toys. The group is now being used to produce other things such as cafe tables and picket fence partitions or anything else needed by the Guild, these will be permanent additions to our assets and will be available for use by anyone at any time. Due to one reason or another our group has shrunk in numbers, so it would be great if some other Guild members joined our group as the bigger the numbers the more we can produce and the more the Guild will benefit. Come join us.

Our July meetings are, Sat 12th and 26th at 9-00 am

Bring your lunch as we sort out the worlds problems over a cup of coffee before heading home.

Roy

Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405



## **G**roup Seven Night Shift;

There is never a lot to report on this group as every one just turns up and works on their own projects. At the time of writing this, Tomorrow is another meeting and there is a possibility we will have three new people joining us, lets hope they brave the lousy weather predicted. There is no reason that existing Guild members can not make use of the Club Rooms on these nights as it is open to everyone as are all group meetings. The idea of having Club Rooms and facilities is for the members to make use of and enjoy socialising with others of the same interests. Be an active member.

Our July meetings are the 9th and 23rd at 6-30pm

Roy

Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

## **B**uilding Report;

Building Project Report June 2014 Doug St.George

Stop Press!!

The good news is that we have received a grant from Lotto for \$44,000. This brings the total grants to \$130,000. Added to our own funds, this should allow us to comfortably complete the building project.

The bad news is that the last month has thrown up a fresh set of hoops to jump through, and your Building Committee has had to make some fairly difficult decisions:

### 1. Consents:

As you know, we need a Resource Consent to construct a building of 200 sq. m., whereas to build 150 sq.m we do not. We had expected this to be a mere formality. No such luck! We have been quoted consultancy fees of \$7500 plus GST and a time-frame of three months, to prepare a Resource Consent, with Council fees on top of that. Your Building Committee decided that we could neither justify the expense, nor accept the delay.

There had to be another way!

We came up with Plan B. which is to build in two stages:

The first stage is to erect a building of 150 sq.m., to move in and try it for size, and to see how the funds are looking at that stage.

The second stage will be to apply for Resource Consent to add the extra 50 sq.m.

### 2. Fire Rated Wall:

Because we will be 1.5 metres from the South boundary, that wall is required to have a ' One Hour Fire Rating.' Trying to get information about exactly what is required, has been an exercise in frustration, to put it mildly!

### 3. Lease:

We have had to negotiate fairly hard to get the Council to agree to more favourable terms for the new Lease. Of the six clauses we were unhappy with, we have been able to achieve improvements to five. The Lease starts in July, but we will not be paying rent until 1st Sept. The Lease has now been signed.

We hope to lodge the application for Building Consent next week. We are just waiting for the final OK from the Engineer.

*Doug St. George*

On behalf of the Building Committee, Peter Seaton and Michael McCarthy.



## H home school Class

The winter term has brought in several new youngsters, while others have left for their winter sport. So we are back to teaching the basics. Again some are naturals and are picking it up easily, while others find it a bit harder.

An encouraging sign is that a couple of families are also making enquiries, about father and son joining the Beginners Night Class.

As we move towards getting in to our new building, and our expectation that teaching woodcrafts will become a much bigger part of our activities, we will need more people willing to teach. Please think about whether you could help with this. We are not looking for super-clever people, just good basic skills and a willingness to work with kids.

Doug St.George.

## S how Report

In last month's Newsletter, I reported that the Café tables would be outside. I have since learnt that the Café will be inside the Hall, located along side the kitchen. There will be six tables, with a picket fence round them.

At the last Toymaking group, Mike was putting in small sliding catches on each table to stop them from coming apart, but they will still be able to be pulled apart and stored in flat pack to save storage room. The table cloths are being made, and Mike had also started to make the picket fences in sections, which can be stored flat when the foot part was removed.

The BBQ will still be outside the entrance to the Hall, as last year, but the Show Committee are hoping to have some sort of attraction outside the Hall as well, to draw the public to the site.

Selby West

## Obituary; Mike Harold

About 12 members of our Guild attended Mike Harold's Funeral. Mike joined our Guild about 7 or 8 years ago and started going to Group Four meeting. Under Doug St George's tuition, he learnt to use the Lathe, which at first he found rather daunting, but he persevered and became a good wood turner. He had a stall at our Annual Shows, to display and sell his goods.

He later became the leader of Group Four, and held that position until about two years ago when he became too ill to continue. He also joined the Scrollsaw Group and the Toymaking Group.

He was a member who would give anything a go, and was very well liked in the Guild, and for those who knew him, he will be very much missed. In this photo you see Mike concentrating on doing a project at one of the Guild Scrollsaw Workshops.

Selby West

