



# 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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**Club Website;** [www.taurangawoodcrafters.org](http://www.taurangawoodcrafters.org)

**Next Meeting;** Saturday 21st June. 2014

**Group on duty;** Group 6 Toymaking Group

**Demonstration-Speaker;**

### Ponderings of the Month

It was a good meeting last Saturday and I want to thank all those who contributed and volunteered to be involved in the management team. I specially want to thank Mike and Grant for their input over the years, and who have now stepped down from the management team.

I am sure we are all looking forward to another good year and of course shifting into our new building.

Quite often we take a trip in a taxi cab and usually we are able to make conversation with the driver. They are often immigrants who have interesting personalities, history and culture. We usually ask them for advice on the local restaurants and special attractions that they would recommend to a visitor to the city. No doubt we all have had some great experiences and advice from these taxi drivers. Once someone had an usual conversation and then asked a hypothetical question,

"If you could live anywhere in the world and if money was no object where would you live?"

Without any hesitation the answer came back, "I live in my heart. It doesn't matter where my body lives, if I am happy inside, then I live in paradise no matter where my residence is"

Of course he is right, happiness is an inside job. This reminds us of something we already know. If we can't find happiness inside our selves we will never get it from the outside world, no matter where we move to. Wherever we go we are there, we take ourselves with us. We can be grateful for the wisdom of this taxi driver and we can be grateful for all the wisdom others have shared with us during our lifetime about being happy

**ONCE THE GAME IS OVER, THE KING AND PAWN GO BACK IN THE SAME BOX**

Peter

## MEETING REPORT;

**M**embers in attendance; There were 42 members present at our AGM this year, which was the best attendance we have had for a long time.

**N**ew Members; we welcomed Margaret Dekker, as both a new member and our new Treasurer.

**M**embers or Wives/partners not well; Mike Harold and Ralph Harding are not well



**A**nnual General Meeting; Our AGM got off to a great start off with a sausage sizzle with all members present being able to have a sausage for before the meeting.

The officers elected for the 2014-2015 year were;

### On the Committee;

**President;** Peter Seaton, **Vice President;** Duncan Campbell, (new) **Secretary;** Geoff Warth, **Treasurer;** Margaret Dekker (new) **Newsletter Editor;** Selby West, **Building Project Convener;** Doug St George, **Committee;** Roy Tregilgas, Stephanie Simpson,

Mike Buck (newly elected, he was co opted on during last year), and Colin Milne (new)

### Not on Committee;

**Wood Person;** Mike McCarthy, **Librarian;** Merv Griffin, **Workshop Manager;** John Harrison, **Webmaster;** Rob Smith.

Lawson Worsnop had two Waterstones which he had obtained from his job at the freezing works, which were no further use there. They were really worn down, with quite a dish in the centre. He showed us by using two diamond coated sharpening stones, one coarse and one medium, stapled in line to a piece of plywood, and by rubbing the waterstone over them, then turning the stone around, and repeating the operation until the stone is once more flat again. Those sharpening stones (Medalist brand) are available from Mitre 10 Mega as a set, fine, medium and coarse. Cost \$15.00 normally but some times such as Easter they special them for \$10 - cheap as chips. Like Roy mentioned, they can also be used for truing

up your grinder white wheels before grinding chisels or planer blades etc. Thanks Lawson for that Demonstration.

Vince who owns the Machinery and Powertool Shop in Newton Street Mount Maunganui came to our meeting to present a cheque to the Guild. This is a percentage that he gave to the Guild, from what Guild members have spent in his shop.

**A**nnual Subscriptions; The subscriptions will remain the same as last financial year, as set out in last month's Newsletter. There will be no discounts on the Youth members subscriptions, or when a new member joins up part-way through the year when a sub is reduced accordingly.



**R**affle; Was won by Mike Buck

**C**ritique; There were three items from the members, plus 11 wig stands made by the Home Schoolers on the critique table today and Derek Kerwood did the critique.





The wig stands by the Home Schoolers.

Our Guest Speakers today were two ladies from “Look Good Feel Better” program who work with women with cancer. Since 1991, more than 26,00 women have participated in the workshops in New Zealand. The “Look Good Feel Better” programmes operate in 21 countries around the world. “Look Good Feel Better” was established in New



Zealand in 1991 and now operates nationally throughout New Zealand in 23 main centres where the Cancer Society has a presence in New Zealand. Their aim is to help to restore and enhance the appearance of cancer patients both during and after treatment.

They offer guidance, information and makeover expertise at beauty workshops throughout New Zealand that literally make those with cancer, look good and feel much better.

At a “Look Good Feel Better” workshop they help women face their cancer with greater confidence and a renewed sense of self. They work with small informal groups of female cancer patients to transform not just their look but their outlook as well.

Everyone who attends their workshops learns the skills to perform a new beauty regime at home. When they leave a “Look Good Feel Better” workshop they take home a complimentary beauty kit of cosmetics and skincare designed to lift their spirits. Perhaps most valuable of all, they enjoy the company of other women coping with cancer and the knowledge they are not alone.

The “Look Good Feel Better” programme is nonmedical. The programme is supported and endorsed by the Cancer Society of New Zealand and proudly assisted by the Cosmetic Toiletry and Fragrance Association of New Zealand.

The ladies said they were very appreciative with the wig stands made by our members and Lew Tubby who has made a large number of them now.

Selby West





***From the Editors desk;***

Hello Fellow Woodworkers,

Our AGM went well, with all the positions filled on the Committee. Once again I would like to thank our Guild members for electing me as your Newsletter Editor again. This is a job that has become very computerized since I have taken it on, and you need to enjoy doing that, to put the best into it, and spend time finding things to put into it to try and make it as interesting as possible. I enjoying doing something for our Guild, and this is one way I can, and enjoy working on the computer too.

Selby West

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

**Group One.** Woodcarvers. Clubrooms. Monday 9th June 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Ivan Watchorn Ph. 07 308 7914

**Group Two;** Woodturners. Tuesday 10th June 2014. at the Guild rooms 1.30pm

Contact Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815

**Group Three;** Woodturners. Saturday 7th June 2014 at the Guild rooms 9.30 am.

Contact Jim Reilly Ph. 577 9574

**Group Four;** Woodturners. Tuesday 3rd June 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 4th June at the Guild rooms 9.30 am

Contact Lauren Tubby Ph. 5720104

**Group Six;** Toy Makers. Saturday 14h & 28th June 9.30am, at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

**Group Seven;** Night Shift. Wednesday 11th & 25th June 6.30 & 9.30 pm at the Guild rooms

Contact Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

**Woodcraft Classes for Home School Students;** Wednesday 4th & 18th June

Contact Doug Ph. 573 8399

**Main Meeting;** Saturday 21st June at the Guild rooms

**Robert Sorby Woodturning Demonstration;** free to attend, Thursday 19th June Waikato Guild of Woodworkers, Woodworkers Hall, 8 Storey Avenue Te Rapa, Hamilton 1pm to 4pm

Email [renners@con.net.nz](mailto:renners@con.net.nz) Phone 07 855 1099 limited space availed. Phone or email Peter Renner to reserve a spot.

**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)







## Group Reports

### **G**roup One Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday 9.30am

There were seven of us at our May group day, plus Lexie Nicholson who came along to see what we were about. It wasn't long before she was invited to give carving a go and started on her first project. Geoff and Tom are both embarking on new projects and Harry is starting his first relief carving and Jono was selecting and setting out a design for a Kauri chopping board. So all in all I was kept busy helping them to get started.

Geoff has been talking to Mike Davies and he is booked as guest speaker for our July General meeting. He is a carver and is presently promoting Record Power products in N.Z. And Australia. He will give a 2 hour presentation covering Record Power's products and demonstrating wood carving techniques and carving on wood turning. There should be something of interest for everyone.

Our next group day will be Monday June 9th.  
Ivan Watchorn (07) 3087914

### **G**roup Two Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday 1.30pm

Group Two met at Harry Bimler's residence on Tuesday, 13th May 2014, and we had a marvellous time there.

Harry showed us around his workshop and garden explained in detail all we wished to know. After retiring from farming and leading a very active life he had found out living in town very boring, until he found out about the Woodcrafter Guild and joined up. He first got interested in woodturning, and then wood carving to said that the Guild was a live saver to him. He has since learnt a great deal from members in the Guild, and found a completely new hobby to kept him interested. Afterwards we were invited into



the house where Harry talked about his experiences as a Deer Stalker and Deer Farming, and the many places he and his Wife had visited, while Syd Duncan, the Chief Cook and Bottle Washer up, cooked up venison for us that Harry had, for something different and "Special" for us. It was a day to remember. Many many thanks to Harry and the Cook, Syd for a most enjoyable day. Ron Buckle wasn't able to attend the venue, because he was enjoying the sunshine in Fiji and sent his apologies.

I will ring Group Two to let them know the venue for our Meeting on Tuesday, 10th June 2014 at 1.30pm.

*Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815*

### **G**roup Three Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am

Group Three had a very good attendance at the Meeting on Saturday 3rd May 2014. many thanks to Jim Reilly for showing us how to do many tricks, short cuts (safely of course) and things of interest to do with wood turning. We learnt a great deal on the day and we look forward to the next meeting, to be held at the Guild workshop on Saturday 7th June 2014 at 9.30am.

Seth Douglass for Jim Reilly 5779574



**Group Four Woodturners;** 1st Tuesday of the month 1.30pm

Roy Tregilgas was our demonstrator. He demonstrated his pyrography machine and showed us the ways it could be used using different tips. He showed us a bowl which he had decorated by getting a paper pattern then cutting it into sections and sticking them around the bowl. He then used carbon paper to copy the pattern on to the work. He also had a mini electric blower which he uses to blow the dust out of the workshop. The Bowl on the left is an example of his work on pyrography as described above.



report sent in by Geoff Warth

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

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



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May saw fourteen of us start on a group project with everyone making the same marquetry picture. Jacob had prepared the patterns, the backing boards and pieces of veneer in various timbers that were needed to complete the first section. Everyone was able to complete this section on the day and we are all looking forward to working on the next section next month. Mike who is not doing the marquetry picture worked on cutting out some more prepared fretwork pieces, Selby took the photos and Lew made sure the water was boiling at lunch time.

Our next group meeting will be held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 9.30am,

**Members who are working on the marquetry project please remember to add to the things you need to bring the items on Jacob's list, your Scrollsaw, spare 02 blades, ice cream container (or similar), Kraft knife with no.11 blade, and tweezers if you have them.**

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.

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

There is plenty happening in this group with every one working on something for our next show. Mike has made six Cafe tables, Duncan has made a pull cart and Allan has made a hand jigger type trike for one of his family, one of which we thought would make a great prize for our raffle so another is on the go. Another raffle prize is being made by Mike Mail, this is a rocking horse with a closed in seat and carved head. The year is slapping by very quickly and the Guild needs a lot more items to sell at the show for fund raising so if you can come up with anything that will help your Guild please get cracking, Thanks.

Don't forget our Tues night has changed to the last Sat of the fourth Sat of the month.

Our June meetings are the 14th & 28th at 9-00 am

Roy

Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

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

Still not a lot happening with only with only four or five people attending each meeting but that's ok as we all tend to enjoy ourselves. I will have to get on the phone to gee a few people along as it is now time to renew our memberships.

Our June meetings are: 11th & 25th at 6-30 pm

Roy

Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405

## **B**uilding Report;

BUILDING PROJECT REPORT TO THE AGM 17th May 2014

I reported to last year's AGM that we were still looking for a piece of land on which to build, that a lot of effort had been put in, and that we felt sure this would eventually bear fruit.

To paraphrase the poet Longfellow, "The wheels of local body bureaucracy grind exceeding slow."

In May last year we received news from Parks and Reserves, that there was room on Hewletts Rd Reserve for one more building.

By July there was an indication that the site might be offered to us, if we met the criteria. In October this was confirmed and we were asked to indicate our plans and needs. There followed a meeting with Council staff from about four different depts, to look at our proposals and answer our questions.

We then launched in to the fund-raising slog. We researched about 20 charitable trusts, eventually applying to six. We found that we needed to re-invent ourselves in order to be eligible for funding, so we prepared a Strategic Plan for the Guild. From that we developed the Community Shed concept, and decided that the demise of night-school classes, created an opportunity for us in Teaching Woodcrafts.

Juggling the timing has exercised our minds a lot, each fund has a different lead time from application to consideration. Getting a lease document from Council, quotes from shed-builders and suppliers, complying with the conditions of the funding charities; everything we touched seemed to depend on something else being in place.

To quote another saying, "If you can keep your head in the midst of all this confusion, you don't understand the situation!" Some days I felt I was drowning in paper!

By April this year the funds started coming in, first Pub Charity for \$10,000, then TECT for \$60,000, followed by First Sovereign Trust and Lion Foundation bringing the total to \$90,000, with a Lotto application still to come in June.

Finally Council came up with a proposed Lease document, on very unfavourable terms to us. We have succeeded in



negotiating up from a 5+5 year lease to 10+10, and are still working on some other details.

By now our quote for the shed was 5 or 6 months old and had to be updated. We knew to expect price increases, but not that much! Last week we changed our main contractor, and signed a deal with Shed Boss, a local firm with a good track record.

Within a couple of weeks we expect to lodge Resource Consent and Building Consent Applications. We had hoped to get under way a month or so after that, but we now gather that the Resource Consent process may involve further delay.

*Doug St. George*

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

## **S**how Report

The show committee had not had a meeting this month, but Mike had told us they were progressing with different ideas, to get the public to the venue. One of the ideas they have is an outdoor café where the public can buy a cup of coffee or tea.



They have made six tables for this café already, which is what they plan to have, like the one photo far left, and they will be able to be knocked-down flat for easy storage, as shown in the photo at the left.

Mike said they are going to get as many members involved in helping with this Show too.

Selby

**N****ew Zealand Pipe Band Championships 2014:** We also express our thanks to the volunteers by hosting a small thank you function. Those Guild members who assisted at the Pipe Band Championships are cordially invited to this. Please let George know whether or not you will be attending to assist catering arrangements. The function will be at the Tauranga Citizens Club, Corner. Cameron Rd and 13th Ave. 2.00-4.00pm on Saturday 31st May ,2014 for refreshments, afternoon tea and maybe some appropriate music. I hope to see you there. Regards and appreciation,

George Yardley for the Bay of Plenty Pipe Band.

