



# The Woodcrafters

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

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**Next Meeting;** Saturday November 17th

**Group on duty;** Group Four Woodturners

**Demonstration-Speaker;**

## Ponderings of the Month

On behalf of our Guild, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to George Yardley in the passing of his wife. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

It was great news a couple of weeks ago, when I received the letter from the Companies Office approving our set of rules enabling us to become a registered Incorporated Society. We now have our certificate framed, thanks to Milan. Thanks again for all those folk that helped in the process of putting it together.



I was really impressed with those members who helped us with

the sausage sizzle they did a great job, and their cooking was superb. We made some good contacts, and it was good to see the public interested in our Guild and our Exhibition.

Our Show committee have done a great job in putting the Exhibition together, so it is our turn in doing those jobs that will make it all run smoothly.

We have many talents in the guild, but if we



Here is something that encourages me - Yesterday was for learning and tomorrow will be the consequences of what I do today. Today we face life with conviction that this day will never return and it may be the last opportunity we will have to contribute because there is no guarantee we will see tomorrow.

It takes courage to make a difference, especially when you can't see a way to it. When he was in Africa, David Livingstone received a letter saying "we want to send helpers. Have you found a good road into your area yet?" Livingstone replied "if you want to come when there's a good road, don't send them. I want people who'll go when there is no road"

**There are dreams we have for our own life, and there are dreams that life has for us.**

Peter.

## **MEETING REPORT**

**Committee Meeting;**  
**Apologies;** none

We discussed the usual business regarding running the Guild

### **General Meeting;**

**Members in attendance;** There were 35 members present at this meeting, and two visitors, which was a record for this year. We may have to purchase more chairs!!!

**Our next Annual Show;** is on track. The BBQ held at Bunning's, on Friday 19th October was a big success, and there were a lot of flyers handed out, with information about our Show, so lets hope a lot of people will come to the Show. We need members to help put advertising signs out, meet at the Clubrooms at 9am on Friday 26th October. A 6.30am start for two or three members to help the Show committee to set up on November 2nd at the Mount Sports Centre, ( just past Hull Rd.) and also helpers after the Show to clean up.

**Christmas Dinner;** it was decided to have our Christmas Dinner at the Chinese Restaurant at the Mount, on the first or second Wednesday night of December. More about this at our next meeting.

**Raffle;** Mike Buck won the raffle.





Derek did the critique and commented on the standard of the work.



**Our Guest Speaker was;**

one of our members Lawson Worsnop who talked and showed slides on their trip to Italy. They visited a cushion quilting show and he showed some photos of the fine work they do there. Next he showed us some photos of some life-size wood carving of people and animals, all carved in Lime wood. To get the size they required several pieces had to be glued together. All their wood has to be imported, as they don't have any more left in Italy. Lawson showed some of the mountains and ski fields there too.

Next he showed us some photos of the big woodturning symposium in San Jose in United States of America. The place where it was held was really big, and there was some great work being done.

Thanks Lawson for a very interesting talk.



This carved wooden fishhook was presented to Doug St. George for some work he did in Tonga. Doug was one of a team who went to Tonga to repair and put in a new kitchen in a Vicarage there for the new Vicar. The Church in New Zealand raised the required for the job, and they took a package kitchen, water tank, water filters, and anything else needed. They also did repairs to doors and windows too.

Doug said the carver who had carved the fishhook workshop was just a bit of a lean-to off the side of the house, and he sat on the ground and used his feet to hold the work

This carved green Koru was carved by Scott Parker, our Treasurer Grant Parker's Son.

Selby



## **WHATS ON**

**Tauranga Woodcrafter's Guild Annual Show** 2nd,3rd, and 4th November 2012 at the Mt. Maunganui Sports Centre, Maunganui Road. The Mount.

There will be Trade Stalls, Members Stalls, etc. Live Demonstrations in Woodturning, Woodcarving, Scrollsawing, as well as a Sausage Sizzle.

Mike McCarthy

## **SOUTH AUCKLAND SYMPOSIUM**

I had the privilege of being able to attend part of the symposium. Mike Buck and I attended the Sat. session. It was a long day leaving at 5am and getting back at 8pm. The event seemed to be well attended over the whole weekend.

The first session was by Canadian, Douglas Fisher on surface enhancement, demonstrating carving with rotary tools, pyrography and colouring. It was well presented, educational and entertaining, you can learn so much seeing these experts applying these techniques to wood. A lot of it is not hard, it's just having a good imagination, some practice, and careful application.

The next demonstrator was new kiwi, Mike Davies on power carving and techniques using all types of carving tools, such as angle grinders, reciprocal, rotary and hand carving. Most of his tools were from Record Power, which he represents. He is planning a tour of Australia & NZ next year promoting Record Power tools, I have indicated we would be interested in a visit, and will be giving the info to the committee to communicate with him.

The third demo was by Alby Hall from Northland, on resin inlay using our locally made Gemco product. He talked about the type of paint he uses as background, how to set embellishments into the resin, hints on mixing and pouring, then followed up with trimming and polishing.

The last demo we attended was by Australian Neil Scobie who turned a fox tail pam pod box. We would probably spend a whole day turning one, but he completed it one & half hours, even with stops while talking to us, as well as doing a little texturing at the end.

Some of the work on the display tables was mind boggling, and there was plenty of it. There was also a large trade/sponsor display with many mouth watering tools/toys for sale.

As far as I know Ian Dawkins and Graham Kehely were the only other Tauranga members there, I hope they found it as worthwhile as we did. Yes it was expensive but well worth it to be able to sit in on such top quality demonstrations.

I will leave the symposium program with our librarian Jim as it is quite a good read with lot's of hints and information as well as pretty pictures of the demonstrators work.

Roy

## **CLUB EXHIBITION AND SALE - KITCHEN**

Just a reminder that we are serving morning and afternoon teas and lunches at our Annual Show.

I still require more home baking and also more helpers for the kitchen. I have tried to contact all of the ladies, but if your wife has not had a call from me and would like to help or bake, could you please ask her to telephone or email me. If I am not at home we have an answerphone, so please leave a message. At present I am short of helpers on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Many thanks to all of those who have already promised to bake or help.

Laureen Tubby      Phone 572 0104      Email ltubby@xtra.co.nz





## Group Reports

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

Chips were flying everywhere at our Woodcarvers meeting this month. We had a full complement of eager carvers (and supportive mentors- bless them!), apart that is, for our dynamic Stephanie, who still sports that metal apparition attached to her leg! In spite of her limitations, she has her available time cut out working solidly on Guild and in particular, Show matters.

At our last meeting it was decided that each carver would work off the same plan to produce, in kauri, a box with a folded leather shirt carved into the lid. Sounds a uninterestingly simple exercise? Don't you believe it !

A roster for the upcoming Show was organized over a cup of tea. It was also decided, that demonstrators would have basic chisels on hand for those interested to have a go on simple designs on MDF- under strict supervision, of course! Fun!

Today's Howler; "To 'germinate' is to become a naturalized German " ( Spring gardeners had better watch out! )

Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn. Phone 576 9011.

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

On Tuesday, 9th October, 2012 nine of us met at the Clubrooms, 1.39pm. I showed the magnetic feather board, which we had used at Group Three's session. I showed the Group many different ways of making wooden wheels, with gadgets that I have made over the years. By using up off-cut pieces of wood, I cut them square and then cut off the corners. A hole is drilled in the centre, the same size as the axle that is to be used. A no. 2 Morse taper that fits in the headstock of the lathe has a same size steel shaft screwed into it, which the blanks are banked along its length. The tailstock has the open, revolving centre and then is tightened up against all the pieces that you are ready to turn to the size that you require. The pieces can be turned around and I use spacers placed between the wheels, for sanding and finishing. We used up almost the hour and a quarter of the session, and it was time for afternoon tea. We hope to see you all again on Tuesday, November, 13th, 2012. 1.30pm at the Clubrooms

*Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815*

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

We had a good attendance at Group Three meeting on Saturday, 6th October, 2012 at the Clubrooms. Jim Reilly demonstrated cutting up dry Liquid Amber wood using the magnetic, feather board fence on the band saw, steel table. Jim had requested that I bring the gadget to show to show at the meeting. He was able to cut the wood easily.

The Group is on *Duty for the Club Meeting on Saturday, 20th October 2012*. We look forward to hear and see Lawson Worsnop, who is to be our Guest Speaker on the day.

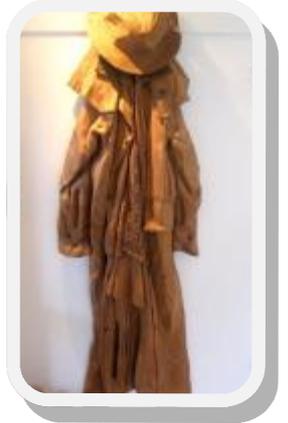
**Saturday, 1st December**, is the date for our next Group Three meeting at the Clubrooms, 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you, so please bring along any of your problems you need,



solving.

Seth Douglas for *Jim Reilly* 577 9574

## **G**roup Four; Woodturners; 1st Tuesday



On Tuesday 2nd October, 15 member and 2 visitors went to have a look at the Gallery of Carver, Kevin McCardell, in Cambridge Rd. Tauranga.

When we first arrived, Kevin gave us a talk on his life and work as a Carver. He spoke about where he buys a lot of his Kauri, and the cost. He told us how he starts piece. If it's a coat, he hangs it on the wall, then he measures different aspects, such as length, buttons, etc., which is transferred onto the wood. Kevin also told us how he colours and finishes his work. Kevin did not enter in this year's Kawarau Woodfest,. As he had a lot of commissions to complete.



After the talk from Kevin, the Group moved into the Gallery to look at the fine work he does. A piece that took my eye was a violin and bow sitting on some sheet music, all out of one piece of wood. There were also coats, jackets, and leather pants that just looked so real, along with many of the other exhibits on show.



We went back to the Clubrooms for afternoon tea and a critique of work brought along by members.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Merv Griffin; 38 Tay Street Mt. Maunganui- 1pm Tuesday 6th November. Group 4 will be on Duty on Club Day 17th November. don't forget to bring a plate.

*Mike Harold Ph. 575 0767*

## **G**roup Five; Scrollsaw and Intarsia; 1st Wednesday

Our group met as usual on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Barry and Roy had finished their marquetry pictures. Jacob took us through the sanding and sealing procedures that he goes through before he applies the lacquer to his marquetry to finish them off. Russell was working on intarsia deer, and Roy on a large piece of scrollwork. On the display table Barry and Roy had their completed pictures from the group project, Barry also had another one that he had completed at home, he also had two carved herons, and Roy had another of his portraits. With our Annual



Exhibition and Sale fast approaching everyone is very busy.

Next meeting-

Our next group meeting will be held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the week after the Show, commencing at 9.30am. New members and visitors welcome. We stop for lunch, so you may like to bring yours with you.

Lauren Tubby Ph. 572 0104

## **G**roup Six; *Toy making Group*; 2nd Saturday

The toy group is always a great day at the Club Rooms as there is always so much activity going on. This is also a great time of the year as we start seeing the results of all our hard work. As well as all of the toys on display last Saturday, there is a great deal more in home workshops, so there should be many happy faces when they are all distributed. A lot of these toys would not be possible if it was not for the generosity of this group as not only do they give their time, but they also dip into their own pockets to complete some of them.

**Thanks Guys** you are a great bunch to work with.

Although there is no time left for this years production we can carry on with new projects which will give us a jump start on next years stock.

Nov meeting is 10th at 9-00am bring your lunch.

Roy

*Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405*

## **G**ROUP 7 *Group Seven NIGHT SHIFT* ;

Things were a little quiet on the first night of the month, but that only seemed to be a one off as the second night was all go again. Craig created a little excitement when a lid-ded bowl he was working on, decided to take a little turn around the room, but luckily it ended it's journey unscathed. Mike Harold and I spent the night preparing for the Club Exhibition buy cutting out the blanks for the wig stands that will be used for demonstrations. We have ten ready to go, so as long as we don't get too enthusiastic, they should keep us going for the weekend.

Nov meetings are 7th, & 21st at 6-30pm. The first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Roy Tregilgas 547 7405

## **B**UILDING REPORT *July 2012*

16/10/12 Meeting at Council Offices

I joined Ivan Hunt, Ed Stockley and Gordon Woodward of the Model Railway Club, in a meeting with Maree Gordon and Stephanie Wheeler of Council Parks Dept.

We are no further ahead, but we have a clearer idea of where we stand:

Another car club which has been allocated a building site in Hewlett's Rd Reserve, is currently going through the con-



sent process, they apparently need 70 car parks. Once this application has been completed, and Council have decided where the parking will be sited, they will then determine whether there is room in the reserve for any more buildings.

It is by no means certain that there will be room for us, though there is still a good chance. We are well advised to keep looking for possible alternative sites for our building, or for other suitable buildings. Let's think outside the square, I am happy to hear from anyone who has any ideas.

We know that the Meredith Hall on Pemberton Park is not available to us. I have looked again at the Historic Village, and confirmed their rent scale would cost us some \$8000 per year, if they had a suitable building, which they don't at present.

*Doug St George*



### **From the Editor's Desk;**

Hi everyone,

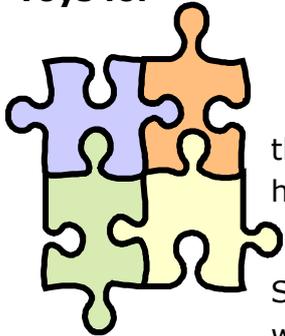
Our weather has been very changeable lately, nice and sunny one moment then raining the next.

Our Show is less than 2 weeks away now, so I hope that all our members who can help in the Show will come along to lend a hand. The more members who can help will make the Show run smoothly. We would like to see all the members come along to the Show for a look.

We hope for fine weather, and for lots of people come to the new Shoe venue.

Selby West

### **Toys for**

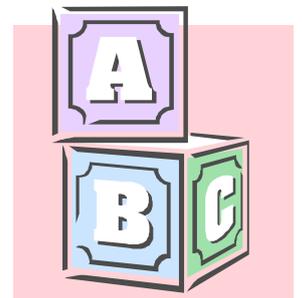


### **Christmas**

Our November meeting is where we hand over all the toys we have made to the Salvation Army. The Club has been doing this for many years, with reasonable success.

So we hope everyone will contribute the toys for this, and we hope the efforts bring some smiles to the young faces on Christmas morning.

Jim Reilly



## **Tools Explained !!**

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light . Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh--!'



**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**SON-OF-A-BITCH TOOL:** (A personal favorite!!) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a BITCH!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Hope you found this informative !!!!!!!

Sent in by Milan Bacica



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