

## newsletter of the tauranga woodcrafters guild inc.



*The present seating arrangement has met with strong approval from most members.*

### **Duncan's Natter:**

Where o where has this year gone? We are only 4 weeks away from our show, I am looking forward to getting set up and meeting the public that come along to see what and how we do things.

It will be great to see Doug's display of four generations of his family's wood working skills. That should be of great interest to both the members and the public.

The next club day will be on the 12th November so that we can put the finishing touches on the

show. I hope as many as possible will be there to help set up as well as break down after the show on the Sunday, even if you are not having a stand.

It was wonderful to walk out of the club rooms on Saturday afternoon after the meeting and have the covered way over the door giving us shelter from the rain, well done Doug and Mike.

As those that were there on Saturday have seen, we have some nice new machines in the workshop thanks to Pub charity. Please make sure you get some lessons on the operation of these new machines BEFORE

you use them please, as there are one or two features that you should be aware of before you switch them on. This will keep everyone safe and the machines working as they have been designed to do.



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## Finding Tips and Information on Woodcraft

### The Guild's Library:

We have a good range of books and dvds and subscribe to some good magazines.

### The Guild's Website:

[www.taurangawoodcrafters.org](http://www.taurangawoodcrafters.org)

Lots of links to useful sites

### The National Association of Woodworkers

Website: - [www.naw.org](http://www.naw.org)

Links to other clubs, top craftspeople and suppliers

## MEETING REPORT

**New Equipment** - A Grant of \$10,000 has been received from Pub Charity towards our equipment Wish-list.

Planned Equipment purchases are under way.

**Wig Stands:** Three nice Thankyou cards have been received from recipients of these.

**On-line Banking:** This is being arranged.

**Workshop:** 15 Amp Power Points and better Toilet Lighting are to be installed.

**Seating:** Doug asked whether members like the present arrangement, a show of hands revealed that most members like it, and only one member dislikes it.

**Resignation of President:** Members were whole-hearted in preferring to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy, rather than hold a Special General Meeting.

**Notices:** Helpers needed for Sausage Sizzle Friday 4th November at Bunnings, please.

**Show:** Members were updated on Show arrangements,. The floor plan was available for comment.

**Safety Slot:** Seth asked for a safety rail behind the raised chairs. He also gave us a timely reminder of a number of other safety matters. Thank you Seth.

**Raffle** - won by Roy

**Show and Tell:** Lawson commented on the work on display, beautiful examples of Pyrography, Carving, Fret-work and Wigstands.

## DEMONSTRATION

Groups 2 & 3 combined for the day's activity.

Seth Douglas gave an interesting chat on Tips and Tools.

Lawson Worsnop followed with an explanation of Negative Rake Scraping, showing a number of robust Scraping Tools he has made from old Chipper Blades and Planer Blades. He also gave some useful tips on grinding High Speed Steel.

He then went on to show us a lot of different timbers, with helpful guides on how to identify timbers by various characteristics, including smell, colour, grain, coarseness and growth rings.

Jim Dekker read a poem he has written on the "Gunpowder Plot."

Thank you Lawson, Seth and Jim.

**Note that Group 5 are on duty next month  
The meeting is on 12th Nov,  
a week before the Annual Show.**

***Do you have a Name Badge?***

***If yours is lost, or somehow the system has missed you out, please let Selby, Stephanie or Doug know, and we will make you one.***

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

**Group One Woodcarvers** 2nd & 4th Mon. 9.30am- 3pm-ish.

There were eight carvers on deck this morning , and all were busy. Mike McCarthy was there to explain what space was available in the Container for carvers. This will be a great asset! Tom and Barwick presented their completed "Medieval Follies" and both Barwick and Frazer moved on to lettering for family signs. Others are starting new projects and turned to our two long suffering "Master Carvers" ( chisel sharpener) Ivan and Barwick, for advice and to build the confidence of those diffident, so that they were comfortable with actually starting their project. In the interim their own carving was pushed to one side! Those less able and less confident can only count our blessings that we have such members in our group!

Our next scheduled meeting will be on October 24th- in spite of it being Labour Weekend Monday. Those not present , Please Take Note!

This Week's Howler; "The USSR and the USA became global in power, Europe remained incontinent." - That about sums it up!

Next Meetings; October 24th and November 7th  
Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn. Phone (07) 308 7914

**Group Two Woodturners:** 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm

Group Two and Group Three combined to be on Duty for the Main Monthly Meeting this month and Lawson Worsnop who comes through from Rotorua, was our Guest Speaker on Saturday, 15th, October, 2016.

Lawson did us proud on the day. It would have to be the "Best Session" that we have ever had. Many Thanks Lawson. The preparation involved alone, with the many samples of wood, pointing out the grain, the smell and what each wood was used for with projects for Woodturners. Lawson also showed us tools that he had made and the method of shaping, sharpening the blades with a negative rake and the results to expect.

Jim Dekker had composed a poem, many years ago and he read the poem about "The Guy Fawkes Plot." Guido Fawkes was his real name. Group Two met on Tuesday, 11th, October, 2016. We meet again on Tuesday, 8th, Nov., 2016 at 1.30 p.m. Don't forget that the Main Meeting for November, is on Saturday, 12th November, 2016. This is due to the Show the following week.

Seth Douglas 576 5815

**Group Three Woodturners:** 1st Sat at 9.30am

Group Three met on Saturday, 1st, October, 2016. We had a good Session and combined with Group Two, were on Duty for the Main Meeting on the 15th October, 2016. Lawson Worsnop was our Guest Speaker. On Saturday, 15th October, 2016 Lawson certainly did us proud with his demonstrations and explaining in great detail, the different woods and how he had



*Tom and Barwick with their  
Mediaeval Follies*

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made his tools from planer blades with a negative rake and the wooden handles for the tools that he had made. Many Thanks Lawson for a "Grand Effort" in sharing your knowledge of steel and timbers with us.

We are looking forward now for the SHOW in November.

Group Three meet again on Saturday, 5th, November, 2016 at 9.30 a.m

N.B. The Main November Meeting is on Saturday, 12th November, 2016.. Group Four had their Meeting last month, so Group Five are on Duty for November.

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

**Group Four Woodturners:** 1st Tuesday at 1.00pm

Our 4th September meeting, led by George Yardley, consisted of a hands on meeting where we were introduced into the making of christmas ornaments: snowmen, acorns, xmas trees etc.. Once again everyone seemed to enjoy the project in hand with the more experienced turners assisting.

We also had 2 visitors ( Father & daughter) who also had a go at spindle turning.

We had a very small show and tell table but we need more support for this part of our meetings.

Jim Sutherland 543 4829

*The Christmas decorations are sitting on the headstock of the lathe.*

*The other chap is George Yardley.*



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### **Guild Calendar for November**

Tues. 1st at 1.00pm	Group 4 Turners
Wed. 2nd at 9.30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Wed. 2nd at 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Thurs. 3rd at 1.00pm	Thursday Students
Sat. 5th at 9.30am	Group 3 Turners
Mon. 7th at 9.30am	Group 1 Carvers
Tues 8th at 1.30pm	Group 2 Turners
Wed 9th at 6.30pm	Group 6 Night W/shop
Thurs. 10th at 1.00pm	Thursday Students
Sat 12th at 11.00am	Committee Meeting
Sat 12th at 1.00pm	Full Guild Meeting
	Group 5 on Duty
Thurs. 17th at 1.00pm	Thursday Students
Fri 18th to Sun 20th	ANNUAL SHOW
Mon 14th at 9.30am	Group 1 Carvers
Wed 16th at 1.00pm	Homeschool Class
Wed 23th at 6.30pm	Group 6 Night W/shop
Thurs. 24th at 1.00pm	Thursday Students

### **Group Five**

**Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia** 1st Wed. at 9.30am

It has been a while since I have been to a Group Five meeting through not being well, and it was great to get back and see everyone. I had taken my camera with the idea of taking some photos of the meeting. My very good friend Jacob rang to ask me if I would take photos at our Group meetings, and our Scrollsaw Workshop in April 2017, and do Group 5 reports, and I agreed.

Our meeting as usual was well attended, and we discussed the forth-coming Scrollsaw Workshop, so Laureen can get it advertised in the next month's NAW Creative Wood Magazine,



and also in the Newsletter. As this year's Workshop worked out very well, we have decided to run our next one on similar lines, with some details to work out later.

Group Five is on Duty for next Month's meeting 12th November.

Selby West ph. 5788934  
Japie Volschenk 542 3633

## Group 6: Toymaking and Open Workshops

2nd Saturday 9.00am, 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6.30pm.

During the school holidays the team that have been teaching the Thursday students decided to carry on using the Thursday to make toys for the show, so we feel we have now got the toy group back up and running again, and it has been a lot fun putting these projects together and taking time out for lunch, but will be going back to the 2nd Saturday of the month 9am- 12 then lunch, ( but not in November as that is our replacement club day.) so if there are any members that want to join the group we will be happy to see you there, even if you only want to do your own projects, that will be great. I am sure that when the summer school holidays arrive, we will again use the Thursday slot to continue as the toy group, perhaps to make more toys for the hospital or some other organization that would like our toys.

Sent in by Duncan for Roy Tregilgas 574 7405

Hello all, sorry for not having posted something the last couple of months as either time and or inspiration has been a problem in doing so. The last couple of meetings have been a little quiet but I'm sure that winter is now out of the way and daylight saving is here, so we hope to see more of you. The Guild has just received some new machinery and there is more to come, it is there to be used so come along and make good use of it. The open workshop meetings are for all members to help, teach, socialize and get to know your fellow members and maybe try your hand at something different,



*Bob Ferguson's Eiffel Tower*

also there are always club projects you can help with. Don't sit at home complaining there is nothing on TV, come along and exercise your brain it's supposed to keep you young. TOY GROUP: There will be no set toy group for Nov. as the club day is being held earlier due to the show. We will have to fit in extra days between now and then to finish the projects already on the go.

OPEN WORKSHOP:  
Wed. 9th & 23rd at 6.30pm  
Sat. 26th at 9.30am

See you all there Roy.

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*Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!*

**EDITOR'S COMMENT:**     *Doug St. George*

One of the great strengths of our Guild is that we have a number of Groups, each pursuing and promoting their own special interests.

We have a Carvers group, a Scroll-saw, Marquetry and Intarsia group, no less that three Wood-turning groups, a Toymakers group and an Open Workshop group which aims to cover all or any woodcrafts.

In each of these groups there are skilled artisans, willing to share and teach their particular skills. In each group there are members of all skill levels. The camaraderie and fellowship is every bit as important as the actual woodcraft, it is a lot easier to get to know other people in a small group, than it is in the big monthly Guild meeting.

Any member of the Guild is welcome to go to any group, and to as many groups as you wish. By my count we average 15 activities each month, so there is plenty of opportunity.

It came as rather a surprise recently, that someone expressed to the Committee, the view that the special interest groups are creating an atmosphere of separatism, or even rivalry in the Guild.

This person suggested that the groups could be encouraged to be more inclusive of other skills. For example, that if someone has a Turning project they are keen to get on with, there should be nothing to stop them going to the workshop on a Carving day, or a Scroll-saw day, to work on the lathe. He put forward the view that this sort of mixing of skills would make us a more unified Guild.

The Committee members are mostly of the view that this is already happening in some groups, and that there is no reason not to encourage it. *With the strong proviso, that such side activity does not disrupt the main activity.* It would be most discourteous for someone to come in and expect to operate a noisy machine, when the Group were trying to have a discussion, or watch a Video.

My own view is that it is up to the Groups to decide what will work for them, and I am sure that any request can be responded to with courtesy and respect.

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from Jim Dekker

## GUY FAWKES

Guy Fawkes was a simple man  
Born in York where life began  
Received a free school education  
Which later influenced his vocation

Became a soldier, went overseas  
Learned all the skills and strategies  
By now, a tall and powerful man  
Was talked into a conspiracy plan

Events took place before his time  
When Henry and Cromwell took the line  
To break religious ties with Rome  
And started a new religion at home

All subjects were obliged to swear  
Respect the law and do stay clear  
Of the Catholic faith which is now banned  
Ignoring this, a death sentence will stand

The gunpowder plot was no fake  
Met at an inn called Duck and Drake  
They hired a cellar beneath Parliament  
The plot date was set to implement

Guy Fawkes got caught while in the room  
With 35 barrels ready to go boom  
Fellow conspirators out of fear  
Had already planned not to be near

Punishment those days was very cruel  
Hanging, disemboweling and quartering the rule  
All the members of the gunpowder plot  
Convicted and punished with the lot

Every year bonfires are lit  
To commemorate as they see fit  
King James and parliament did survive  
On a day in history, November 5

JD

## LAST WORD

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### A REMINDER FOR GROUP LEADERS:

#### DUTIES OF GROUP ON DUTY:

Arrange a Demonstrator, Speaker, or Activity.

Set out furniture needed for the meeting.

Make the Afternoon Tea.

Wash, dry and stack away the Dishes.

Take Tea-towels to wash.

Clean up any mess.

Take away any sawdust and shavings.

Leave the Kitchen and Toilets clean.

Vacuum and tidy the room.

Close all Windows.

Turn off the Workshop Power, (Not the Main)

Set the Alarm and Lock the Building.

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