

newsletter of the tauranga woodcrafters guild inc.



Barwick Harding's beautifully carved medieval jester's face

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Tas Davie:

We are sad to record the recent passing of long time member, Tas Davie, who during his involvement with the Guild, was well known by the membership and made a significant contribution to the development of our Guild.

Covid-19 Update:

Tauranga was recently placed into the Covid-19 Level 2 lockdown status, which will last at least until August 26th. Level 2 means we can remain open for Group meetings of under 100 people, but need to sign in using the workshop register, apply social distancing rules (1m apart), stay home if you feel unwell (and get yourself tested), and maintain good hygiene practices by washing hands etc. The Homeschool program has been suspended until we return to Level 1, but all other Groups can continue to meet as per their schedules. If the situation changes all members will be advised by email.

NAW AGM:

The National Association of Workers(NAW) are having their AGM on Saturday 5th September (9am - 4pm) at Linton Park Community Centre, 16 Kamahi Pl., Rotorua. Attendance is Free.

Neil Joynt Tour:

There is no change to our plan to host NAW's Neil Joynt Tour / Workshop in the Guild's workshop on Wednesday August 26th from 9:30am until 4pm. We encourage all members with an interest in wood turning and decoration to attend Neil's workshop. We are very lucky to have this opportunity. If you have not already done so please register with Stephanie Simpson sjsimp2@gmail.com or mobile 022 1711790.

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The cost will be \$40 for people who are National Association of Woodworkers (NAW) Members and \$85 for non members of NAW.

However, if you are a Guild member, but not already a member of NAW, they are offering a discounted rate for NAW membership. You will be able to join NAW on the day for \$25, and then attend the workshop for an additional \$40.

2020 Show:

Planning for the 2020 Show is well underway and we are just three months away from having our exhibition - November 20th, 21st and 22nd 2020. This year we are going to promote our show as part of the BOP Garden and Art Festival, which runs over the same time period and is expected to result in a large increase in visitor numbers at our venue. Greg Taylor advises that all members who want a sales stall need to register their interest with him now.

Simple Lessons in Equipment Use:

The motor on the large bandsaw has failed. We have burnt out electrical windings in the motor. A new motor has been ordered and will cost us \$500! A simple lesson for us all to avoid such failures and added cost, is to note that it typically arises when a motor is repeatedly switched on/off/on/off. So please avoid doing this.

Viel Glück

Phil Hansen, President.

General Report

Sign-in Registers

Members are still required to sign in and out of the workshop but from the 19th of August there is a COVID QR code taped to the door. Members with compatible mobile phones are encouraged to scan this in accordance with Ministry of Health guidelines.

Finance

Margaret has advised that there have been only nominal incomes and expenditures over the last month.

Membership

We welcomed five new members in the past month and the membership now stands at 81.

NAW Raffle

This is your chance to be in to win a NOVA Orion lathe.

Tickets \$10 (\$2:50 from each ticket to our Guild.)

Take a Book of 10 and sell to your mates - only 5 books left - see your Group leader!!

Scroll Saw Workshop 2021

Continuing on from the success of the 2019 Scrollsaw Workshop, the Scrollsaw group will be having a Workshop on the 12th of April 2021. The Workshop is expected to be about six hours duration and the fees have yet to be set. All those that may be interested, please bookmark this in your calendar.

Sack Barrow

We are unable to locate the Guild's red sack barrow. If anyone knows where it might be, please let us know.

Equipment for Sale

Doug St George (ph 07 573 8399) has two ICNS chuck inserts, stamped "C", with 1" x 10TPI thread. These would suit TL1000, Woodfast or Durden lathes. Please contact Doug if you are interested.

2020 Show

Annual Exhibition and Sales – Nov 20st to 22nd

Planning for the show is coming together. Two demonstrators and five commercial stands have been confirmed along with nine members stalls at this stage.

The Exhibition is our showcase for the year so please start putting together your best pieces of work to put on show.

Signs are being revitalised and will be distributed at the start of November with Barwick handling this job.

Lawson has done a magnificent job in the Café for the last couple of years but has retired from this role. If you, or someone you can suggest, is willing to take over the running of the Café please let me know. Put your own team together and expect help from everyone else!

Tauranga Woodcrafters
Exhibition

20th, 21st, 22nd November
Doors open from 10am to 4pm

Woodcraft Sale
Trade Stands

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Raffle prizes are coming together with something substantial from each group underway.

Stall holder's tables: please call Mike McCarthy 07 575 2991 if you require stall space - two tables \$30 - (plus a commitment to assist in the smooth running of the event)

We have also registered with BOP Garden and Art Festival and are an "Art Stop" which will greatly increase our foot traffic. That event starts on the Thursday 19th and we need a presence at the Bloom in the Bay (HQ for the BOP festival at the racecourse) for the duration. Trevor Martin has kindly offered to set up the site there – we will have a gazebo and sales table and TWG promotion material. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with manning the stand over the four days and will arrange a roster.

Bloom in the Bay Gallery - we can submit one piece of art for exhibition and sale in the artist's gallery (with one backup piece to replace if sold). Please let me know if you are interested in showcasing something special from our Guild. (need to supply our own plinth).

Feel free to call me with any good ideas to enhance our show - and to volunteer for what you are best at!!

Greg Taylor, Show Co-ordinator - 021 992446

Guild Meeting

This was a very well attended meeting where Jacob von Holzen showed about twenty automota that he has created in recent times. While some had been built from plans, most had been created from ideas that Jacob had seen in books or magazines and he used these to create detailed drawings prior to constructing the intricate designs. The masterpiece of his automata construction was of two medieval knights engaged in a sword fight on horseback.

Following his presentation, a brief music video was shown with Jacob in his workshop and a band "playing" on mock wooden instruments. For those who were not there, you can find this on Youtube https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Jno0_nGjCls

Allan Curtis



Group Activities

Group One: Woodcarvers 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. 9:30am – 3:00pm.



We had our midwinter lunch at Villa Ridge in late July with a group of 15 people including partners. We all celebrated Ivan Watchorn's birthday with a card signed by all and a very large carrot cake provided by Jean. We thanked Ivan for being our group leader for so many years and Barwick has now taken over the role.

The group then managed to finish off the cake at the carving group meeting which happened to be the next day.

We also had a visit from Janette and Harvey Telfer. Janette is keen to join the carving group while Harvey wants to make toys, so is joining the Open workshop group.

Besides the socialising, the carvers have actually been working on carving projects as well! Barwick has completed his carving of a face taking, as his basis, the Ian Norbury "A Face with Character" carving video (see front page).



Ivan proudly showing his walking stick Ivan and Geoff are both working on different walking stick carvings.

Grant Parker
continues his love
of carving spoons
and was showing
us one of his latest
designs which
incorporates a
painted decoration





Chris Barton has framed his relief carving of some flowers and produced an abstract of a small bird; taking ideas he saw when Rex Homan spoke to the Guild a few years ago



Barwick also has various abstract carvings underway and showed us his Rhino horn complete with "gun wound"



Phil Hansen for Barwick Harding 544 9094

Group Woodturners

Group 4 Hands on Turning - 1st Tuesday at 9:30am

Group 4 Monthly Turners Meeting - 1st Tuesday at 1:30pm

Group 4 Hands on Turning - 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

The group 4 meeting on Tuesday 4th August was well attended. We had five lathes going in the morning hands on session with other members preparing blanks for future projects.

One visitor (a school teacher) came over from Matamata and spent the morning making a weed pot and a small bowl. She has purchased a lathe and is now keen to join up with one of our open workshop groups. Our afternoon meeting saw more members turn up. Some had not been to the club for a while as they had suffered muscle strains and the like and were now ready to get back on the lathe.

Our table display was a bit sparse but we had a fine platter from Sheila and Jim Gardner plus a garden art

sculpture in purple heart by Greg Taylor. Our session finished with an instructional video organised by Greg. Next month's challenge is some garden art of any sort.

Lawson Worsnop 027 3572430

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

The Group has seen increasing numbers attending the sessions and are now taxing the demands on the Guild's scrollsaws, even with some members bringing their own. A proposal was presented to the Group, with 12 members present, that the Group access the skills and knowledge of Jacob von Holzen to present a monthly series of "master classes" on the different aspects of scrollsaw work. These include Intarsia, Marquetry and Inlay work. Jacob graciously accepted this role and will produce kitset packs for these classes. The first class will be on the 2nd of September and will cover Inlay work with the attendees producing a small lidded box with a name inlaid into the lid. We will video these classes to create a lasting record of these techniques.

Members have been busy with their projects with Duncan Campbell producing a decorative box with a Rimu base and Garapa sides. The Garapa proved to be particularly challenging as it is very hard and prone to tear out.





One of the many automota that Jacob von Holzen presented at the Guild meeting

Glenn Whittaker 5480987

Group 6 & 7: Open Workshop and Toy Making 2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm, 2nd & 4th Sat at 9.30am.

We've had a semi-slow startup coming out of lockdown, but the group is picking up again with folks working on all sorts of projects as usual. Juan has been doing some awesome work on his record player refurbishing. There are some other small projects that are in progress.

Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

Thursday Students

This program is on hold until 2021.

Mike Buck 027 5075549

Homeschool Students

The Homeschool group has only managed two sessions so far and now Covid-19 level 2 has put a stop for the meantime. As the situation becomes clearer we will start up again.

The students have been busy making making back-lit scrollsaw images. The students start by learning the electronic components, how to solder them on to copper tape, choose an animal head, place LEDs and add a battery pack and switch to complete the project. The next step is to choose a picture, cut it out using the

scrollsaw and then add LEDs to give a shadow effect. Due to time limitations we have had to assist the students with their soldering of the components. The students are really enjoying working with the scrollsaw and attaching electronic lighting. David is really inspiring the students and they give him their full attention. Woodturning is also continuing with a very credible result last session.

We look forward to being able to re-start in the near future.









David Monk & Mel Yeates 573 8188

Last Word from Phil Hansen



Allan's Joke

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multi-million dollar machines. They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past.

The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "This is where your problem is". The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again. The company received a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his service. They demanded an itemized accounting of his charges.

The engineer responded briefly:

- One chalk mark \$1
- •Knowing where to put it \$49,999

It was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.

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September 2020	Group 6 & 7				
October 2020	Group 1				
November 2020	Group 4				
December 2020	Group 5				
January 2021	Group 6&7				
February 2021	Group 1				
March 2021	Group 5				

GUILD CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2020						
Date	Time	Group	Activity			
Tues 1st	9:30am	4	Hands on Turning			
Tues 1st	1:30pm	4	Turners			
Wed 2 nd	9:30am	5	Scrollsaw			
Wed 9 th	6:30pm	6	Open Workshop			
Sat 12 th	9:30am	6	Open Workshop			
Mon 14 th	9:30am	1	Carvers			
Wed 16 th	9:30am	5	Scrollsaw			
Sat 19 th	11:00am	Commit	tee Meeting			
Sat 19 th	1:30pm	Guild M	eeting			
Wed 23 rd	9:30am	4	Hands on Turning			
Wed 23 rd	6:30pm	6	Open Workshop			
Sat 26 th	9:30am	6	Open Workshop			
Mon 28 th	9:30am	1	Carvers			

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