

Jacob Stemmer's latest cutting board project which is built from walnut, maple and purple heart.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Welcome to Tauranga Woodcrafters 2020. For some the year's activities have already started and others are working up to it.

I hope everybody is well and had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I wish you all good health in the coming year and look forward to seeing your creations on the show and tell table at our monthly Guild meetings. Sometimes offerings are a bit sparse and I encourage you to show your work and talk about it. This does give ideas to and inspires your fellow members. Very often people are a bit protective about what and how they do things, not only in organisations like ours but others also. I have seen many instances of these "secret" methods and recipes being lost forever. Look on it as growing knowledge. If you have something that works, share it. That is what being in a "club" is all about.

Twenty four of us enjoyed a social BBQ lunch at the Clubrooms on the 18th. It was a very pleasant day and a big thank you to Colin for organising the BBQ fare and doing the chef's duties again.

Magazines have been a bit scarce lately but Margaret has done a bit of an audit and caught up on some subscriptions. Reminders on expiry had not been sent to us. Carving and Woodturning have been received recently and will be available through the library.

Slainte, George Yardley, President

a member club of the national association of woodworkers Inc.



MEETING REPORT

Our January 2020 meeting was replaced by a BBQ this year, but your newsletter editor has the following items for you to consider please.

Open Workshop Members are reminded that Roy and Mike are stepping down from leading this group at the next AGM. Please contact George Yardley, or one of the committee members, if you are interested in picking up this role in 2020.

Mainstreet Tauranga: We have been contacted to ask if the Guild has an idea and wants to participate in their "Activate Vacant Spaces" initiative. They want to showcase art, culture, heritage and the diversity

within the community by utilising the empty offices, buildings and blank walls within the inner city. The initiative has been made possible by the Tauranga Council, Mainstreet Downtown, Tauranga Art Gallery, Creative BOP, Sharp Tudhope and others. This is an opportunity we would like to support by showcasing our members work in a public display.

The theme for March 2020 is "**Shining** a light on our city". Please support us when we ask for members to loan us some items of their work which would be on display for a month.

Critique: There was no meeting or critique this month, so your newsletter editor has selected Jacob Stemmer's latest project - a cutting board built from walnut, maple and purple heart.

The BBQ on 18th January was well attended - members and partners. It was a very enjoyable social occasion with Colin doing an excellent job behind the BBQ cooking patties, sausages and onions. Everyone brought a delicious selection of salads, breads and cakes to share. Thanks to you all.

Simon Eminson provided BBQ entertainment with a recitation of Bill Bailey's "Chaucer Pubbe Gagge". For those who missed it you can try the following link <https://youtu.be/m4wzJZdmelA> After memorising all the lines please be ready to join Simon's group in the next TV reality show auditions.

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Note: Group One - Carvers - are on Duty for the February 2020 meeting.



GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group One: Woodcarvers

2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 9.30 am to 3.00pm.



We had 9 carvers at our first session of 2020, which was judged a good turnout. Everyone had a variety of carvings they had been working on since Christmas.

Stephanie's dove of peace is nearing completion, and so is John's dolphin. There was a lot of advice for Stephanie and discussion on a finishing technique. The consensus from the Group's "brains trust" was to begin by washing the carving in warm water before starting sanding to lift the fine wood



fibres and then repeating the warm water wash as you work up through the different sandpaper grades. Only once this is done should the carver move onto the coating system.



Jean has made excellent progress on her heron. Barwick has begun working on a relief carving of a canoeist within a forest scene.

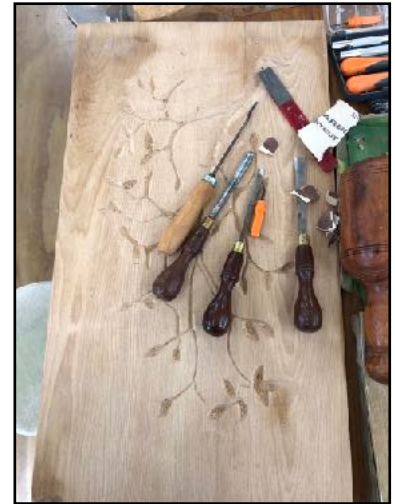




Duncan has a miniature row boat underway.

Gavin has begun a relief carving of some leaves and a vine, while Tom was working on a spoon with a Celtic pattern on the stem.

Frazer has almost finished a decorative Yin-Yang piece. Phil worked on a small hand he was carving for a "Fool."



200mm (8") tall figurine styled as

Ivan was carving a walking stick and kept busy providing great advice to everyone whenever people had a question on the next approach to solve a problem.



Phil Hansen for Ivan Watchorn (07) 308 7914.



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 turners have also started up their meetings for 2020. A few had tried over the Christmas break to turn the little spinning tops which Derek Kerwood laid down as a challenge at our December meeting. There was broad agreement that this task is more difficult than it first appears. Getting the balance around the central axis was mentioned the biggest challenge.

Greg Taylor 021 992 446

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Japie Volschenk 5423633

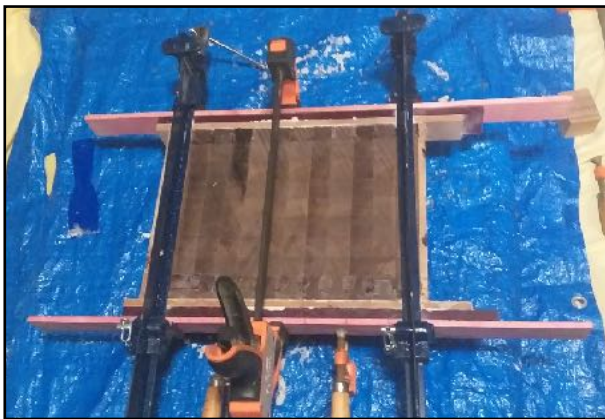
Group 6 & 7: Open Workshop and Toy Making

2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm, 2nd & 4th Sat at 9.30am (new finishing time on Saturdays is 3pm).

The Open Workshop group will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 22nd January.

Members are reminded that Roy and Mike are stepping down from leading this group at the next AGM. Please contact George Yardley, or one of the committee members, if you are interested in picking up this role, have experience with the full range of our work working equipment, and are willing to help, teach, and coach other members.

The following interesting photo sequence shows the progress; birth; the growth phase (including braces); glue up; until the final completion of Jake Stemmer's latest cutting board which was built as part of the Open Workshop activities. The board itself, which measures 500mmx410mm, has been made from Walnut, Maple and Purple Heart. The final photo shows Jake's technique for recessing a pickup handle under the board.





Phil Hansen for Roy Tregilgas 027 640 3793

Thursday Students

There is nothing to report at this time on the Thursday program. It is expected to restart after schools return.

Mike Buck 574 4525

Homeschool Students

There is nothing to report at this time on the Homeschool program. It is expected to restart after schools return.

Happy New Year to all.

Phil Hansen for Mel Yeates et al. 573 8188

GUILD CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Tues. 4th @ 9:30am	Group 4 Hands on Turning
Tues. 4th @ 1:30pm	Group 4 Turners
Wed. 5th @ 9:30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Sat. 8th @ 9:30am	Group 6 Open Workshop
Mon. 10th @ 9:30am	Group 1 Carvers
Wed. 12th @ 6:30pm	Group 6 Open Workshop
Sat. 15th @ 11:00am	Committee Meeting
Sat. 15th @ 1:30pm	Guild Meeting
Wed. 19th @ 9:30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Sat. 22nd @ 9:30am	Group 6 Open Workshop
Mon. 24th @ 9:30am	Group 1 Carvers
Wed. 26th @ 9:30am	Group 4 Hands on Turning
Wed. 26th @ 6:30pm	Group 6 Open Workshop

DUTY ROSTER - 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

February 2020	Group 1
March 2020	Group 4
April 2020	Group 5
May 2020	Group 6 & 7
June 2020	Group 1
July 2020	Group 4

Last Word: from Phil Hansen



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Early attempts at the table saw.

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