



The raised screen gives Group 4 members a close-up view as Grant Parker demonstrates his technique for texturing and colouring.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

The safety issue is forever with us. Fraser Pengelly, who is well qualified to comment, addressed the Executive Committee on his concerns about the safety of some of our machines and the fact that some of our safety equipment was illegal. The "leg of mutton" safety guard on the new buzzer is illegal in NZ and the machine should have a bridge guard. Both of these were supplied with the machine and a change will be organized. He was also concerned about the riving knives and guards on the saw benches. I have asked Fraser to demonstrate the safe use of our machinery at our guild meeting and he will do this progressively over the next few meetings.

The other issue is footwear. Remember if you are using any of the Guild machinery or tools, and this includes instructing, you must wear closed footwear. Recently one of our members dropped a circular saw blade and one of the teeth went through an open hole in his shoe and drew blood. So be aware.

Members badge. Please wear this at all times in the Clubrooms. We have a number of new members and it identifies you to them. Also, them to you. No badge also helps identifying non financial attendees.

Annual General Meeting. This is coming up soon. Think about any issues or changes you might want to raise at this. Who you want in Executive positions and on the Committee. What about you?

Annual Show. A Team Leader and organizer is needed for the kitchen. This is an important earner.

Lang may y'er lum reek – and if you don't know what that means ask me President *George Yardley*

a member club of the national association of woodworkers Inc.

MEETING REPORT 18th March 2017

Visitors: Keith Ray who has moved down from Northland and Brian Coulter from the Manawatu Club.

New members: We welcome the following new members who have joined recently: Dan Best, Billy Bishop, Anya Fischer, Jenny Jenkins, Jim and Clarice Korrisson, Harry Pemberton, Stephanie Suttmeier, Parker Thomas, Emma Tombleson, Denis Toovey.

Annual Show: Early planning is being put in place. A major need is for someone to take charge of the Cafe-Kitchen.

COGS Funding: President George has had some encouraging conversations with COGS about our eligibility for funding to help meet our running expenses.

Safety: It has been pointed out that our Buzzer should be fitted with the "Bridge Guard" supplied, as the "Leg-of-mutton" guard is not legal in NZ. Also that our Bench Saws should have Riving Knives fitted. Members were reminded that closed footwear is essential in the workshop, sandals are not adequate.

Police Vetting: Under the Vulnerable Children's Act, it seems that all volunteers working with children will need to apply for Police checks. Previously we have only asked for Lead Tutors to do so.

Wig-stands: More are needed urgently, members who can spare the time to make a few are asked to do so, plenty of blanks available

House-keeping: Members and Groups were reminded that they should clean up after themselves and take away their own rubbish.

Glenn Lucas Demonstrations: Wed 5th April
See details below.

Annual Scroll-saw Workshop: Sat. 8th April, there are still some places available. See details below.

Fifth Sunday Market Day: Several members are keen to try this idea on 30th April, 9.00am to midday.

AGM coming up: Our Annual General Meeting will be May 20th. Start thinking about nominations for the Executive Committee and other positions. This is an opportunity for members to give something back to the Guild.



Jacob's Amazing Technicolor Automaton



Bob Ferguson's Marquetry Picture and Carved Chain



Ian Dawkin's Pot-pourri Bowl

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The Guild's Library:

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

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www.taurangawoodcrafters.org

Lots of links to useful sites

The National Association of Woodworkers

Website: - www.naw.org

Links to other clubs, top craftspeople and suppliers

Work on Display:

Master of Critique Derek Kerwood commenting on the excellent work on display, some of which is shown here:



Three Pear-wood Bowls by Jim Dekker



Derek Kerwood's Bowl with Handles in Chestnut.

DEMONSTRATION

Group 4 on duty

Lawson Worsnop showed us how he makes some kitchen utensils: wooden spatulas, which are useful when making stir-fries, soups etc. and tapered rolling pins as preferred by European Pastry-cooks. Thank you Lawson.



Lawson Worsnop explains a point.

NEXT MEETING: Sat 22nd April. 2017 at 1.30pm
Group 5 on duty. (Note the later date to avoid Easter)

APRIL EVENTS:

Glen Lucas Tour Wed 5th April 2017

Three different demonstrations during the day:
Viking thin wall Bowl, Square edge Bowl and Traditional Irish Platter. The finished items will be raffled.

Please aim to arrive at 10.00am for a cuppa before a 10.30 am start on the first Demo.
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GUILD CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2017

Sat 1st @ 11.00am

Sat 1st. @ 9.30am

Tues. 4th @ ??am

Tues 4th @ 1.00pm

Wed 5th @ 10.00am

Wed. 5th @ 6.30pm

Thurs 6th @ 11.00am

Fri. 7th Helpers to Set up for Scroll-saw Day

Sat 8th Scroll Saw Workshop Day

Mon. 10th @ 10.00am

Tues 11th @ 1.30pm

Wed 12th @ 1.00pm

Wed 12th @ 6.30pm

Thurs 13th @ 11.00 am

14th, 15th, 16th EASTER

Wed. 19th @ 9.30am

Fri. 21st to Sun 23rd Lake Taupo Jamboree

Sat. 22nd @ 11.00am

Sat. 22nd @ 1.30pm

Mon. 24th @ 10.00am

Wed 26th @ 1.00pm

Wed 26th @ 6.30pm

Thurs 27th @ 11.00 am

Sat. 29th @ 9.30am

Extra Committee Mtg

Group 3 Turners

Group 4 Starters Course

Group 4 Turners

Glenn Lucas Demo Day

Group 6 Workshop

Thursday Students

Group 1 Carvers

Group 2 Turners

Homeschool Class

Group 6 Workshop

Thursday students

Group 5 Scroll-saw

Committee meets

Guild meeting

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TAURANGA WOODCRAFTERS GUILD EIGHTH ANNUAL SCROLLSAW WORKSHOP

Helpers needed Friday 7th April to move lathes etc and make room for the workshop, please.

Saturday 8 April 2017 9.00am to 4.00pm

At Clubrooms: 3 Cherokee Place,
Mt Maunganui

This is a "Hands-on" event where projects catering for varying levels of ability will have been prepared for those who have registered. There will be instructors for Fretwork, Intarsia and Marquetry. For those who are unable to bring a scrollsaw with them a limited number will be available for hire. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch will be supplied

Registration forms available at
www.taurangawoodcrafters.org
and www.naw.org.nz

Registrations and enquiries to
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**Lake Taupo Jamboree 20th to 23rd
April 2017**
Contact Peter Macrae 578 1349

COMING EVENTS:

Tauranga Woodcrafters AGM
Sat. 20th May

NAW AGM
To be held at our premises 22nd July

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Thursday Students are back in action.

2017 is going to be a full on year for the Thursday students as we have all terms booked, plus at this stage, in term 2 & 3 we are having two schools per day, the first group will arrive at 9.30 am till 11.30 am and then the second group arrive at 12.30 till 2.30 pm. This allows the tutors some time for lunch and we are not leaving too late in the day. *If any members feel they would like to come and help you would be most welcome*, we do have a lot of fun on these days and it is nice to feel that we are making a difference to these students. Cheers Duncan.



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Homeschool Class

We have a full complement of 12 students, plus a waiting list. Some of our students are entering their second year and are able to tackle quite ambitious projects, like three legged stools, wig-stands and intricate scroll-saw work.

As with the Thursday students, we'd love to have a few more members to share the joy of helping these youngsters along. Doug St.George.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group One Woodcarvers

2nd and 4th Monday of the month. 9.30 am - 3.30 pm-ish

With 15 carvers present last meeting, space was a bit of a problem, especially in the kitchen area. However, Kiwi ingenuity prevailed without too much fuss, and everyone was happy, the more the merrier! 'Tales' and 'Discussions' over the inevitable cup of tea were lively. What interesting knowledge and experiences, all acquire throughout a life-time. Ivan, being the competent leader that he is, had almost all, actively involved around discussing Guild and Carving matters, especially relating to our next 'On Duty' day, come June.

In the Workshop: Frazer brought along 2 finished carvings (Photos) The first was a dished relief carving of a Lion Rampant in Japanese Oak. The curve of the dish into the grain, provides a remarkably effective background. The second was something quite different - a traditional Maori carving, using chisels only with the degree of finish being that any chisel mark was barely discernible! - Not a piece of sand paper in sight! Barwick is still working on his intricately carved armrest for his camper van,

but generously spent most of his time, (to the detriment of his own work) teaching the intricacies of chisel sharpening. Everyone else is moving forward, with Clarice and Jim adding the finishing touches to their first Masterpieces, while ever expanding their plans for their next challenge - a name plaque for their new home,

Erstwhile, Ivan, as is his want, moved around everyone, ever ready to advise, suggest, problem solve or generally help one and all without any consideration for the furthering of his own carving. Ivan is a huge asset to us lesser carving mere-mortals. Our ongoing thanks, Ivan.

Another Successful Day! Next Meetings; March 27th and April 10th & 24th.
Jean Crabtree for Ivan Watchorn. Phone (07) 308 7914

Group Two Woodturners: 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm

GROUP TWO met on Tuesday, 14th March, 2017 and Many Thanks to Milan Bacica and Jim Webber for their Show and Tell. Their well made pieces and their explanations of how they were made. Jim had 4 pieces made from pear wood. Two of them were a pair and beautiful. Milan's round vase (Photo) was beautifully designed and finished. Jim Reilly finished the day showing us the expertise of sharpening and finishing.

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We meet again on Tuesday,, 11th of April, 2017 at 1/30 p.m.with more enjoyment with 'working with wood.'
Seth Douglas 576 5815

Group Three Woodturners: 1st Sat at 9.30am

GROUP THREE met at the Guild Rooms on Saturday, 4th March, 2017 with a good turnout. We had a most enjoyable morning being taught by an expert on woodworking. Many Thanks for the expertise, very well explained.

Saturday, 1st April, 2017 is our next Meeting and don't be fooled by April Fools. See you at 9.30 a.m.

Seth Douglas for Jim Reilly 577 9574

Group Four Woodturners: 1st Tuesday at 1.00pm

25 people, of which 2 were visitors, turned up to our March 7th meeting. After a discussion and viewing of our "Show and Tell" table we moved on to the main item which included texturing and finishing. Jim Sutherland demonstrated using the "Wagner" texturing tools and had some examples of past efforts.

Then Grant Parker demonstrated the use of the "Sorby" texturing tools and went on show the use of colour over the textured surface and he also had some past exhibits.

Merv Griffin then showed some of his finished bowls using Danish oil. He went on to explain how he applied the oil and we discussed the different brands. He used Rustins and Penetrol Danish oils, with Penetrol his preference.

Mike McCarthy then took over with a demonstration using spray gear (airbrush) to apply a Lacquer to any woodwork.

It was a useful programme aimed at helping members to prepare articles for next month's end of month sale.

Roy Tregeligas did a creditable job with camera work and Rob Poulton did a splendid job of catering assisted by the ladies. Many thanks all round

Jim Sutherland 543 4829

Group Five : Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

On our last scroll saw day we focused on getting our packs made up for the Scroll Saw Day on 08 th of April, a big thank you to Jacob and Laureen for their hard work to make this day a reality, and thank you to the rest of the team for their help
Cheers, Japie

Wed. 1st, and Wed 15th

Selby West ph. 5788934 Japie Volschenk 542 3633

Group 6: Toymaking and Open Workshops

OPEN WORKSHOP: I have some good news and bad news to report this month. The bad news for the open workshopers is the second Sat. of the month is going to be changed to the Toy Group as we are having to do a bit of re-shuffling to cover the demands of the different categories we are catering for. The good news is the Wed. evenings will be extended to 9.30 and the Sat. Mornings will be extended to 2.00pm so bring some lunch (up to you) and we will have a break around 12 noon. I feel this should work out better as you will have a longer space of time to work on your projects. If you want to come along to the toy group and make toys you are very welcome.



Grant Parker applies colour over texturing



It's all concentration, as Group 5 members prepare for the big day.

TOY GROUP: There will be no toy group this month as that date has been taken by the annual scroll saw workshop. Mike Buck will be taking over the running of this group from now on and has a lot of ideas on what we need to do to produce a good amount of quality toys to cover our needs at the end of the year. If you want to help in this area please come along, bring your lunch as this group will also go through to 2.00pm.

MEETING DAYS:

Toy Group. No meeting this month
Open Workshop. Wed 12th & 26th Apr. at 6.30pm
Sat. 29th Apr. At 9.00am
Roy Tregilgas 5747405 Mike Buck 574 4525

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Doug St. George

HOW WE HAVE CHANGED

When I first came to a few woodcrafters meetings in 2004, I found myself as one of thirty-odd people sitting in a crowded room on a hot Saturday afternoon, ploughing our way through a full business agenda. When that was done, there was a guest speaker, sometimes the topic was wood-related..... I know I got a dig in the ribs once when I snored off! The only time any shavings landed on the floor was in some of the small group meetings.

I would have quietly walked away, but as I got to know a few members, I found that some of them were as frustrated as I was. So a few of us began to agitate around the edges; then we did a survey asking members what they valued about the club and what changes they would like to see.

What a different club we are today! It's a rare meeting that doesn't see shavings on the floor. The business is efficiently handled by a competent committee. We have a new workshop with a great range of quality equipment. We have a commitment to passing on our skills to others, both adults and children. Our membership is now around 80, the highest ever, plus a steady turnover of children coming to classes.

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