



Show Time?

Sadly the 2017 Show had to be cancelled.
BUT, we are busy planning the 2018 Show

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Annual Show/Exhibition 2017: Cancellation of the Show was unavoidable due to a mix up with the dates. Regretfully, by the time we became aware of this it

was too late to change the signs and there was no option but to cancel. An alternative to reschedule the event for January, 2018 was evaluated but dropped because the Mount Sports Centre was not available. Other advice also counselled against this time of the year and Timberly was doubtful also. The decider, however, was the unavailability of the Sports Centre.

Show Committee and Convenor: At the last Guild Meeting I advised that Stephanie was retiring as Show Organiser and I asked for volunteers to organise the 2018 Show. At a meeting of these volunteers last Saturday Phil Hansen took up the role of Convenor for 2018 supported by Mike McCarthy as deputy and others as necessary for specific roles.

A change of venue was evaluated. However, the decision was taken that the Mount Sports Centre was still best location for us, as was a date in November, 2018. The Show Committee will investigate ways of enhancing the Show. Please give them your enthusiastic support and ideas.

Income: for 2018/19 will be seriously affected as a result of the decision to cancel our show.

Guild Meeting 16th December: This will be replaced by a BBQ. Families are welcome. **Time 1.30 p.m. until 6:00pm.** The Guild will provide sausages, bread and condiments. Anything else including refreshments is BYO and you can use the BBQ after the sausages are cooked. BYO, soft chair, side tables, etc. Hope for fine weather but if not then it will be inside.

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Executive Committee December Meeting: will be held as normal but will commence at 11.00 a.m.

Use of Guild machinery: There have been a couple of incidents recently and I remind Group Leaders to ensure correct and safe use of all machinery and equipment. Also, definitely **no recycled or painted timber** should be used.

Slainte, George Yardley, President

NAW Survey

A survey is being conducted about membership by NAW at the request of two member clubs and Creative Wood.

The question is whether membership of NAW should be compulsory? Individual delivery of Creative Wood currently costs \$2 each but if bulk delivery was made to clubs for distribution to subscribers the cost would be 0.28c each. Please discuss at your next Group session. Group Leaders please let me know the consensus.
George Yardley

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MEETING REPORT

Most of the focus of the November 2017 meeting centred around the Show cancellation news, and requests for help from members to remove signs and advertising. Group One was on Duty and has arranged a presentation by a local professional carver - Todd Couper - which is discussed further in this newsletter.

Group Reports: These are included in the newsletter.

Finance: Margaret presented the Financial report to the Committee meeting.

Introducing New Members: Kerry Bowden has joined as a new member.

Equipment Maintenance Issues: The sanding belt is currently off the sander because it is full of resin. Members are reminded to check bandsaw blades are correctly tensioned before use.

Equipment Wish List: The Committee has finalised and published (on the Notice Board) the "wish list" for new equipment. The November meeting unanimously gave approval in principal for the Committee to proceed with the COGS funding application and also to commit some of the Guild reserves for the purchase of new equipment.

COGS Funding: The President reviewed both the Draft Performance Report, and the Draft Grant Application to the general meeting and received unanimous approval to proceed with the application.

Police Vetting: No issues reported.

Insurance: No issues reported.

Subscriptions: The committee are preparing a scale of pro rata subs, for new members joining during the year.

SAFETY MOMENT

Feed the machine, & remove all offcuts, with a push stick - and NEVER with just those precious fingers.

DEMONSTRATION

Todd Couper - a Professional Woodcarver & Artist based in Papamoa - was our Guest Speaker. He discussed his career and what inspires his work at the November Guild meeting. "I always have had an affinity for carving and will only finish carving" he said "when I am unable to do it anymore".

Todd has been a full time artist, sculptor and wood carver for 21 years. He hails from Wairoa in the Hawkes Bay & is of Rongomaiwahine, Ngati Kahungunu descent. He commented that he is not a traditional Maori carver. His "style of work is inspired by Maori traditions, wildlife and nature, but it is contemporary coupled with historical elements".

Todd attended Te Aute College where he excelled in art. He went on to do the Diploma of Art, Craft and Design Maori at Waiariki Polytechnic in Rotorua. Whilst there he learnt about many art forms including whakairo (wood carving). In his final year of study he met Roi Toia who invited Todd to work alongside him in his workshop. Over the 17 years of working together as full time artists they forged a career and now have work held in collections throughout the world as well as being represented internationally through the Spirit Wrestler Gallery in Vancouver Canada.



<http://www.toddcouper.com/>

Todd showed off his set of crooked carving knives (typical of those used by North American West Coast indigenous carvers). Todd explained the major advantage of the crooked knife is economy. The double edge cuts with a draw or a push stroke. Both convex and concave surfaces can be carved with ease. Todd was asked about his use of other tools and said he will use whatever is appropriate to the stage of the piece - chainsaws, grinders, Powerfile, router, chisels and knives.

He gave the Guild meeting an insight to the creation of his "Tane" artwork which is carved from Kauri and Silky Oak. This carving evolved over 12 years and came from incorporating the movement of gymnasts at the Sydney Olympics, the prickly appearance of a grasshopper and the Maori myth of Tane pushing the sky father (Rangi) apart from the earth mother (Papa).

Todd is an inspiring carver and artist. It was a great treat to listen to his presentation.

Group Four - Turners - will be on Duty for the January 2018 meeting.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group One: Woodcarvers 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 9.30 am – 3.00pm.

Around 12 - 14 members are regularly attending each of the Woodcarvers meetings. There will only be one meeting in December due to the Xmas holiday break.

Two of our group thought they might be able to be excused our latest meeting by breaking bones (Jean - broken ankle, Stephanie - broken shoulder joint and ribs) but Ivan put his foot down and they attended the most recent November session! True commitment guys!



As per normal there is a wide variety of carving work underway. Barwick has begun a relief carving inspired by the Swedish Krona banknote showing Nils Holgersson's fictional journey across Sweden on the back of a goose.

Geoff has begun a walking stick using Camphor wood. Tom is working on his 3D carving of a sea shell. Fraser was just starting a Celtic cross from a piece of oak. Bob was sanding his latest carved wooden chain. Chris had three items at different stages of completion - a fantail, a Maori pendant and a nice relief carving of some flax baskets. Phil was beginning a North American Indian inspired eagle in Macrocarpa. Gavin worked on his relief carving while Alan was sanding a new wooden cooking spatula. Billy and Harry worked away under Ivan's instruction on their relief carvings. Billy completed his latest piece.



Next Meetings: Nov. 27th & Dec. 11th.
Phil Hansen for Ivan Watchorn (07) 308 7914.

Group Two and Three: Woodturners

Group Two and Three had their November Meetings. Group Two met on Tuesday, 14th November and Group Three met on Saturday, 4th November.

Group Two meets again on Tuesday, 12th December, 1.30 p.m. Group Three meets again on Saturday, 2nd December, at 9.30 a.m.

As usual, with Group Three we, have always used the December Meeting for exchanging a small gift among those of us, who attend that end of the year get together.

Many thanks to Jim and Pam Reilly for the Group Two afternoon Tea at the Group Two Meeting and also to Milan Bacica, Trevor Martin and Harry Bimler for their excellent work, explained at the 'Show and Tell.'

Group Two *Seth Douglas* [576 5815](tel:5765815)
Group Three. *Jim Reilly* [577 9574](tel:5779574)

Guild Xmas BBQ

Group Two and Group Three (combined) were scheduled for Duty for the Guild meeting on December 16th.

However, this will now be a Guild BBQ for members and partners starting at 1:30pm and the Guild will provide sausages, bread and condiments. Anything else including refreshments is BYO and you can use the BBQ after the sausages are cooked. BYO soft chair, side tables, etc.

Group Four: Woodturners

1st Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Our starters course has now become a learners course as everyone has had some turning experience before and either wants to build on this fact or to recap. Learners come along with their own project and wood twice a month and we give guidance where required.

Around 20 members attended our monthly meeting and they were treated to one of the best demonstrations I've experienced and we also had "show & tell" along with our monthly project where entries were disappointing but creditable.

Group 4 Table Display Items.



Leith Gray from Rotorua was our demonstrator and covered a number turning issues. He began by making a rattle with double captive rings which he made with ease using tools he had fashioned himself from planer blades. He explained how the tools were made, shaped and his sharpening techniques. After demonstrating how best to use texturing tools, he went on to sanding and scraping tools, finishing with showing how best to put feet on bowls. Every step was very well explained and understood. He finished by donating 2 sacks of part finished bowls and suggested for our project for next month members choose one be to finished for the next meeting.

Leith also used an interesting speed controller which could slow or speed up any electrical device he used and this was made by a Rotorua member who may take orders (around \$70.00).It assists sanding and the use of "Holey Galahad" gear.
Jim Sutherland 543 482

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Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

We had a good attendance again this month with a new member - Kerry Bowden - attending. The members who are doing Marquetry have finishing the cutting out on the Scroll saw, and moved on to cutting out the detailed work with a knife, and preparing the frame.

Members of Group Five have all been busy on a variety of projects.



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Japie Volschenk 5423633

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Group 6: Open Workshops
2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm 4th Sat at 9.30am
Roy Tregilgas 574 7405

Group 7: Toymakers Second Saturday at 9.30am *Mike Buck 574 4525*

Thursday Students

There will be a single Thursday Students Group in December (on Dec. 7th and 14th, 10am until Noon). The school term ends on December 14th, 2017.
Duncan Campbell 543 2590

Homeschool Students

The Homeschool term ends on Dec. 14th.

This year has seen a growing number of students coming with their own ideas for projects. Some of them have moved on to greater skill levels. While we can't allow them to use the more dangerous machines, they have been able to "look and learn," as we did Bench-saw and Planer work for them, while pointing out the safety aspects of using such equipment..

A big thank-you to the loyal team of tutors, who faithfully come every fortnight to help with this class, which has now been running for four years. There is a question mark over whether we can continue next year. Some tutors are needing to step aside from this commitment, and I will be away for much of the first half of the year. If teaching kids the basics of using a Scroll-saw or Lathe is something you would like to help with, please have a chat with me. We have all found it to be very rewarding work.

The final class for 2017 will be Wed. 13th Dec. @ 1.00pm.
Doug St.George 573 8399

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If your scrollsaw has variable speed and takes pin-less blades please bring it with you.

Some scrollsaws will be available for hire.

Registrations and enquiries to Laureen Tubby

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Registration forms available at www.taurangawoodcrafters.org

GUILD CALENDAR FOR DEC 2017

Sat. 2nd @ 9:30am	Group 3 Turners
Tues. 5th @ 9:30am	Group 4 Learners
Tues. 5th @ 1:30pm	Group 4 Turners
Wed. 6th @ 9:30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw
Wed. 6th @ 1:00pm	Homeschool Class
Thur. 7th @ 10:00am	Thursday Students
Sat. 9th @ 9:30am	Group 7 Toymakers
Mon. 11th @ 9:30am	Group 1 Carvers
Tues. 12th @ 1:30pm	Group 2 Turners
Wed. 13th @ 1:00pm	Homeschool Class
Wed. 13th @ 6:30pm	Group 6 Workshop
Thur. 14th @ 10:00am	Thursday Students
Sat. 16th @ 10:30am	Committee Meeting
Sat. 16th @ 1:00pm	Guild Social BBQ
Wed. 20th @ 9:30am	Group 5 Scroll-saw

Last Word: from Phil Hansen

We are all very disappointed that despite all the hard preparatory work we had to cancel the 2017 Show

While we will certainly analyse what happened to learn the lessons from 2017, we are also determined to move ahead to make the 2018 Show a success for the Guild, Members, Exhibitors and the Public.

DUTY ROSTER - 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

December 2017	Guild BBQ
January 2018	Group 4
February 2018	Group 5
March 2018	Group 6 & 7
April 2018	Group 1
May 2018	Group 4
June 2018	Group 5

Show Special without the Show

Vince Ross of Powertool and Machinery has brought in a large stock of the Tools and Fasteners for the KREG POCKETHOLE SCREW SYSTEM. He had planned to offer them at our Show, which sadly is now cancelled. If you are interested in this system, have a look at the Special Offer in his shop in Newton St.



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