



Grant Parker's bowl with a tree growing out of the side

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

**2020 Draws to a Close:** 2020 has sure been a strange year. The only positive is that it seems to have gone quickly. All the groups will be having their final meetings of the year in December. The last full Guild meeting will be on December 19th with the ScrollSaw Group on duty.

**Welfare:** To those with health issues your fellow members wish you well, a good prognosis and a quick recovery.

**COVID Tracing Vigilance:** Please continue to keep logging into the workshop using the QR code and/or the sign in register whenever you come to the workshop. We will have a lot of visitors to Tauranga over the summer. For the health and safety of everyone we need to stay vigilant and keep using the tracing systems just in case the worst happens.

**Show:** The 2020 Show has concluded and I am pleased to report that it has been a financial success for the Guild. Greg Taylor and his Show team have done a wonderful job and our thanks go to everyone involved. The income we earn from our show event is a very important part of us being able to maintain low membership fees. I will separately present the results to members once we have all the financial results together.

This year's Show was a trial of a number of new initiatives. Firstly we were included in the BOP Garden and Art Festival for the first time. We also offered an area upstairs in the Mount Sports Centre for the Tauranga Miniatures Club and the Tauranga Plastic Modellers Club to exhibit their work. Jan Gee and Gregg Shaw

**a member club of the national association of woodworkers inc.**



and their teams meshed very well with our club. The synergy all three provided was a great success and, speaking on behalf of the Woodcrafters, we thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with all these people and were blown away with their skills. I want to record our thanks to everyone from these separate organisations.

Thank you also to Terry and Michelle Scott, Ron Wallace Wells, Robyn Watchorn, Leith Gray and Neil Joynt for participating and adding verve, colour, and dynamism to our show. The contribution from all these outside visitors really makes things hum.

Lastly I also want to thank each and every member from the Tauranga Woodcrafters who got involved; sign erection team, setup & takedown team, cafe team, BBQ team, raffle sellers, floor walkers, front desk and EFTPOS workers, stall holders, food donators, exhibition minders and exhibitors, lathe, scrollsaw and carving operators, raffle prize makers, et al. You are all amazing. The work you did, the energy and comradeship makes it all feel worthwhile.

Our inclusion as part of the BOP Garden and Art Festival certainly resulted in a large increase in foot traffic at our show with many of these visitors coming to Tauranga from all over the North island. It gave us exposure to a different audience. I also want to say thank you to Trevor Martin and his team who managed a separate promotional stand at the Tauranga Racecourse where the BOP Garden and Art Festival had their administration centre. This enabled us to have immediate contact with the Festival organisers and to raise our profile with potential woodcrafters' show visitors.

**Workshop:** I am not aware of any current equipment maintenance issues in the workshop, but I do need to remind everyone to please make the effort to empty dust extraction bags, wood waste, kitchen refuse and paper towels from the bins in the toilet areas into the JJ Richards waste bin (the key is on the same ring as the wood container key in the lunchroom). Summer is coming with warmer temperatures. We don't want to encourage insects and vermin to enter the workshop.

**In Conclusion:** Well done to everyone for a successful 2020 Show event. My major disappointment being that with only 115 entries in the exhibition I could not match Frazer Pengelly's record of 160 entries in 2019. However, there is always next year!

*All the Best, Phil Hansen, President*

## General Report

### Guild Meeting

Lawson Worsnop was inspired by the Youtube video ["Pask Makes"](#) to make a jig to fabricate octagonal tool handles using a bandsaw. It is easy to create handles with varying degrees of curvature and diameters by altering the bandsaw tracing guide and bandsaw offset from the jig. This might inspire someone to use such a jig for producing spindles; for example. See the image below from the Pask video.



A broad range of projects was on display this month and members have been hard at work displaying both their creativity and craftwork expertise.



Jim Dekker's turned and carved milk can



George Yardley's bowl with "marbled" rings on back



Derek Kerwood's clever woven gumboot



Duncan Campbell's Celtic knot trivet

## Group Activities

### Group One: Woodcarvers

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

The Carvers were all busy in the lead up to the show producing a number of carvings which then were exhibited or offered for sale to our show visitors. Barwick and Ivan had slabs of wood for sale which meant they were busy at the last meeting before the show cutting it up into manageable sizes. Barwick and Sue had their usual stand which was selling Sue's pens, old tools and Barwick's carvings. While Stephanie and Jean looked after the front desk area of the show, and Chris cooked up sausages and chips in the outdoor BBQ on Saturday and Sunday, the rest of the carving group staffed the exhibition area where we had items on display and for sale. We were pleased to see Frazer at the Show on Saturday when he turned up to show us that his new pacemaker is functioning well.

Thanks are due to Ivan and Tom who both worked very hard on our carving stand to entertain and talk to visitors at the show. A number of children and adults dropped by to try carving their own name on a piece of wood. They all went away smiling and with a personally made wood carving clutched in their hands.



Everyone was exhausted by the end of Show Sunday. Numbers were therefore down at our last carving group meeting of the month; people were recovering from show weekend activities. However, we did have a new potential member, Linda, who came along to try her hand at carving at our meeting following the show. Barwick has started Linda off with our standard introductory project to make a relief carving of two dolphins.

The carvers have decided that our last group meeting of 2020 will be on Monday December 14th, and we will resume in 2021 on Monday January 11th. This means there will not be a Carving group meeting on December 28th.



Grant Parker's elegant Nautilus shell



Phil Hansen's well detailed Maori fish hook



Chris Barton's nicely decorated bird on a branch

*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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.30am

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of November saw a good number of lathes in action and lots of problem solving going on between newer members and those who have a good number of lathe sessions under their belts.

After lunch we had Roy Tregilgas talking about Dremel use and wood burning techniques that may be used to enhance our turned articles. This demo led to quite a few members asking questions about equipment and usage and proved to be a very valuable session.



*Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430*

### **Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Twelve members of the Scrollsaw Group were actively involved during the Guild's 2020 Exhibition and Show. Most worked in shifts over the three days demonstrating the operation of the scrollsaws, while others 'floor walked' selling raffle tickets or providing general assistance to organisers and exhibitors. Some finished work was displayed on an adjacent table and could be purchased. Visitors were impressed with the versatility of the saws and the wide range of craft products they were able to create. On occasions visitors both young and older were given control of a saw, some tuition and assisted to produce a simple but effective piece they were able to take home. Public interest in the craft items produced by the group was high.

Members have continued to develop their marquetry skills with the range of projects under the lead of Jacob von Holzen and many have realised a sense of achievement with this ancient skill.



Duncan Campbell's very effective children walking through puddles



Jacob von Holzen's almost finished music box with a beautiful selection of woods

*Glenn Whittaker 5480987*

## Open Workshop

2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm, 2nd & 4th Sat at 9.30am.

The Open Workshop group continue on with a range of projects. Jake Stemmer has produced a bespoke cutting board in maple and black walnut with a purple heart border. The figure is in food safe black resin.



Roger Haybittle's sewing thread holder might inspire others who would like to support their partner's crafts.

*Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380*



## Home School Programme

The Homeschool students had an enjoyable time producing some Pens together with a couple of very nice bowls. The Scrollsaws also got a good workout. There is one more session this term and the plan is for the students that need to complete their projects come in the morning as well as the afternoon when we will have an early finish and afternoon tea. We will be reviewing our capacity and are looking for more volunteers to help with the Turning before the first term next year. Covid-19 really did adversely impact on the number of sessions that students could attend this year and, hopefully, we will not see that kind of disruption ever again.

*Mel Yeates 027 626 2926*

## Allan's Jokes

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

*(thanks Phil)*

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<b>December 2020</b>	<b>Group 5</b>
January 2021	Group 6&7
February 2021	Group 1
March 2021	Group 5
April 2021	Group 6&7
May 2021	Group 1
June 2021	Group 4

## GUILD CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2020

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Tue 1st	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 1st	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 2nd	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Wed 9th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 12th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Mon 14th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 16th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 19th	11:00 AM		Committee Meeting
Sat 19th	1:30 PM		Guild Meeting

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