

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

As 2020 draws to a close, many of us will be reflecting on the impact on our lives which has been wrought by Covid-19. Perhaps you are also wondering where the year has gone! We were fortunate both as a country and as a community of woodcrafters. Even though the workshop was closed and Groups could not physically meet during lockdown, our hobby provided a safety valve to keep our minds and bodies active working through our various projects.

We can look back with satisfaction on the results of the 2020 November Show, both from a financial standpoint, and for providing a networking opportunity with members from other clubs. Once again the display of woodwork on display was amazing and a real credit to every member who participated. Similarly we successfully trialled a display and sales venue via a popup shop in downtown Tauranga. Members sold work and others had pieces on display. Feedback from the public from both events was very positive and terms such as wood art were mentioned. I want to record my thanks and appreciation to you all for getting behind these fund raising ventures.

Our 2020 AGM had to be delayed from May until July. George Yardley, Mel Yeates, Mike Buck, Roy Tregilgas and Japie Volschenk all stood down from committee positions at the AGM. John Harrison also announced his desire to stand down from being our workshop manager. Each of these people has given long periods of voluntary service to the Guild. At the time of the AGM I recorded our thanks to them all.

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For this last newsletter of 2020 I once again draw members attention to the hard work done by these individuals and thank them again.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, we decided we needed to reschedule our annual Scrollsaw workshop to April 2021. This was disappointing for 2020, but provides something to look forward to in 2021. Luckily, in August we were out of lockdown and fortunate to be able to hold the Neil Joynt tour event at our workshop. All the attendees were inspired from watching Neil. Once again it also provided to be a wonderful opportunity to network with turners attending from the wider BOP, Waikato, & Hauraki areas.

The Open workshop group has had some new faces at the helm this year. When Mike Buck and Roy Tregilgas stepped back from running this group we were lucky to have Jake Stemmer and Bill Wilson take over. This group continues to function well and provides a good way for the Guild to support the working community who still want access to a workshop to do their woodworking projects.

So, to you and yours, may your Christmas be happy and joyful and the new year prosperous. To everyone with health issues your fellow members wish you well, a good prognosis and a quick recovery. 2021 is upon us. Embrace it, make the most of it and enjoy it. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Salud, Phil Hansen, President

General Report

Central Districts Wood Expo - 16 May 2021

We have received an invitation from the Manawatu Woodworker Guild for five or six people to compete in a wood skills competition and present the Guild's top ten pieces. For people interested in attending, please organise a suitably diverse group and contact Keith Betteridge on 021 027 20420 or by email at secretary@manawatuwoodworkers.org.nz

Annual Barbecue

The annual barbecue will be held on **Saturday 16 January 2021 at 12:30pm** with the Open Workshop Group organising the event. Jake Stemmer will be contacting group members for support.

Please note that the Committee meeting will be brought forward to 10:30am.

Guild Meeting

Approximately thirty members attended the Guild meeting and a discussion was held about the frequent requests that we receive to either purchase or accept donations of wood. Most of these offers are for freshly felled trees which require breaking down and then filleting and storage in a well ventilated covered area. The consensus was that the Guild has very limited capacity to handle such offers and that any future approaches will be distributed to the members so that individuals can make use of the opportunity.

This month's projects seem to be dominated by the Turners Group. Some examples are:





Derek Kerwood's cleverly made vase and lidded boxes



Japie Volschenk's yarn bowl and LED lamp



Derek Warth's bowl and sculptural bottles



Jacob von Holzen's intricately crafted music box with marquetry lid

Group Activities

Group One: Woodcarvers

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



The Carvers had their last meeting for 2020 and celebrated the group's activities by having a pot luck luncheon. Unfortunately, Tom, Chris, Gavin and Stephanie were unable to come to this last meeting of the year and it was only a group of eight at this meeting.

Barwick and Ivan both worked with two possible new members who had come along to try out woodcarving in the morning.

Meanwhile the rest of the group were preparing various carving projects to work on during the holiday period. Frazer has relented and spent part of the day cutting out the wood to carve a human

head in the classic European style. Geoff was working on a sinuous carving of a sting ray while Jean progressed one of her birds and began planning for another to join the flock. Phil was roughening out a new carving of some hands.

Phil has completed his sculptural carving which he had as a work in progress at the November show - a farmers face set against his wool shed wall, complete with a (used) wooden chain hanging from a "rusty" wooden nail. This has been carved from cherry wood provided by the farmer in question.



The carving group will resume group meetings on January 11th, 2021.

Phil Hansen for Barwick Harding 544 9094

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

The last few months have been focused on learning under Jacob's instructions and encouragement with the Bevel Cut and Marquetry projects.

I'm sure Jacob will be able to find further projects in his 'bag of knowledge' to keep us engaged in learning rather than just repeating, soon after we get under way next year.

There is also a need to put some time aside to prepare resource kits for the National Scrollsaw Workshop. Some of you may wish to enrol in the workshop as participants. However the rest of us can put our hands up and operate as tutors or designated 'essential people' (like operating the kitchen) on the day. I'm hoping we can all be involved in some way.

Glenn Whittaker 5480987

Open Workshop

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

Donna Stemmer has been busy turning some Christmas gifts including a large bowl stand in Redwood and a couple of candle holders from Pohutukawa.





Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

Allan's Jokes

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$300!" she cried, "\$300 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$50, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$300."

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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		
July 2021	Group 5		

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GUILD CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2021					
Date	Time	Group	Activity		
Sat 9th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop		
Mon 11th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers		
Wed 13th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop		
Sat 16th	10:30 AM	Committee Meeting			
Sat 16th	12:30 PM	Annual Barbecue			
Wed 20th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers		
Sat 23rd	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop		
Mon 25th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers		
Wed 27th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning		
Wed 27th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop		

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