

# THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

**Members Welfare:** To all our members who are unwell, or are recovering from illness, our thoughts are with you and we all wish you a speedy recovery. It was great to see Morry Lawton back from his recent accident and attending our monthly meeting on Saturday. Doug St George and Jean Crabtree are both planning to have some medical fine tuning work in the near future and we wish them both well for a speedy recovery.

**Safety:** Group leaders have identified a very good video on Table Saw safety which members are encouraged to checkout on Youtube. <u>https://youtu.be/YyB2Yeohvcw</u> The roll out of standard operating procedures to certify members in the use of our wood working equipment is continuing. The turners have been put effort into creating a series of short power point presentations which they have been going over at their group meetings. Not everyone will use all equipment and hence needs to be certified in its' use. However, our aim is to increase everyone's skills and to identify those members who are certified when you want to put a piece of wood through a machine.

A number of our members have been afflicted by this unpleasant RSV virus and been staying away from group meetings. I particularly want to express our appreciation that you have taken this proactive step to protect others.

After recommendation from our monthly fire inspectors, the two dry powder fire extinguishers in the workshop have been replaced. The two old units are over five years old.

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They cannot be refilled and are now surplus to the Guild's requirements; free to any member who wants to pick one up for their personal workshop on a first come, first served basis.

**NAW Art of Wood:** NAW's nationwide "The Art of Wood" Competition has now closed. Feedback is that they received 294 entries across the 7 categories from 101 individuals.

**2021 Show:** Greg Taylor and the show organising committee are busy planning our 2021 Show on November 19th, 20th and 21st. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Greg or myself.

We will be having a (members') stall holder meeting in the near future to thrash out members' concerns and any outstanding issues for show planning. To make sure you are included in this meeting and have a chance to voice your issues, concerns and ideas for improving the event in 2021, please contact Greg Taylor to register your expression of interest in having a stall.

The theme of the 2021 show is the promotion of wood working as a hobbyist activity and recruitment of new members. We plan to do this by increasing the space and number of live demonstrations we have running by each of the different groups to show the public our craft activities. We want to invite the public to come along and discuss any projects they want to do, or skills they wish to learn. However, a prime objective is also to try and grow the Guild's membership. If you have any ideas on this theme would you please discuss with Greg Taylor or your group leaders.

Allan Curtis has volunteered to be the lead organiser for the 2021 Show's Exhibition area where we display items of our best work. In previous years we asked members to submit work done within the past two years. However, in 2021 we have decided to widen the entry criterion and invite everyone to select items of work you are most proud of making, irrespective of when it was made, for inclusion in this year's Exhibition. Please contact either Allan Curtis or Greg Taylor or discuss with your group leaders.

**Monthly Meeting Talks:** Each group takes it in turns to be on duty at a monthly meeting and to organise a group talk on a topic of interest. For example at our July 2021 monthly meeting we were entertained by a talk from a visitor, Arthur King, on making snooker cues. Arthur is a world snooker coach based in Tauranga. He has been making and selling snooker cues for many years. The monthly talk was arranged by our turning group for the July meeting, and despite the abysmal weather on Saturday we had a very lively presentation and follow up discussion with Arthur. His only "must" for the whole afternoon was that while he would show us his cue, "no-one was allowed to touch it" ..... even his wife.

**Funding Application 2021:** We understand the Lions Foundation met in mid July and reviewed our 2021 funding application for money to upgrade the AV system in the workshop, for two additional scroll saws and to purchase a AED for the workshop. Their funding decisions will be ratified on July 26th and we hope to be advised on their decision shortly after this.

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Phil Hansen, President

# **General Report**



## Show & Tell

Members have been working on a wide range of projects and presented a variety of work at this month's meeting.





Frazer Pengelly's London Plane bowl



Phil Hansen's carving knives



Gavin Bell's turned and scrollsaw bowls



Derek Kerwood's Jewellery bowl



Glenn Whittaker's scrollsaw basket

# **Group Activities**

## Group 1: Woodcarvers

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

Phil had had a break from the carving group activities and was down in the South Island attending an excellent two day knife making workshop run by Shane Minnear at the Geraldine Forge & Blades workshop. <u>https://www.facebook.com/288232794703556/posts/1575545169305639/</u>

Phil produced two wood carving knives starting from some scrap car spring steel while his two companions worked on separate projects of their own. Shane has his own forge and also a 75 tonne pneumatic hammer in his workshop, which takes the effort out of hammering large pieces of steel. He took the group through the processes of forging, normalising, annealing, quenching and tempering, before making handles and sharpening the finished blades. It was a great day and recommended to anyone planning a South Island trip and interested in trying something new.

Meanwhile back in the workshop, the other members of our Carving Group continued working on various bird, fish, animal and foliage carving projects. Chris was doing a relief carving of some oak leaves and acorns celebrating the surname of his partner, while Tom and Gavin worked on relief carvings of some

flowers. Our newest carving group member, Linda, was busy with a dolphin carving that is our usual starter projects for first time wood carvers. John was working on his 3rd relief carving of an eagle (the others having been claimed by family members), Jean was shaping two members of a flock of small birds for a wall hanging, Barwick had a full size goose carving which is keeping him busy, while Phil returned from knife making to continue with a new owl carving he is doing from black walnut. A carving of a bullock has been started by Ivan. Geoff was working on a wood spirit carving and Grant was carving a model dinghy with his usual precision and care.

For carvings that are intended for outdoor settings, Barwick (based on his boat building experience) only uses Sikkens Cetol HLSe - which is a transparent wood finish. Sikkens specialise in outdoor timber finishes. Barwick feels it provides is the longest lasting of any product for the outdoors.

The sharing of knowledge at the carvers meetings through these informal training sessions has been appreciated by everyone.



Frazer Pengelly's Doves



Tom Coomber's floral carving



Phil Hansen 027 705 0408, for Frazer Pengelly



#### **Group 4: 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

We had 11 people turning or learning to turn at our first Tuesday session and had great discussions on the artistic attributes or changes to improve the articles that were being worked on.

Instructions were given about how to adjust machines to improve safety whilst turning.

At our main meeting in the afternoon, Greg and Tony ran through aspects regarding photographing articles for exhibitions, competitions and magazine articles. Greg had made up a booth for this exercise.

Greg took the group (13) through the SOP's for operating a Lathe and we all completed the test section.

There were some modifications to the text to make the SOP data more suited to our club.

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 attended the 7 July workshop meeting and were soon immersed in a range of activities. Some were adding final touches to the Box Building Project utilising the precisely machined kitsets prepared by Jacob. However, while the kitsets come with plans and instructions which make the scroll cutting. assembly and finishing easy to follow, assembly and finishing requires concentration and craft disciplines to satisfy 'The Critique Session'. Others worked on a range of rapidly evolving designs of lattice fruit bowls which is driving competitive innovation within the Group. Others opted for various scroll cut pictures; a technique favoured within the Team.



Duncan Campbell has been busy with a range of projects



Jacob von Holzen's marquetry cottage



Glenn Whittaker 5480987

#### **Open Workshop**

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

John Almao, who is is a new member, has produced his second project which is a Rimu table using timber recovered from a house renovation. Thirty years, two house moves and with the kids venturing out in the world together with Covid provided the agenda to resurrect history. However, he needed suitable machinery to bring his ideas to fruition and found that joining the Woodworkers Guild was the perfect solution.



Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

#### **HomeSchool Program**

The HomeSchool program is on holiday at the moment and students will return on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mel Yeates 027 626 2926

#### Allan's Joke

A woodturner arrived at the gates of Heaven and asked to be admitted:

"Tell me one good thing that you did during your life", said St Peter.

"Well", the turner replied, "I was doing an outside demonstration to help raise for the woodturners and I was turning this huge unbalanced red gum burl so that we could sell it and raise some money."

"Very impressive", St Peter said, "that was a game thing to do just for a demonstration. When was this?"

"About 40 seconds ago" replied the woodturner.

Thanks Frazer for the joke.

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Aug 2021	Group 5		
Sep 2021	Group 6&7		
Oct 2021	Group 1		
Nov 2021	Group 4		
Dec 2021	Group 5		
Jan 2022	Group 6&7		
Feb 2022	Group 1		
Mar 2022	Group 4		

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Tue 3rd	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 3rd	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 4th	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Mon 9th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 11th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 14th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Wed 18th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 21st	11:00 AM	Committ	ee Meeting
Sat 21st	1:30 PM	Guild Me	eeting
Mon 23rd	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 25th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Wed 25th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 28th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop



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