



Frazer's beautiful carving of the Yin Yang shape made from Kauri and finished with Danish Oil was selected as the work of the month.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Email communication, our Newsletter and Webpage are valuable tools for communicating with our members. As a number of members cannot attend Guild Meetings this is beneficial and over the last month we have sent out, apart from via the newsletter, several emails with information about forthcoming demonstrations and sales of wood, tools and machinery.

The Guild has agreed that we will host the NAW Neil Joynt Tour. We will let you know the actual date (likely to be late April / early May) and will ask at that time for registrations when we know the date. Note: we have selected Neil's three demo. option and have selected: 1. Thin wall pot and Pyrography; and 2. Lidded box with inlay. After some discussion with members at the Saturday Guild meeting to select between Jewellery and a Tea Caddy, the latter was selected. The cost for the Neil Joynt Tour will be \$40 for people who are NAW Members and \$85 for non members of NAW - plus purchases of BBQ food and raffles. This illustrates that NAW is worth joining if you are not already a member.

If you want to attend the Wager Marbling demonstration at the South Auckland Club, or the Maori Carver at the Waikato Club rooms, then you should discuss with your group members to see who else is interested and form your own teams to share travel etc.

The Guild's Annual General Meeting for 2020 will be held on 23rd May, 2020 (1:30pm at the Club rooms). This is because a number of key people were not available on (the alternative date of) May 16th. Several people on the current Executive Committee - including the President & Secretary - have indicated they are not available for re-election. Please start speaking to others and identifying people who will stand for these positions now. Do not leave it until the AGM. Group Leaders should initiate discussion within their Groups.

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Phil Hansen has also indicated that he wishes to stand down from organising the annual show after the 2020 show is over. We need somebody to step up and work with him this year in preparation for taking over in 2021. I do not need to remind you how important this role is the Guild. The 2020 Show dates are locked in as November 20th, 21st, 22nd 2020 & the event will be held at the Mount Sports Centre.

The Guild is functioning very well and attendance is excellent. At the last group meetings we had: 15 people attending the Scroll Saw group; 22 people at Turning; and 11 members at Carving. We can see this is creating some pressure on the use of available tools and machinery. The Scroll Saw group has specifically been asked to define options to solve this for their group meetings. Groups have also been tasked to report back on the formation of a team who will be given the task of developing Standard Operating Procedures for our machinery and equipment.

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MEETING REPORT

Member's Health: To all members who have been unable to participate recently due to health issues and we wish you all a speedy recovery.

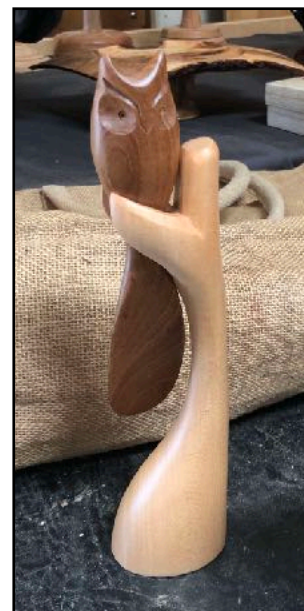
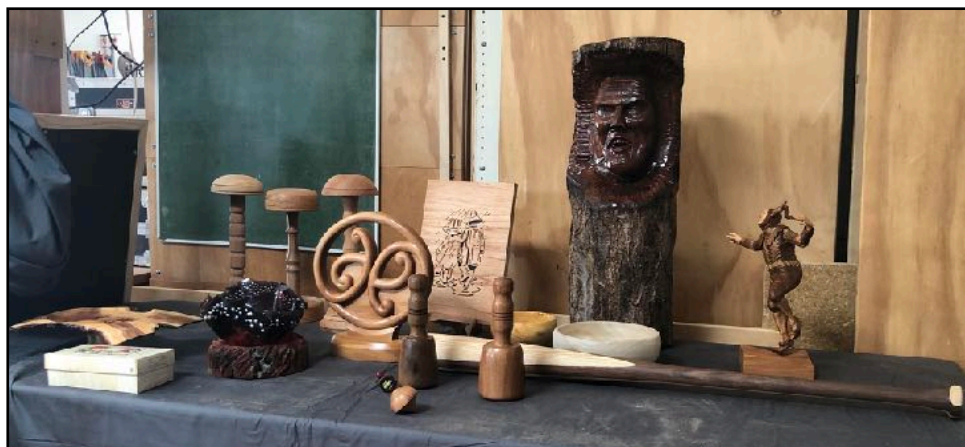
Finance: The club is in good shape financially. Margaret is seeking someone to carry out a review of the annual accounts for the AGM, which will be held in May.

AGM Date: The 2020 AGM will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday May 23rd at the Woodcrafters Guild workshop. Please put this date in your diaries.

Workshop: The problem we had with a jammed lathe motor has now been defined and it is being rectified. We also have a maintenance issue with the small bandsaw where the bottom pulley appears to be wobbling when in use. Our workshop maintenance people are looking at this issue. Dust extraction is a housekeeping issue which needs members' attention. Members are reminded you must empty the dust extractor bags after use. Furthermore, the small Record dust extractor is not appropriate for use with the Thicknesser. Members are asked to use the larger dust extractors when using the Thicknesser and keep the Record dust extractor for bandsaw etc use where the waste is just sawdust.

Workshop Tools: Groups have been asked to prepare a list of critical tools which members believe the Guild should purchase and hold in the lockable maintenance equipment cupboard.

Monthly Critique: Derek critiqued the show table work at the monthly meeting. Frazer's carving of the Yin Yang shape was picked as the work of the month. Derek particularly complimented the clean lines and the finish.



February Talk: Geoff Brann spoke to members about his recent trip to Japan. Geoff's story of one bullet train station having 4 floors, with each level having its own track, made the traffic challenged from Tauranga take notice. He shared photographs taken and brought along some mementos he purchased. This included a small spoon carved as an owl sitting in a forked tree branch (as the spoon holder) which is an elegantly simple idea.

Note: Group Four - Turners - are on Duty for the March 2020 meeting.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

Members of the wood carving group all continue to be busy with individual projects. We are investigating the possibility of organising a weekend carving workshop during 2020.



Frazer has completed his Yin-Yang carving and begun carving a Tiki.

Once again we have had 10 - 11 members at every meeting. It was good to welcome Chris Barton back to the group.



*Phil Hansen for Ivan
Watchorn (07) 308 7914.*

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 - 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

The 22 attendees at the January group meeting developed a list of activities the members of the group would like to see throughout the year. The list has been circulated and now it is over to each of us to select something off the list that we could lead.

The February meeting had a good turnout for Hands-on in the morning with some innovative bowls (as in *lignum vitae*) being recycled and others sharing their experience. Thanks go to Mike McCarthy for his demonstration of the club's Bowl Saver at the afternoon meeting – sitting in the cupboard unused just like most of them in our workshops. It was good to be reminded of their use and to dust off a few extra bowls.

The Group competition for February was “Mortar and Pestle”, but entries were thin on the ground so the prize was awarded to Ian Dawkins for his thin natural edge square bowl. Greg also gave a rundown on his recent visit to the Redcliffe Club north of Brisbane.

The March 2020 Group project is **WIG STANDS** – so it would be good to get a full muster of those to boost our stocks to pass on to the Look Good, Feel Good people. If you don't know how to go about making them there will be a demo at our next Hands-on, or go to the South Auckland Guild website and get a project sheet. <https://sawg.org.nz/sawg/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Wig-Stand.pdf>



Mel describes his mallet - one of a great selection

Greg Taylor 021 992 446



Mortar & pestle - Purple Heart & Hickory

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

On our first February meeting day we had 15 members and 1 visitor in attendance. So it was a busy day, but needless to say some of us could not do anything because we ran out of scroll saws. However, it was all good and the projects for the new year look interesting.

Duncan has just completed a new scroll saw panel of some kids standing in the rain - just to remind us all in these dry conditions what rain looks like.

Japie Volschenk 5423633



Group 6 & 7: Open Workshop and Toy Making

2nd and 4th Wed at 6.30pm, 2nd & 4th Sat at 9.30am (new finishing time on Saturdays is 3pm).

The Open Workshop group is underway for 2020 with anywhere from 4 - 12 people attending each meeting. The group are working on a wide range of projects: a laminated baseball bat; footstool; guitar stand; laminated table; chairs; slab side table, and making wooden spoons. A photo of Jacob's beautiful laminated baseball bat appears below.



Members are once again reminded that Roy and Mike are stepping down from leading this group at the next AGM. Please contact George Yardley, or one of the committee members, if you are interested in picking up this role, have experience with the full range of our work working equipment, and are willing to help, teach, and coach other members.

Roy Tregilgas 027 640 3793

Thursday Students

Family Works have recently advised they have not organised any students to start with us this term. We will follow this up with Family Works but during the hiatus the tutors will have some planning sessions.

Mike Buck 574 4525

Homeschool Students

The Homeschool group has had the first session for 2020 on Wednesday 12th February.



The newest students made a Desk tidy for pencils phone etc. This taught the basic skill of measuring and marking and the finished results were very creditable. A couple of the returning students made a mallet on the lathes - also a creditable effort - and Japie showed one of the students how to do 3D scrollsaw work & make a very beautiful miniature vase. It was an enjoyable session by all attending.



Mel Yeates 573 8188

A collection of other member's items from the February show and tell table are also included below.



GUILD CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2020

Tues. 3rd @ 9:30am
Turning

Group 4 Hands on



DUTY ROSTER - 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

March 2020	Group 4
April 2020	Group 5
May 2020	Group 6 & 7
June 2020	Group 1
July 2020	Group 4
August 2020	Group 5

Last Word: from Phil Hansen

ANNUAL SAFETY DECLARATION REQUIRED FROM ALL GUILD MEMBERS;

I take full responsibility for my own actions and safety.

I agree that I will not use any machine without at least 1 other competent member being present.

I will ask for help before switching on a machine with which I am not familiar.

I accept that a SAFETY SUPERVISOR may ask me to STOP USING A MACHINE AND DISCUSS THE SAFETY OF WHAT I AM DOING WRONG.

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