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Bob Faulkner's very effective fretwork of a tiger at rest

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Happy New Year: Happy New Year to you all. I hope 2021 brings success in all your endeavours and trust that you have all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Members Welfare: Our thoughts are with any members who have been unwell. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Covid Thoughts: This is a reminder to all members to please continue to sign in either using the Covid QR scanning code or the register in the workshop. We should not get complacent especially with all the warnings about new more virulent strains coming into managed isolation in NZ. Scanning / Signing in is not a difficult task and should be treated as another part of our safety responsibilities to take care of others.

January BBQ Event: We had our annual members BBQ event on January 16th to kick off 2021. Jake Stemmer cooked up a storm on the BBQ and, although the day was hot and sunny, we were able to stay cool in the shade. It was great to catch up with everyone after the break. The BBQ also gave an opportunity to socialise with a potential new lady member who came along to check out the Guild and the workshop.

a member club of the national association of woodworkers inc.



Scrollsaw Teaching Videos: Allan Curtis has recently completed making two superb project training videos (Inlay Work and Intermediate Marquetry) in which he has captured Jacob von Holzen working in his home workshop demonstrating the steps for each project. Jacob's offered us the opportunity to capture and record his knowledge so it is available to others in future years. Allan videoed it all and has now edited his footage to create two digital videos. It has been a superb initiative to organise this work by the ScrollSaw Group. Our sincere thanks go to Jacob for giving us the opportunity.

Health and Safety: Health and Safety is a key responsibility for all members while pursuing our woodworking hobby. Minimum safety standards provide the framework to promote safe working habits which are aimed at ensuring your own safety and also the safety of others in the workshop. A working group, led by Greg Taylor, is finishing off their review of a safety policy, guidelines, checklists and procedures available through the National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc. Our objective is to roll this out from February 2021 via tool box meetings to be held as part of every group meeting.

Tauranga Miniatures Club: We have invited Jan Gee from the Tauranga Miniatures Club to come and speak about their club and club activities at our February 2021 monthly meeting (20th Feb). Many of you might have seen their wonderful display on miniatures on the mezzanine floor of the Mount Sports Centre at our November 2020 show. We felt they were kindred spirits and the invitation to talk at our monthly meeting is an opportunity for members to network with this club.

2021: Groups are just restarting their meetings in January. New projects are underway, or are being planned. I look forward to seeing all the finished pieces throughout 2021.

Todo lo mejor, *Phil Hansen, President*

General Report

Annual Scrollsaw Workshop – 10 April 2021

Due to COVID restrictions last year, we were unable to hold our annual workshop but we are back this year with a comprehensive range of scrollsaw skills training on offer. This the Group's 11th Hands-on Workshop and is an outstanding opportunity to learn from the master craftsman, Jacob von Holzen. The [registration form](#) may be downloaded from our website. Please register and pay early to avoid disappointment.

Annual Barbecue

The annual barbecue was held Saturday 16 January and was attended by a relatively small group but this allowed an easy interaction with members from different groups.



Endseal

Mike McCarthy has organised the purchase of a 20L drum of end seal (the last one available in NZ) which the Guild will sell to members in 2L bottles. Please contact Greg Taylor on 021 992 446 if you would like some waxy latex end grain sealant.

Group Activities

Group One: Woodcarvers

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

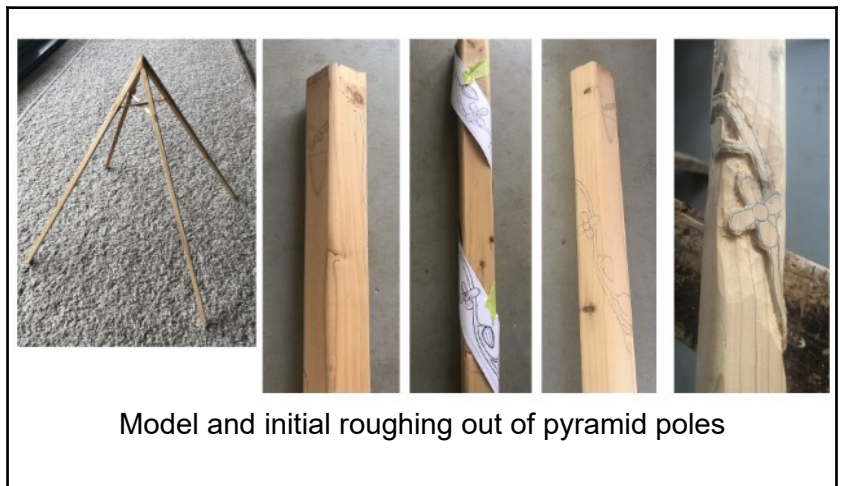
The carvers had a slightly reduced turnout for the first group meeting of 2021 because a few were on holiday.

Nevertheless everyone had various new projects underway which they had been working on over the Christmas break. Chris Barton also brought along a nice completed bird carving which he had created from a piece of recycled Kauri timber that had come out of the old A.G Price factory in Thames. So it is well over 100 years since this timber was milled.



Chris Barton's Kokako

Phil Hansen and Barwick Harding have begun work on a bespoke pyramid consisting of four 2500 long poles that are each carved with a spiralling vine with flowers. Having taken three days to carve one pole, Phil thinks that the hourly return is very modest.



Model and initial roughing out of pyramid poles

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 - 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

The Group's meetings will re-start for the year on the 27th of January.

Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

The Group meetings began the year on the 20th of January with twelve members attending. A variety of projects were being started or were continuing, including compound cutting and fretwork as well as marquetry projects started in Jacob von Holzen's classes. Jacob moved around the members and ably assisting them with any issues.

With 14 active Group members, the demand on the Guild's scrollsaws is being taxed and Glenn Whittaker has requested that the Guild purchase a further two saws.

Allan Curtis for Glenn Whittaker 5480987

Open Workshop

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

The Open Workshop Group started promptly in the new year on the 9th of January.

Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

Schools Program

This program will re-start in February and Mel Yeates has provided a photo of the work created by last year's students. It is encouraging to see the range and quality of projects produced. I am sure that these efforts will increase their development into well rounded citizens.



Allan Curtis for Mel Yeates 027 626 2926

Allan's Jokes

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great, I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns?" "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Andrew, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Andrew walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days afterward, the doctor spoke to Andrew and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Andrew replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc - 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

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DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

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
August 2021	Group 6&7

GUILD CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Tue 2nd	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 2nd	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 3rd	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Mon 8th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 10th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 13th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Wed 17th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 20th	11:00 AM		Committee Meeting
Sat 20th	1:30 PM		Guild Meeting
Mon 22nd	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 24th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Wed 24th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 27th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop

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