



Trevor Martin's finely finished bowls

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

**Members Welfare:** It was great to see Mike McCarthy back and mobile again after his most recent hip surgery. Our thoughts are with all of our members who have been unwell. We wish you a speedy recovery.

**Equipment Damage:** Sadly, I have to report that the thicknesser in the workshop suffered some recent damage. A gouge was found in the bed of the machine, which most likely was caused when someone put recycled wood with an embedded nail through the machine. We don't know who caused the damage; no-one has spoken up. While the unexpected can always happen, it is disappointing and an unnecessary drain on our maintenance budget. My plea is that it helps the workshop maintenance team considerably if people speak up when damage occurs. We all learn from these events and can all take steps to minimise them happening again. Meanwhile, I reiterate the same old message; please do not process any recycled or used timber in our workshop.

**NAW AGM:** On June 12th, 2021 (9:30am - 3:30pm) the Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild are hosting the 2021 AGM for the National Association of Woodworkers at our workshop in Tauranga. Attendance is free to everyone; NAW members and visitors. NAW are providing three experienced demonstrators to present demonstrations of different wood crafts during the day. Our Guild provides the venue, tea and coffee refreshments and will organise a BBQ lunch.

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



**Scrollsaw Workshop:** The 2021 Scroll saw workshop is being held on Saturday April 10th (9am - 4pm). Laureen Tubby, Jacob von Holzen and the team who have been preparing kits for this workshop have done a magnificent job and I can't speak highly enough of their efforts. The workshop will cover intarsia, bevel and compound cutting as well as fretwork. We currently have 11 people registered to attend; coming from Northland to Canterbury. If you have been thinking about attending please be aware that registrations close for payment on March 27th, 2021. The registration form can be downloaded from our website, or else please talk to Laureen Tubby, Glenn Whittaker or Allan Curtis.

**Audio Visual System Upgrade and Other Equipment Needs:** At the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 meeting I told the Guild that our short term plan for 2021 is to prepare and submit an application for a lottery type grant to enable us to upgrade the AV system in our workshop and also to potentially look at other equipment upgrades for the Guild. Alan Sciascia will lead the work associated with making the application on behalf of the committee.

I have asked Group Leaders to specifically raise the matter of equipment upgrades with their groups and coordinate this feedback to Alan Sciascia and to the committee. Jim Sutherland has separately sought external advice and assembled a recommendation for the committee concerning an upgrade of the Guild's AV system. This will form part of the proposed funding application.

In the short term, the committee has agreed on a small capital expenditure of \$150 to buy a long HDMI cable and bracket to mount our existing HD video camera on either of the two new heavy duty camera support arms (with HDMI cables routed to the TV). This will immediately provide an improvement in our ability to show working demonstrations to an audience from our current TV.

**Tauranga Guild AGM & Committee Nominations:** The 2021 AGM will occur on May 15<sup>th</sup>; with the meeting scheduled to start at 1:30pm.

Nominations are sought from members to stand for the various committee positions. A nomination form has been placed on the notice board in the workshop (above the Covid scanning application).

All the Best, *Phil Hansen, President*

## General Report

### Parkinson's Awareness Week

David Monk is looking for volunteers to produce red wooden tulips to which are sold to raise funds for the organisation. He would be very grateful if members could produce poppies of about 40-55mm in diameter by 60-80mm high mounted on wooden dowels to give a total height of 320mm. These are sold throughout the year so tulips will be gratefully accepted after the awareness week as well. We encourage everyone to make their contribution to this worthy cause.



### Group Roster

It has been pointed out that the duty roster has been incorrectly calculated (*mea culpa* – Allan C). This has now been corrected and the Turners will be on duty in April and from May onwards we can expect a regular rotation of the roster.

## Plans & Drawings

A storage facility for members' plans and drawings has been added to our website <http://taurangawoodcrafters.org/plans-drawings/>. This system enables us to easily share drawings for projects you have made and are free to make publicly available to all. Please attribute the source if the drawings have been sourced from other websites and note any use restrictions on the drawing. For example, the coaster drawing has been modified and the source restrictions that the drawing "is free to use but must not be used for commercial purposes" have been added to the description.

Please send images to me to add to our website.

## Monthly meeting

There was a lower than usual turnout for this month's meeting and, without a featured presentation, Phil used the time to expand on the issue of slowly reducing capital reserves and the need to update or expand the Guild's equipment.

Derek Kerwood returned to his role of offering a critique of the month's projects and made the observation that the quality of finishing is often what differentiates an excellent project from a very good one. Some tips include:

- be aware that ripples in turning may not show up until a finish is applied but are normally able to be detected by feel
- transitions in turning may be blended in using rotary sanders or cabinet scrapers
- once you start sanding with finer grits, then sanding with a little oil will help to seal pores

Projects on display included those below.



Derek Kerwood's basket



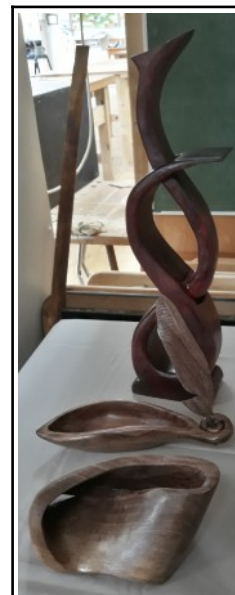
Roy Tregilgas' semi-finished spoons



Barwick Harding's carved walking stick



Duncan Campbell's cartoons



Phil Hansen's carving collection in purple heart and black walnut

# Group Activities

## Group 1: Woodcarvers

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

We had a slightly smaller group of regulars at the first carving group meeting in March, but were joined by Linda, a new member. She started on carving the standard pair of dolphins, which have become our traditional beginners project.

Jean is still recovering from breaking her hand but hopefully will be back to carving soon.

While a few of us were busy working on the carving for the 4 legs of the pyramid, which we have been making as a club fundraiser, others were occupied with their various projects. One item of interest was John Harrison's new relief carving of the classic yacht called the Thelma. This yacht was built in NZ in 1897 by the Logan brothers. It spent 70 years out of the country and was brought back to Auckland from the Mediterranean by the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust. The original Thelma was panelled with mottled kauri and rimu with teak fittings on the deck. John has made his carving from camphor wood and used decking timber from his own house for the mast and boom to add "provenance" to his own item of work.



Another interesting project of the moment is Frazer Pengelly's restoration of a vintage hand carved wooden teddy bear. He has had to strip off the paint covering and repair the broken and missing parts of limbs, ears and body. The bear's right eye was in the wrong place and he has moved it to correct the proportions relative to the left eye and the nose.



*Phil Hansen for Barwick Harding 544 9094*

## 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

Both hands on and the main meeting were well attended.

Learners at the lathe are attempting projects that are testing their skills and revealing different ways to overcome grain pull and achieve a better result before getting out the sandpaper.

We carried on discussions about SOP's and video coverage of demonstrations.

Jim Dekker gave us his secrets about application of Danish oil so there should be some shiny objects coming to our talking table in future.

There were some nice bowls on the table this time.

*Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430*



## Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

One feature of the Scrollsaw is the way the tool's versatility enables individuals to create new offshoots of a standard article. - like Gavin Bell with his basket designs. Meanwhile, Jacob von Holzen continues to demonstrate his skills with his cottages while Bob Ferguson just brings animals to life with his with his ability to capture character in his range of animal pictures.



Jacob's half timbered house  
(fachwerkhaus)



Bob's fretwork cat



Gavin's fruit basket

The major activity this month is preparing for the Scroll Group's 10<sup>th</sup> April Hands-On Workshop, which at this stage, has 11 registrations from around the country including one from the Christchurch region. It will be our eleventh Scrollsaw Workshop.

*Glenn Whittaker 5480987*

## Group 6 & 7: Open Workshop

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

Things are continuing as usual but with rather more people attending the Saturday sessions. Please note that due to the Scrollsaw Workshop there is no Open Workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

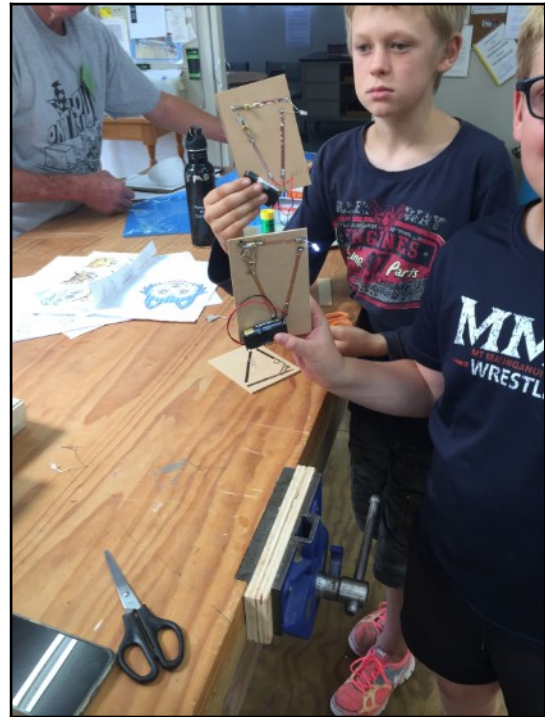


Donna Stemmer's bowl

*Allan Curtis for Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380*

## HomeSchool Program

The 24<sup>th</sup> of March session was very successful and all the Students in attendance were very productive with various projects under way. We had a couple working the lathes and the rest working the Scrollsaws with two new members are becoming more proficient after only a couple of sessions. The electronics that go with the Scrollsaw work is very popular and we thank David Monk for this innovation. We even had a magic Harry Potter wand produced from real Hawthorn wood so it is bound to work. There is one more session for this term but, unfortunately, we must say goodbye to three of the present students next month so we can accept three new students for next term.



*Mel Yeates 027 626 2926*

## Allan's Joke

### Will I Live To 90?

I recently started with a new GP and after two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 90?"

He asked, "Do you smoke tobacco or drink beer or wine?"

"Oh no," I replied. "I'm not doing drugs, either."

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?"

I said, "No, my other Doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy."

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, tramping, or biking?"

"No, I don't," I said. He asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?" "No," I said. "I don't do any of those things."

He looked at me and said, "Then why do you want to live to 90?"

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## DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Group 4</b>
May 2021	Group 6&7
June 2021	Group 1
July 2021	Group 4
August 2021	Group 5
September 2021	Group 6&7
October 2021	Group 1
November 2021	Group 4

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Tue 6th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 6th	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 7th	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Mon 12th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 14th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 17th	11:00 AM		Committee Meeting
Sat 17th	1:30 PM		Guild Meeting
Wed 21st	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 24th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Mon 26th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 28th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Wed 28th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop



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