



Doug St George's beautifully finished Puriri table with Olivewood inlay

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

Members Welfare: To all those members who are unwell, or are recovering from illness, our thoughts are with you and we all wish you a speedy recovery.

Guild AGM News: Our AGM was held on May 15th with the election of a new committee for 2021/22. Barwick Harding stood down from the committee at the AGM.

At the AGM our members in attendance voted in the following committee for 2021/22: Phil Hansen (President); Greg Taylor (Vice President); Margaret Dekker (Treasurer); Alan Sciascia (Secretary); Allan Curtis (Newsletter Editor); Jake Stemmer (Open Workshop Coord.); Lawson Worsnop (Turning Group Coord.); Glenn Whittaker (Scrollsaw Group Coord.); and Frazer Pengelly (Carving Group Coord.).

Many of you have volunteered your help willingly during 2020/21. We record here our sincere vote of thanks and appreciation for all the hard work, efforts and every contribution made by members on behalf of the Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild. We rely on volunteers. Thank you all very much indeed.

Margaret Dekker gave the Treasurers's report where the key aspect covered the fall in Guild's income arising from the Covid virus situation during 2020 & 2021. Our income has dropped by \$4,000. The key reasons were that we did not have a Scrollsaw workshop in 2020, we had to stop the sausage sizzles at Bunnings, we put a hold on the Home school program and stopped the Social welfare Family Works school program and therefore lost the income from all of these sources.

a member club of the national association of woodworkers inc.

On the expenses side we were also faced with some higher one-off expenses when a motor failed on a bandsaw and had to be replaced, fluorescent lights failed and had to be replaced with new LED lights in the lunch room area, and there were electrical problems with a lathe VSD and a scrollsaw drive. Our expense costs rose compared with earlier years because of these items. Nevertheless we were pleased to report that the Guild still managed a small profit for the year ending 31st March 2021.

The Guild members at the AGM voted to leave membership subscriptions unchanged.



Autumn Clean of the Workshop: We would appreciate volunteers who are prepared to assist with an "Autumn Clean" of the workshop by giving a couple of hours of your time on Thursday May 27th at the workshop starting at 9:30am.

NAW Art of Wood: The National Association of Woodworkers has just kicked off "The Art of Wood Competition". Anyone can enter. You need to submit up to three photos of the piece of work before 15th July 2021. The piece has to have been made in the last two years. Details for entry are on the NAW website. <https://naw.org.nz/art-of-wood-exhibition/>

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](#) in our workshop in Tauranga. Attendance is free to everyone - NAW members and visitors. NAW are providing three experienced demonstrators to present demonstrations of different woodcrafts during the day. Our Guild provides the venue, tea and coffee refreshments and will organise a BBQ lunch. We are expecting visitors from other Guilds. Please feel free to bring exhibits of your latest work to display on the day.

2021 / 2022 Subscriptions: Thanks to all members who have already paid your 2021 / 22 subscriptions. Currently 55 people have paid out of our normal adult membership of approximately 85 people. I just want to remind everyone else that these are now due for payment. If you are a full adult member and you pay on, or before 30th June, your Membership Fee is \$70.00. If you pay after 1st July, your Membership Fee is \$75.00. If you are a member of NAW and state your NAW membership number on the Application for Membership Form you may discount your membership renewal payment by \$10.

2021 Show: The dates for the 2021 Show at the Mount Sports Centre are November 19th, 20th and 21st. It is our intention to increase the stall holder fees for members to \$50 this year. This is to cover the cost of members having stall at the show. The fee is the same whether the stall is for one, two or three days. We will start at 10am each day and close at 4pm on Friday and Saturday but will finish at 1pm on Sunday 21st. We are seeking donations of an item of work from each group for the Guild's raffle. We also request all groups to start thinking about pieces of work which will be included in the exhibition area of members work.

Held og lykke, Phil Hansen, President

General Report

Disc Sander

The Guild has a home made disc sander that is surplus to requirements. It is on a cabinet designed to accommodate a Triton Dust bucket and driven by a 1/3 hp single phase motor spinning in the “wrong” direction which means that either you have to work on the right side of the disc or engage an electrician to reverse the start windings. We are asking \$100 for the sander; please contact the Guild if you are interested.



Members' workshop

Members have been busy creating some very fine pieces for the monthly display which Derek Kerwood reviewed. Some of these are shown below:



Mike McCarthy's nicely made and finished cutting boards



Jim Dekker's take on a traditional candlestick in rimu made on the lathe



Roy Tregilgas' bowl in black walnut



Trevor Martin's abstract figurines

Group Activities

Group 1: Woodcarvers

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

It was either birds, foliage or walking sticks! The carving group seemed to have a series of themes going at the May meeting. John is starting an eagle, Phil is working on an owl, while Barwick has a full size duck underway. Jean is carving several birds and Chris is working on several bird projects which he is advancing in parallel with each other.

Geoff and Ivan are both working on walking sticks, one assumes it is so they can walk around the aviary? Otherwise we had Gavin, Tom, and Chris working on relief carvings of leaves and flowers.

We are planning to have a discussion on finishing techniques at the May 24th group meeting.



Phil Hansen 027 705 0408

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 - 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

Our theme for the main meeting followed on from last month, as Trevor Martin kindly demonstrated his way of turning four petal tulips and the colouring and finishing involved. Mel Yates then demonstrated his six petal versions of the tulip and the problems that can crop up at times when you are hollowing end grain timber. Both members had already made quite a number of the tulips at home and, after the meeting, the tulips were given to David Monk to sell to the public in order to raise funds for the Parkinsons Society.

Our hands on turning sessions are running at full speed, plenty of banter flowing and the learner members getting to grips with tool presentation and control. They are producing some nice articles. We had one new person turn up and he seems to be keen to join the club.

There have been instances of group 4 members having short stays in hospital, but it looks like they have shaken off their maladies to get back on track and come into the club days

Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Attendances at the fortnightly workshops during the post National Workshop period have been between 10 and 12. There's a really positive feeling within the Group that their combined efforts in hosting and transferring scroll/fretsaw generated craft through the 14 participants back to their respective Guilds was both successful and appreciated. Several notes and comments received back congratulated the Group.

Three members of the Cambridge Woodturners Club visited a Group workshop to learn more about the Scrollsaw. Our Team hosted well and presented a static display which impressed the visitors who were also given tuition on the use of the saw. Again good feedback.

The Group will not hold a National Scrollsaw Workshop in 2022 and instead look to hold an Open Day early in the New Year linked into the Guild's November 2021 Exhibition and Show. The purpose is to stimulate interest in the Guild's activities within the local community in order to attract a raft of new members. The Guild's facilities including the impressive range of woodcraft equipment, along with the expertise of current members, presents a formidable resource with which to build new membership numbers.



Allan Faulkner's Hebrew salutation in Walnut



Leigh Morris' fretworked box in Magnolia

Glenn Whittaker 5480987

Open Workshop

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



Michael Osborne with his first ever, as yet, unfinished turned item in Banksia.

Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

HomeSchool Program

We had another successful afternoon on Wednesday 12th with the new students fitting in very well. All the students managed to make something that stretched them out of their comfort zone a little. As you can see from the attached photos they were very focused on their tasks. We have two more students who will start at the next session day.



Mel Yeates 027 626 2926

Allan's Musings

"He who works with his hands is a labourer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist." *St Francis of Assisi*

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DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

Jun 2021	Group 1
Jul 2021	Group 4
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

GUILD CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2021

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Tue 1st	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 1st	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 2nd	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Wed 9th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 12th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Mon 14th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 16th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 19th	11:00 AM		Committee Meeting
Sat 19th	1:30 PM		Guild Meeting
Wed 23rd	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Wed 23rd	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 26th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Mon 28th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers

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