



Allan Curtis' cheeseboard in ornamental cherry, sapele and oak

THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year: On behalf of your committee I wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We trust you are able to catch-up and enjoy family visits with your loved ones over the festive period. Thank you for all the support you have given the Guild throughout 2021.

Next Guild Meeting: The next full Guild monthly meeting will be in Saturday January 15th at 1:30pm when the Turners will be on duty.

NAW Zoom Meetings: On the evening of Monday December 13th, NAW held the second of their 90 minute online Zoom video conference meetings for woodcrafters around NZ. The guest speaker for this meeting was Mike Davies from Record Power who spoke about his 40 year career in woodworking, starting as an apprentice wood carver in the UK. NAW is planning to have these as a monthly event on the 2nd Monday evening of each month starting at 7pm and running for 90 minutes. Their next meeting will be February 14th, 2022. Members of NAW will receive an email with the link details, but you will need to load the Zoom application on your computers and have a network link at home to participate. If anyone wants help with this please contact Phil Hansen, or a group leader.

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Covid: Dealing with the virus continues to be a major focus of our lives. The committee is continuing to discuss our Guild's way of working with the requirements of the vaccination passport system. It will be a focus for our next full Guild meeting in January 15th. Once again I note that the Committee encourages all members to get vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.

Meanwhile please be careful over the summer break, protect your health and all those around you. Get yourself assessed if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. Don't attend any meetings in the workshop until you recover, or are cleared by an assessment test.

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Phil Hansen, President

General Report

Table saw cross cut sled

There has recently been discussions about the need to use the guard on the table saw for all operations and it was considered that the only exceptions would be:

- making narrow cuts near the fence (this can be avoided by using a false fence attached to the standard fence)
- rebating (use a router table to avoid this operation)
- using a cross cut sled

It appeared that using a cross cut sled meant the unavoidable removal of the guard. I was not comfortable with that and have made two mini sleds (90° and 45°) that enable you to still have the guard in place when using a sled. The sleds incorporate precise length stops for either side of the blade.



A description of the construction can be found here [Safety sleds](#).

Website hints and tips

I am in the process of tidying up our website's hints and tips to clean out dead stuff, merge some hints and tips together and arrange these in categories so that you can easily find what you need. If anyone has fresh ideas or hints, please send them to me, Allan Curtis, with text, diagrams or photos, as appropriate.

Community contributions

Jake Stemmer made a wheelbarrow for last year's show, using a wheel supplied by Ivan Watchorn. The wheelbarrow was donated to the Te Puna Quarry Gardens who painted it and sited near the butterfly house. It is certainly a nice addition to their gardens.



Group Activities

Group 1: Woodcarvers

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



Frazer's relief carving in progress

Unfortunately we have some members who were unwell and could not attend or who had other commitments. However, we welcomed back our youngest carver, Flynn Hurford and our new carver Ken Brangwynne. We spent the morning working on projects before our lunch. Ivan Watchorn continued helping our beginner carvers to build their skills in the craft with his dolphin carving project. Phil Hansen and John Hamilton were cutting wood and various carving blanks for some new projects. One new item of note was a new relief carving that Frazer Pengelly has been working on.

The wood carvers will resume group meetings for 2022 on Monday January 10th.

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: 4th Wednesday at 9.30am

We had a great day on our Tuesday Open morning.

Nine members of the Summerset Papamoa Retirement Village visited, along with Masayo Watanabe, the Entertainment and Lifestyle Co-ordinator. Following their visit, Masayo sent a letter expressing both her and the group's appreciation for the presentations made by the Guild. They were fascinated by the creativity, dedication and skills shown by our members and found it to be very inspiring. She would like to continue supporting us by encouraging residents to be involved with the Guild.

We had most of the lathes going and Phil had a show and tell about carving, Glen and Allan were on the scrollsaws.

There was great interest in all the disciplines offered by our club.

Some of the visitors had a crack at spindle turning.

We also had a display of all types of woodwork and some members also had articles for sale.

Our visitors were delighted with what they saw and appreciated our hospitality.



We provided a morning tea and that enabled club members to chat and explained what we could do for those who would like to join our club.

After lunch, a dozen members stayed on for discussion on next year's programme and also our ideas about requirements for Covid passes in order to use the club facilities. Our ideas have been passed on to Phil, so that we can further decide on the Covid response as a club in the new year

Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430

Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

The Scroll saw Group have met throughout the year with little change in team members. However, the increase in the standard of the woodcraft items created has been impressive. Innovation has been a real feature running strongly through the creations. Much of this can be attributed to the multi-discipline knowledge and skills derived from Jacob's scroll, intarsia and marquetry tuition as well as his individual

project guidance. As a consequence, some of our less experienced members have found different ways to express art forms within their craft which has been of real benefit to the entire team.

We celebrated with a Pot-Luck lunch on the last workshop of the year on the 15th of December. As you can see, food shortage was never going to be a problem.



Camaraderie within the team has always been strong and this was a feature during the lunch. Gratitude and respect needs to be acknowledged to both Jacob and Laureen for their long involvement and commitment to the group. This includes Laureen's project planning, management and drive which led to the successful annual National Scrollsaw Workshops that the Group has held over an 11 year period.

The Group expresses its appreciation to the Guild's Committee for the support it has given during the year including the delivery of two new Carbatec scroll saws which were purchased with grant applications, without the need to use any Guild funds.



Duncan Campbell's dog



Gavin Bell's yoga figure



Jacob von Holzen's basket



Laureen Tubby's inlaid boxes for her great grandsons

Glenn Whittaker 548 0987

Open Workshop

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

Open workshop has been proceeding as usual with many folks working on a variety of things. Toine van de Pol has been working on an acoustic guitar, and entirely unrelated, Roger Haybittle has made a guitar stand.

A notice for members; we will be trying to work people through safety inductions on all the machines they use so the Guild has a signed record of safety training. Please speak with either Bill or myself before using a machine at the next few meetings.



Jake Stemmer & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

Allan's Christmas One-Liners

Be naughty – save Santa the trip.

Christmas: the only time of year you can sit in front of a dead tree eating lollies out of a sock.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, but if the white runs out I'll drink the red.

Who is never hungry at Christmas? The turkey, it is always stuffed.

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

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Jan 2022	Group 4
Feb 2022	Group 5
Mar 2022	Group 6&7
Apr 2022	Group 1
May 2022	Group 4
Jun 2022	Group 5
Jul 2022	Group 6&7
Aug 2022	Group 1

Date	Time	Group Activity
Sat 8th	9:30 AM	6 Open Workshop
Mon 10th	9:30 AM	1 Carvers
Wed 12th	6:30 PM	6 Open Workshop
Sat 15th	11:00 AM	Committee Meeting
Sat 15th	1:30 PM	Guild Meeting
Wed 19th	9:30 AM	1 Scroll Sawyers
Sat 22nd	9:30 AM	6 Open Workshop
Mon 24th	9:30 AM	1 Carvers
Wed 26th	9:30 AM	4 Hands on Turning
Wed 26th	6:30 PM	6 Open Workshop

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