



Doug St George's Kauri bowl

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

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

**Covid:** From December 3rd, 2021 NZ is moving to the new COVID-19 protection framework (traffic light system). The NZ Government has yet to advise what setting will apply to Tauranga (Red, Orange or Green). The way that members can continue to use the Tauranga Woodcrafters workshop will be directed by that setting, plus the restrictions applicable in the traffic light system with respect to the use of 'My Vaccine Pass'.

Irrespective of debate over the science & merits of vaccinations, the fact is that the introduction of the traffic light system means members who are not double vaccinated, and not holding a vaccination pass, will encounter increasing restrictions on what you can do across multiple facets of your lives. The fundamental decision for the Guild is whether we will restrict entry to group meetings to those members who hold a current vaccination pass (i.e. to those who are double vaccinated). The impact of this decision is that it will limit group meeting sizes as summarised below.

If we **do** use vaccination passes:

Under **Red traffic light** – gatherings are limited to 100 people

Under **Orange traffic light** – gatherings are unlimited

Under **Green traffic light** – gatherings are unlimited

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If we **don't** use vaccination passes:

Under **Red traffic light** – gatherings are limited to 10 people

Under **Orange traffic light** – gatherings are limited to 50 people

Under **Green traffic light** – gatherings are limited to 100 people

Under these rules Group meeting sizes are restricted to the numbers indicated above. Currently our Guild is operating without using vaccination passes to restrict entry. This would mean that group sizes would be reduced, depending on the traffic light colour applicable to Tauranga. As from December 3rd, Group Leaders will need to close the doors and turn away people when the specified number is reached. At Red we may need to close the workshop.

The committee has elected to defer any decision to impose a restriction on member attendance until the government issues a clear direction on how the recently announced Vaccine Passes are to be managed. There is as yet no formal system in place to verify validity of passes that may be presented. Accordingly this means members are free to decide whether or not to attend workshops (with possible limits on numbers attending). The committee will continue to monitor this evolving situation in coming weeks and will advise members of any change which may affect member attendance at workshops or Guild meetings. The next full Guild meeting is not scheduled until January 15th 2022 and we expect to have a clearer guide for members before that meeting.

Once again I note that the Committee encourages all members to get vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. We take this stance because of the age of the majority of our members, and their health risks. We recognise that vaccination is a personal decision. However, we sincerely believe it is the only defence we have against overwhelming the NZ hospital system with Covid patients and thereby wiping out the capacity of that system to deal with other types of medical emergency requiring ICU facilities.

Furthermore, Members must stay home if sick, feeling unwell, or have visited a listed place of interest where a Covid infectious person has been. Get yourself assessed if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. Don't come to any meetings in the workshop until you recover, or are cleared by an assessment test.

**Members Training Register:** A while ago I flagged that Group Leaders have been asked by the Committee to start running members attending their individual groups through training in the safe operation of the powered machinery in our workshop.

The Committee has agreed to use the Safe Operating Procedures, which have been written and published by the National Association of Woodworkers, for this purpose. We have also introduced a training register sheet for each member where the Group Leaders can sign-off with the member that training on specific machinery has been completed.

Relevant training will be given as applicable to a group's activities. For example, if you don't need to use the router you don't need to receive training in using the router. However, this also means that if you have a task requiring use of the router, that task needs to be carried out for you by the Group Leader or someone who has had the training.

So, members only need to obtain power equipment training for the Guild's machines you want to use. However, no member may use an item of powered equipment until you complete training in that machine and jointly sign off completion of that training in the register with an approved trainer. The list of approved trainers includes; Group Leaders plus Greg Taylor, Mike Buck, Michael McCarthy, and Roy Tregilgas. The Register will be held in the book case in the lunch room.

**2022 Show:** I want to remind everyone that we have registered with the BOP Garden and Arts Festival for our 2022 November show to be included as one of the destinations. Greg Taylor is underway with our planning for that event which will become our major fund raiser for 2022. We are asking all members to think about how we can lift our efforts to new heights in promoting the Guild's activities & members work.

**Guild Secretary:** Alan Sciascia has advised me that he wants to stand down from the committee, no later than the AGM in May 2022. I welcome anyone who might be interested in taking over the Secretary's position to let me know please.

**Christmas Break:** There will not be a full Guild meeting in December 2021. The next full Guild monthly meeting will be in Saturday January 15th at 1:30pm when the Turners will be on duty. The Committee is tentatively planning to have a BBQ lunch and social occasion at the full Guild meeting on February 19th, 2022. Finally, I wish you a very Merry Christmas, happy New Year and all the best for the holidays.

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*Phil Hansen, President.*

## General Report

### Items for Sale

Graham Nicholson has a Nova chucks along with accessories for sale and is willing to accept reasonable offers. Please contact him on 07 542 0226 or 027 436 9014.



We have received an approach from a woman whose late husband had a range of woodworking tools among those is a tool to create fluted or barley twist style designs using your router. Further potential uses can be seen in <http://myfinestuff.com/craftsman-router-crafter/> If anyone is interested please contact Cathy on 07 573 5456.





## Show and Tell

A smaller range of finely crafted projects was presented this month.



Phil Hansen's Renaissance bust



Duncan Cambell's detailed fretwork



Mike Buck's "toy" log loader and monster truck



Jean Crabtree's stick of which she is justly proud

## Group Activities

### Group 1: Woodcarvers

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

The Carving Group has recently welcomed five new people who have come along to try carving as a hobby.

We have a new junior member, in Flynn, who has attended carving and open workshop group meetings to develop his skills in wood working and carving. Barwick and Frazer promptly introduced him to the merits of the spokeshave as a tool for shaping the handle of the wooden axe he wanted to make.

At our last meeting of the month, Ivan Watchorn started another three of the new carvers on an introductory project to carve a dolphin. At the same time the Guild's VP, Greg Taylor, was working at another carving bench on his first carving project. He is carving a wooden sgian-dubh (pronounced "ski an doo" for us Sassenachs). The sgian-dubh is the small knife worn as part of the traditional Scottish Highland dress. Greg's knife will be made from wood.

The rest of the carving group chipped away at their other projects. Barwick Harding and Frazer Pengelly were both working on relief carving pieces. Geoff Brann was detailing a walking stick, while Stephanie and Phil were each trying to tease feline sculptural shapes from their own blocks of wood.

Another thing to report is that we have recently purchased a set of SaburTooth burs, Diamond burs & milling cutters for the Guild's Dremel units for power carving work.

The carvers will have their last meeting for 2021 on Monday December 13th. This will include a pot luck lunch. We plan to resume the carving group meetings on Monday January 10th of 2022.



Barwick Harding's relief carving



Sharing the skills



Geoff and Stephanie at work on their projects

*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: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.30am

This month we had more of a hands on focus, so the main meeting attendance was down somewhat.

Our learner members are still keen to upskill and therefore most of the lathes were utilised.

For our December meeting, we are inviting people from Sommerset Papamoa village and Arvida Copper Crest village to an open morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December to see what we have to offer. There will be members from the carving group and Scrollsaw group doing their thing also. We may pick up some new members from this exercise and we will be putting on a morning tea for the visitors just to round things off.

*Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430*

#### **Group Five: Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Since joining the Scroll Group as a 'newby' to the wonders and pitfalls that awaited, Fred has developed into one of the keenest and determined to grow within the Group. One of his latest and more ambitious projects, has been to build a chess board for a grandson. With some assistance from within the Group and from Mike and Roy's Thursday morning's workout, he can be justly proud of his vision and commitment into this project.

June has also nervously branched out into making her first box using one of Jacob's kits. She is justly proud of her scrollsaw work and build of her box. Meanwhile Jacob keeps amazing the team with his Marquetry pictures and this weeks surprise presentation of another two Automata devices. The clever and effective 'Girls on the Swing' should be sent as a challenge for the other Groups to match.

Sadly due to the presence of Covid in and around Tauranga, it has been decided to cancel the Groups pre-Christmas Luncheon. Holding the event in a local restaurant with other groups and individuals is just a 'bridge too far' for many.

Last two meetings of the year for the Scroll Team are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.



June Tito's first crafted box



Fred Delahunty changes focus with a chessboard



Allan Curtis' teddy bears car



Jacob von Holzen's automata



Jacob von Holzen producing another masterful piece of marquetry

*Glenn Whittaker 548 0987*

## Open Workshop

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

There have been a wide range of projects produced by the group and Hugh Howatson has made a very elegant Scandinavian influenced chair.

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

### Allan's Joke

Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus



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## DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

<b>Dec 2021</b>	<b>No meeting</b>
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

## GUILD CALENDAR FOR December 2021

Date	Time	Group	Activity
Wed 1st	9:30 AM	5	Scroll Sawyers
Tue 7th	9:30 AM	4	Hands on Turning
Tue 7th	1:30 PM	4	Turners
Wed 8th	6:30 PM	6	Open Workshop
Sat 11th	9:30 AM	6	Open Workshop
Mon 13th	9:30 AM	1	Carvers
Wed 15th	9:30 AM	1	Scroll Sawyers



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