

# newsletter of the tauranga woodcrafters guild inc.



Phil Hansen's very detailed indigenous North American using pyrography to create the wolf skin fur

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

**Members Welfare:** A number of our members have come down with the Covid virus in recent weeks and some have ended up spending time in hospital. To everyone who is unwell, or recovering from illness, our thoughts are with you and we all wish you a speedy recovery.

**Welcome to New Members:** We have recently welcomed Matt Leamy as a new member of the Guild. Our financial membership now stands at 80 people for 2022/23.

**Membership Forms:** A number of members have paid 2022/23 subscription fees but have still not signed and returned the membership form which includes your annual personal safety acceptance / declaration. This form is required by the Guild to confirm your membership. I will email an electronic copy of the form to every member and request that anyone who has not done so, could you please complete, sign and return these to me? The form can also be downloaded from the Guild's web page at any time. <a href="https://taurangawoodcrafters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Membership-Form-July2022.pdf">https://taurangawoodcrafters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Membership-Form-July2022.pdf</a>

**NAW Art of Wood:** This is another reminder about NAW's 2022 "Art of Wood Competition". Registration of your competition entries will be accepted by NAW from 1st August until 15th September 2022. All the details are available from the NAW website. <a href="https://naw.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Art-of-Wood-Exhibition.pdf">https://naw.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Art-of-Wood-Exhibition.pdf</a>

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**Housekeeping:** I have to tell you bluntly that most of us are doing an absolutely abysmal job at housekeeping: using dust extraction fans, vacuum cleaners, and brooms while working and cleaning up after group activities. The lunch room table and floor is constantly filthy. May I please ask every member to lift your game? Anyone who uses powered equipment should have a standard routine of using dust extractors, and finishing by cleaning up sawdust and wood waste, unplugging all electrical leads and turning wall plugs off.

**Major Show Expenses:** Last month I reported that we had received a grant from Pub Charity Ltd to be used to pay the four major expenses associated with running the 2022 Tauranga Woodcrafters Show: hall hire, new date labels for the street hoardings, fees to be paid to TCC for street sign locations for our hoardings and the cost of EFTPOS machine rental. A condition of the grant was that the donation had to be spent before the end of August. I am pleased to report that we have now received invoices and paid these four major costs associated with running the show.

**2022 Show Planning:** The dates for the 2022 Show at the Mount Sports Centre are November 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. I am pleased to advise members that Timberly, Treeworkx and Record Power have all agreed to have Trade Stall stands at the 2022 Show. The Tauranga Miniatures Club will have a display area upstairs. Together with the Turners they will run a collaborative project for members of the public who want a small Christmas tree ornament. The Turners will create cone shapes from wood on a lathe, which the public can then take upstairs to the Miniatures Club to decorate for them. Greg Taylor reported that the list of people who want a members show stand is coming together nicely, and that anyone still wanting a stand should contact Michael McCarthy as soon as possible.

**Thursday Wood Preparation Group:** Mike Buck asked me to make members aware that he is running a Thursday morning meeting for every member who needs project advice or is interested in preparing timber, cutting up logs on the large bandsaw or using the buzzer, thicknesser, bandsaws, table saw etc., for specific projects to be done in their groups. The Thursday group starts at 9am and usually finishes up around lunchtime. Mike and the team are happy to help members who want wood prepared but don't have the experience to safely use our equipment.

**Large Belt Sander Maintenance:** As a safety measure we have decided to modify the base of the large belt sander and fit wheels so it can be moved to provide more clearance, for example, whenever the largest of our bandsaws is in operation.

**Workshop Safety:** We are a craft club and not all of us are trained woodworkers, or know the correct way to operate equipment safely. We have a number of pieces of equipment in our workshop which require training and knowledge on the correct method of operation. This is a reminder that you MUST NEVER use any equipment until you have been trained and signed off on the Safe Operating Procedures (SOP) by a Group Leader. The SOP register is held in the library bookcase in the lunch room. If you want a job done, and have never used a piece of equipment before, then please talk to a Group Leader and they will do the job for you. Some members, including myself, will never need to use specific

equipment but, if so, the Group Leaders are always willing to assist.

All the best to you all.

Phil Hansen, President.

## **General Report**

#### **Show and Tell**

A wide range of high quality work was presented this month and a selection is presented below.













**Group Activities** 

#### Woodcarvers

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

Our long time Guild member and carver, Tom Coomber, passed away earlier this year. At the time of his passing, Tom was part way through another of his complex vine and flower wood carvings, which he always excelled at doing. Tom's wife asked Barwick Harding if he would complete Tom's carving for the Coomber family. Barwick has now finished the piece, which is carved from Macrocarpa, and he brought to the July group meeting. Barwick commented that the design and choice of timber made it a challenging carving. However, the completed piece looks stunning displayed against a background of dark blue fabric. It is a very personal, and lovely, memorial to a very nice gentleman and skilled carver.

Phil Hansen, Geoff Brann and Frazer Pengelly have also been busy completing different carving projects. Phil has finished a carving of a snapper eyeing up a meal of mussels. This was carved from Rimu and Black Walnut with a little bit of green acrylic paint used to create a green lip on each mussel. Geoff Brann brought along a relief carving of flowers and vine which he has carved from Rata. Interestingly the camera captures the red / brown shades in the wood, which the human eye misses.

Frazer Pengelly brought a little fish carving which he has finished using Kauri wood. As usual Frazer has finished the surface of the carving to perfection using his cabinet making skills. He always reinforces to every carver that it is important to wet the surface of the wood with hot water after finishing sanding with each grit and before moving to the next finer grade of sandpaper. The hot water acts to lift the wood fibres for the next stage of sanding and this results in a smoother finish.

It was a slightly smaller gathering of the woodcarving group in our first meeting in July, because of school holidays and other issues. Our last meeting in June had 15 people at one stage, but the first July Group meeting was down to ten.







Barwick's completion of Tom's work





Geoff Brann's Rata carving

Phil Hansen 027 705 0408, for Frazer Pengelly

#### 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 good muster for the July meeting with fourteen keen participants, nine of whom were on the lathes in the morning session.

This month's project was to make a bowl with an undercut rim. Various permutations of the topic made for an interesting show and tell session in the afternoon session.

Lawson did a demonstration on undercutting using a gouge and finishing scraper and then introduced the Rolly Munro tool and talked about the use of it and how to adjust and use the tool safely.

Our next month's project is a bud vase, with or without a glass or plastic insert

For those members who are short of dry wood turning blanks, the club has some for sale at \$2, \$5 and \$10. Please ask Lawson or Michael McCarthy to show you what we have got for sale.

Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430

#### Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Nine members attended the early July Scrollsaw workshop and based on the projects being worked on, again demonstrated the wide range of interests and skills within the Group.

Jacob lifted his standard even higher with his latest marquetry picture of a winding road through a forestry scene. Careful preparation for him always includes a design plan and this one was two months on the drawing board before the locations of individual segments of different veneers had been drawn in. The veneer for the road is mottled Pinus Radiata, the darker segments soaked in a solution of iron sulphate for colour, the lighter segments left natural. Imagine the inlay work required to create the winding pathway. Construction consisted of three sections; first the road, the bank and finally the trees.

Gavin Bell again utilises the natural wood colour and grain to create his picture where his wind blown tree tells its own story.

The Group continue to be spoilt by Laureen who always appears before lunch with her latest baking creations. It was no different on Saturday at the Guild's monthly meeting where the Scroll Group was on duty. This time a variety of cake, biscuits, pikelets in abundance. Maybe Laureen should be the Club Member of the Month?





Duncan Campbell's notepad and pen holder



Glenn Whittaker for Duncan Campbell 543 2590

#### **Open Workshop**

2nd & 4th Sat at 9.30am.

While Bill Wilson is away, Michael McCarthy opened up the workshop for the Saturday morning meeting on July 9th and Hob Thompson did the same for the Wednesday evening meeting on July 13th. Both reported that attendance numbers were low.

Phil Hansen for Hob Thompson & Bill Wilson 021 160 6380

#### Allan's Words of Wisdom

Skill is the unified force of experience, intellect and passion in their operation.

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.

No good work whatever can be perfect, and the demand for perfection is always a sign of a misunderstanding of the ends of art.

John Ruskin Victorian era philosopher

The older I get the more I have in common with computers. We both start out with lots of memory and drive, then we become outdated, crash unexpectedly and eventually have to have our parts replaced.

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DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD		
Aug 2022	Carvers	
Sep 2022	Turners	
Oct 2022	Scrollsaws	
Nov 2022	Carvers	
Dec 2022	Turners	
Jan 2023	Scrollsaws	

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GUILD CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2022			
Date	Time	Activity	
Tue 2nd	9:30 AM	Hands on Turning	
Tue 2nd	1:30 PM	Turners	
Wed 3rd	9:30 AM	Scroll Sawyers	
Sat 13th	9:30 AM	Open Workshop	
Wed 17th	9:30 AM	Scroll Sawyers	
Sat 20th	11:00 AM	Committee Meeting	
Sat 20th	1:30 PM	Guild Meeting	
Mon 22nd	9:30 AM	Carvers	
Sat 27th	9:30 AM	Open Workshop	



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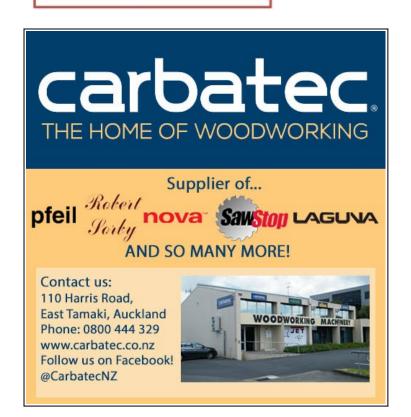
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