



## THE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

**Happy New Year:** I hope everyone has had an enjoyable beginning to your New Year, you are feeling reinvigorated and ready for the 2023 year ahead.

**Members Welfare:** To everyone who is unwell, or recovering from illness, or has family who are sick, our thoughts are with you and we wish you a speedy recovery.

**New members:** Welcome to Josie Cohen and James Neale who have recently joined as new members of the Guild. We now have 95 paid members.

**2022 Show Results:** A paper copy summary of the 2022 Show results has been left on the lunch room table for members to review at your leisure. The key statistics are:

1. Guild's income after expenses has dropped to \$3,600 compared with an average of \$5,000 in previous years.
2. We had a decrease in the number of member stalls (8 stalls in 2022 compared with 13-16 in last 5 years).
3. Door income dropped to \$2,300 compared with an average of \$3,300 in previous years. We believe that this is due to the impact of Garden and Art visitors being able to enter for free.
4. However, the Cafe, BBQ and Raffle sales (\$3,300) were higher than previous years (\$2,600).

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5. Curiously, although we had 40% fewer member sales tables, member's EFTPOS sales were 50% higher than any previous year.

The Committee has decided we will not participate in the 2024 Garden and Art festival and have made no arrangements to have a show in 2023.

**Lathe Replacement Project:** The Turning group have made a proposal to the committee to apply for charities group funding in 2023 replace the two belt driven lathes in the workshop with DVR equipment. Greg Taylor and Alan Sciascia are obtaining quotations and are preparing the funding application paperwork.

**Volunteers Needed:** We urgently need new people to stand for positions on the 2023/24 committee. We are all getting burnt out and considering our options. At the present time Lawson Worsnop, Glenn Whittaker, Frazer Pengelly and Allan Curtis have all told me they will not stand again for election at the May 2023 AGM. This means we will not have a newsletter editor or any group leaders on the 2023/24 committee. I appreciate that the 3-year service limit for the President in the original constitution was rescinded under George Yardley's presidency but I have now completed the maximum of 3 years in the President's role. The Guild needs new people to be prepared to stand on the committee and to be willing to be part of a succession plan.

**Workshop Damage:** At some time over the holiday period someone vandalised a handrail on the ramp into the workshop. The pipe was completely ripped off the wooden structure. We will get it repaired.

**Group Meetings have all resumed:** The 2023 schedule for Group meetings is pinned onto the wall above the stove in the lunch room. All groups have resumed their meetings.

Kia pai to mahi rakau

*Phil Hansen, President*

## General Report

### Members' Work

A diversity of work was presented this month.



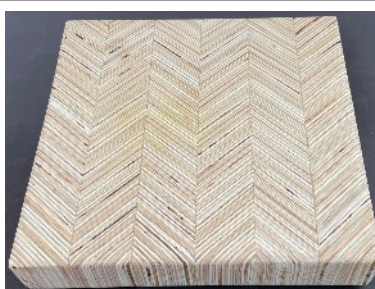
Phil Hansen's stingray with Celtic decorations using pyrography and paints



Derek Kerwood's oval bowl



Duncan Campbell's fretwork tray



Hob Thompson's chopping boards





Roy Tregilgas' swamp Kauri platter



Mike Buck's traction engine and vintage truck

### Guest Presenter



Garry Webber had previously commissioned two wood carvings by the well established Maori wood carver, Whare Thompson. Whare discussed his background from being a high school student in Auckland to receiving a Diploma in Maori arts following a four year course in Rotorua.

While Whare prefers to work with native timbers, especially Totara, he recognises that the cost of these timbers are beyond the reach of many clients and will use cheaper timbers, plastics and metals to achieve the desired result.

Even though the finishing of the works is traditional (but using steel chisels rather than stone), he is not shy about using chainsaws, grinders and routers to rough out his project prior to starting carving.

Whare can be found most days in his studio at the old Fire Station in the Historic Village.



Two examples of Whare's work commissioned by Garry



# Group Activities

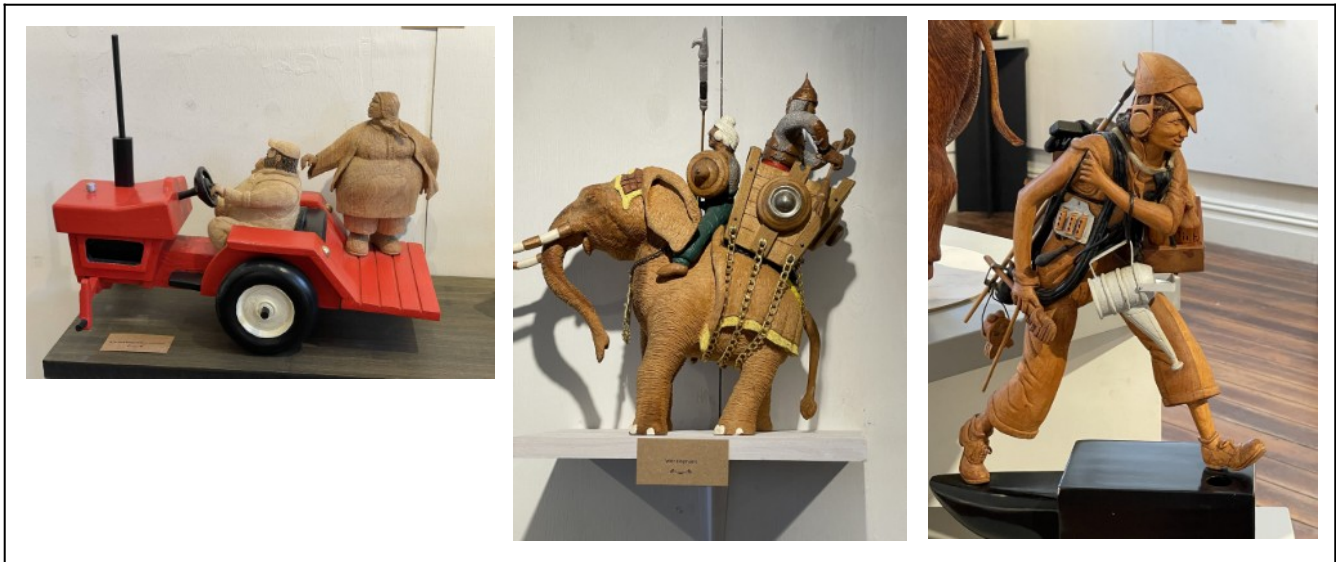
## Woodcarvers

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

The Carving group had a large turnout for our first meeting of the year with 15 people attending, including two new carvers - Amy Tae and Josie Cohen.

John Harrison brought along a new sculptural piece to show us, which he has carved from Pōhutukawa. This is a nice hardwood to use for a wood carving and finishes brilliantly, as illustrated by John's sculpture, but the timber is also prone to splitting. John's sculpture has (largely) avoided these problems but it is something you need to be prepared to have happen and embrace the fact that this is what Pōhutukawa does.

A number of the carving group also made the journey over to Opotiki to see the exhibition of 160 items of work carved by Sandy Cunningham. I have to say that each piece of Sandy's work challenges the imagination. They are very detailed and complex in execution and message. The exhibition is on at the Opotiki Art Centre in King Street until January 29th. I highly recommend going.



Finally, the very sad news we received at our carving meeting was that Stephanie Simpson is in hospital having been found unresponsive in her home over the Christmas / New Year period. Stephanie is a long time member of the Guild, and is a person who has contributed strongly as a committee member, show organiser, show front desk work, with kitchen and wash room supplies, and as a carver and turner. She is in Tauranga Hospital and some of our members have been visiting her.

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

The wood turners started off a week late, as the first Tuesday fell on the second New Year's statutory holiday.

Half of the usual contingent turned up and had a good natter, then proceeded to turn various articles up until lunch time. Some left for home and a few finished off what they were doing in the morning.

We hope to see more members on the 4th Wednesday session.

I am vacating the Group leader spot at this year's AGM so we need a replacement to cover the vacancy, please put up your hand to help out.

*Lawson Worsnop 027 357 2430*

### **Scroll Saw, Marquetry and Intarsia**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9.30am

Eight members attended the first Scrollsaw workshop of the year on the 18th. Three members left during the year. Action really needs to be taken to attract another 4-6 members of an age (recently retired) which suits the existing mid week day time schedule. A further issue coming up will be the need to seek a volunteer from within the group to take over as leader and committee representative from the AGM coming up in May.

Those attending displayed some interesting pieces generated during the holiday break. Gavin's passion for creating art form using the grain running through unusual timber offcuts just keeps blooming. He also experimented with a nut dish of unusual form.



Leigh continues to push the boundaries, this time with a tallish table crafted from well used demolition timber. This included a secret drawer and another drawer almost concealed behind scroll patterns. With generous dashes of contrasting putty, this proves that demolition timber has a role for ever after. To show that he can do something a little more conventional, Leigh also produced a very nice picture frame.



*Glenn Whittaker for Duncan Campbell 543 2590*

## Open Workshop

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

Bill Wilson and Hob Thompson want members to know that they have resumed Open Workshop activities and will be opening up on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings and 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of each month.

Hob Thompson said he had two of our newest members - Amy Tae and Josie Cohen - at the first Wednesday evening meeting in January. Bill Wilson provided some photos of the chairs which Hugh Howatson has been making at the Saturday morning sessions. Some of you attending our November Show may have seen the modern furniture designs, which Hugh has excelled at producing over the years.



*Phil Hansen for Bill Wilson 021 160 6380*

## Allan's Joke

A sweet grandmother telephoned her local Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, Norma Findlay, Room 302." The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her Physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me shit."

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## DUTY ROSTER – 6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

Feb 2023	Turners
Mar 2023	Scrollsaws
Jun 2023	Carvers
Jul 2023	Turners
Aug 2023	Scrollsaws
Sep 2023	Carvers

## GUILD CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Time	Activity
Wed 1st	9:30 AM	Scroll Sawyers
Tue 7th	9:30 AM	Hands on Turning
Tue 7th	1:30 PM	Turners
Wed 8th	6:30 PM	Open Workshop
Sat 11th	9:30 AM	Open Workshop
Mon 13th	9:30 AM	Carvers
Wed 15th	9:30 AM	Scroll Sawyers
Sat 18th	11:00 AM	Committee Meeting
Sat 18th	1:30 PM	Guild Meeting
Wed 22nd	9:30 AM	Hands on Turning
Wed 22nd	6:30 PM	Open Workshop
Sat 25th	9:30 AM	Open Workshop
Mon 27th	9:30 AM	Carvers

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