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Woodchat

Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild Monthly E-Newsletter





President's Report

Phil Hansen - Club President Nga angitu katoa me to mahi rakau

Members welfare

I hope everyone is keeping well. We are nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ way through 2023, which is hard to believe. 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.

Subscriptions due

At this tine of year, we are taking subscriptions for the 2023/24 year, and reminders have been sent out to all of our current membership. Thank you to everyone who has already renewed.



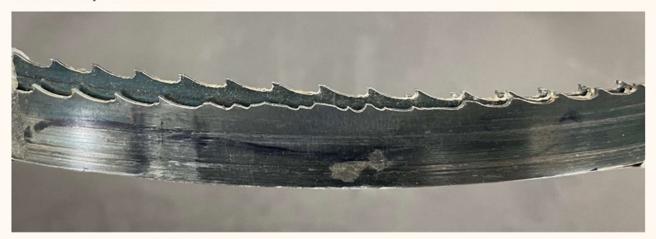








Workshop maintenance



Someone recently ruined one of our bandsaw blades, which sadly is unable to be repaired by the saw doctor. It appears that a user has been cutting recycled timber which had a steel nail, or bolt, in the timber, resulting in a section of the teeth being completely stripped away.

Firstly, the damage shows why we why we have a rule that recycled timber must **not** be used for projects in the workshop.

Secondly, the blade was simply left taped up in the workshop without any note of explanation to help our maintenance people understand what happened.

If you damage something, please leave a note with the damaged part, write it on the white board, or leave an explanatory note on the machine. It helps us with maintenance.

To minimise such damage, I believe that equipment like our bandsaws should only be used by the 1 - 2 people with experience within each group. Everyone else should request advice and help from the group coordinators.

New lathe purchase

The club has purchased one new lathe - the Nova Dvr Saturn model with cast legs. The new lathe, which the Guild approved for purchase at the May AGM, has been ordered and the bill paid so, delivery should take place shortly. We will then look to sell one of our existing older lathes.



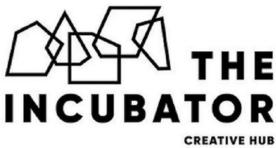
Exhibition at The Incubator

As you are all aware Alan Sciascia has been developing a proposal for a club exhibition at The Incubator in the Historic Village in Tauranga.

The possible window for an exhibition is early December 2023. This is an especially timely opportunity so close to Christmas and would be promoted by Creative BOP.

We need someone to co-ordinate the exhibition as Alan has stepped down. Hands up please if you are interested in taking part and/or co-ordinating the exhibition, contact Phil Hansen or email tgawoodcrafters@gmail.com







Security

I have a security issue to raise with everyone. We recently found the exit door down by the large bandsaw had been left open for several days. So, I remind everyone to please look around as you leave and lockup the building, make sure all equipment is unplugged, mains power is turned off, windows are closed, & doors are locked.

Emergency equipment update

The AED electrode pads are due for replacement and this will cost \$109.

The annual fire extinguisher checks have recently been done and one extinguisher was replaced.



NAW Art of Wood Exhibition 2023



Staying on the exhibition theme, I wanted to remind everyone that entries for the NAW's Art of Wood Exhibition 2023 open on 1st August, and close on 15th September 2023. I encourage members of our local community to give this serious consideration. There will be an international audience viewing your work. You have to be a NZ resident woodcrafter but you do not have to be a NAW member to enter.

There are 10 separate entry categories:

- Plain Bowls and Platters
- Embellished Bowls and Platters
- Hollow Forms / Vases
- · Domestic, Boxes
- Furniture
- Ornamental
- Sculpture
- Wall Art, & Natural.

NAW has a team of international and NZ judges organised with a total prize pool of \$9,375.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

To enter your work, all you need is to submit a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4 photographs of each entry. One photo must include a tape measure marked in centimetres in the view. You must prepare a description of not more than 40 words to describe the item, the materials used, and stating at least one dimension.

Entry Fees:

- NAW Members \$9.00 per entry
- Non-Members \$19.00 per entry.

Please contact Greg Taylor or me if anyone needs help with taking professional photos, and/or the job of uploading your entry information to NAW. We are happy to help!

Guild monthly meeting



Bowl - Kauri Colin King



Feather - Tasmanian blackwood Duncan Campbelll



Portrait - cedar Gavin Bell



Bowl - Black walnut Graham Nicolson

The Club meeting was hosted by the Turners and the topic for presentation was "Am I good enough?' Special 'guest' was Derek Kerwood who gave us an insight into displaying, critiquing and entering competitions – all to make us better woodcrafters.

NAW meeting May 2023

It was advertised as a Fantastic Fun Filled Weekend over 27-28 May at Browns Bay in Auckland and it certainly delivered. 140 participants, 7 great demonstrators eager to share their skills from Mike Davies woodcarving to Dick Veitch "Streptohedron" – one of a family of 26 he had made.

Robbie Graham showed us how he gets to the top of his game with embellishment, Mike Walker turned a stool using jigs, and David Gillard wet turned a bowl with flair.



Peter Clemett replaced Terry Scott (Covid casualty) to make a Quaich



Rolly Munroe showed us the workings of his hollowing tool through cutouts in the vessel,

Woodcrafter Groups

Woodturners' Group

Turners are now meeting every Tuesday for hands on turning. Attendance has been steady – not everyone can come every week but it is a great opportunity to learn from each other. We aim to have a demo, group activity, show and tell and critique or interclub visits once a month – usually on the first Tuesday but depending on other clubs and volunteers to demo.

We will work through the list of demos suggested a couple of years ago – feel free to volunteer to share your skills to improve everyone's woody experience.

Tony Phillips and Greg Taylor Coordinators



Rewarewa platter - Mike McCarthy

Carvers' Group

From June the Carving group started having weekly meetings every Monday at the workshop. It has started quietly with fewer of the group coming on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and more of the regulars continuing to come along on the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

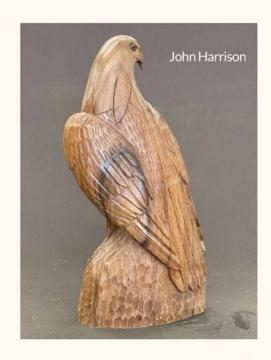
Wildlife carving work seems to be the order of the day for a number of others in the group who are working on subjects such as emperor penguins, kingfishers, kaka, hummingbirds and more birds of prey. Ivan was in the workshop this week, after recently celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary, and occupied his time shaping a new axe handle and a walking stick. Barwick worked on a complex curbing of grapes and grape leaves.

Phil Hansen









Scrollsaw , Intarsia & Marquetry Group



Jigsaw - Roy Tregilgas



Box-June Tito



Automata - Jacob von Holzen



Fretsaw work - June Tito

Wood Prep Group



Jewellery box making -Glenn Whittaker



Box making in progress-Mike Buck

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Wood Officer	Mike McCarthy
BBQ Officer	Colin Milne
Caretaker Supplies	Louisa Allwood

July Calendar

Carvers	9.30am	3rd/10th/17th/24th/31st
Turners	9.30am	4th/11th/18th/25th
Wood Prep	9.30am	6th/13th/20th/27th
Scrollsawers	9.30am	3rd/19th
Open Workshop	6.30pm	Tuesday, 11th/25th
	9.30am	Saturday, 8th/22nd
Guild Meeting	1.30pm	Saturday, 15th

Duty Roster

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