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Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild Monthly E-Newsletter



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Presentation of the wig stands to Rochelle from Wigs by Hair Creations Tga

President's Report

Phil Hansen - Club President

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Members welfare

I hope everyone is keeping well. To all those members who are unwell, or recovering from illness, our thoughts are with you and we all wish you a speedy recovery.

The spring equinox may be just around the corner on 23rd September, but this winter seems to have been longer than normal. Probably it is all the cold and rainy days! Still, I hope you have all been able to get into your workshops to enjoy some woodcrafting activities.

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Thanks go to Allan Curtis, Glenn Whittaker, Duncan Campbell, and Greg Taylor for the initiative to talk about scroll saw sawing as a woodcrafting hobby at the NAW Zoom club meeting last Monday. Allan Curtis, put a lot of effort into preparing an excellent video to introduce scroll sawing to people. If any of our members missed it, and would like to see Allan's video, please contact me.

Maintenance



There was a problem reported with locking the main door. Work has been carried out to try and sort out the problem. Please make sure you test and confirm the locked door cannot pull open after you lock up.

Our drop saw is now operating again thanks to Mike McCarthy and the very prompt service from Vince at the Machinery and Power Tool Centre.



Vince returning the drop saw

Spot the difference



Colin King and Tony Phillips have put up a new shelf for the bench grinders.

NAW Art of Wood Exhibition 2023



Final reminder that NAW's Art of Wood Exhibition 2023 has opened for entries and closes on 15th September 2023. I encourage all members to consider entering a piece of their best work completed within the last 12 months.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Omokora Library Project

The Library black walnut carving project is proceeding at a pace and the group is aiming for the project to be finished by the end of November.

Lance Gray, Geoff Brann and Phil Hansen have begun to carve three wooden baskets (kete). Paper patterns have been drawn up for the designs, which the Pirirakau Hapu have defined for each of the three baskets.



Geoff Brann beginning to carve his kete. He is hollowing out the top of the wood, which has previously been cut to shape.

Lathe for tender



Lathe for tender. [Click here](#) for more details.

What happens to our wig stands?



The wig stands we make go to the business Wigs by Haircreations Tga, which is one of many across the country. They volunteer with the charity Look Good Feel Better (LGFB) to help people who suffer hair loss from cancer treatment.

Most people get their wig and wig stand before they begin treatment - wigs are not supplied or funded through LGFB. The most common wig is a high quality synthetic wig, pre-styled, easy care, and in a colour close to the client's own hair.

Rochelle and her team attend the LGFB classes to do presentations on wigs, headwear, scarf tying and generally offer support and advice to patients regarding hair loss.

Every person undergoing cancer treatment resulting in hair loss in NZ receives a grant from Te Whatu Ora (Ministry of Health) to help cover the cost of a wig or headwear.

The team explain to clients that the wig stands, for which clients are immensely grateful, are lovingly made and donated by the Guild. Since wigs can cost \$500-2000 plus, the wig stands are invaluable in keeping the wig shape thus extending the life of the wig, as well as for the storage of the wig, Rochelle says that our beautiful wig stands are far superior to the plastic ones available and "let's face it they are lovely to look at too!"

Each recipient is asked to return the wig stand when no longer needed and so it can be used again. A sticker on the base of the wig stand helps to ensure its return. Rochelle says that the return of the wig stands is on a goodwill basis and that no deposit is taken due to the sensitive nature of cancer and cancer outcomes.



September:

Garry Webber and Lance Gray will talk about greenstone (pounamu) carving and how they combine it with wood plus they will have their work on display.

Guild monthly meeting



Doug St George was this month's speaker, who shared his expertise of using a router. His secret to success is to use template guides or a trough to stop tearing and he said control is key. such as moving in a clockwise direction when cutting a recess on the inside of a block, and vice versa for the outside. Doug has even made a jig so he can use the router upside down instead of having a router table.



Doug St George using his trusty router



Platter - wattyl
Trevor Martin



Bowls with legs/lid
Derek Kerwood



Bowl with resin - swamp kauri
Roy Tregligas



Domino jewellery box
(Hob said never again)
Hob Thompson

Woodcrafter Groups

Woodturners' Group

Wig Stands have been occupying the turners this month and soon we will be making tulips for the Parkinson's Group Awareness month.

Note that our September meeting has been changed to September 12th at 1pm. If you aren't coming to **Hands on**, do come for lunch before the meeting.

This month, Derek Kerwood came along with an advanced project to test our skills and this month's turning project was turning a cross grain bowl off centre with three legs. Even Derek with all his years of experience admitted that turning off centre makes his hair stand on end.

Greg Taylor and Tony Phillips
Coordinators



Derek Kerwood showing the turners how to turn a bowl with three legs



Derek Kerwood's bowl with 3 turned legs



Open Workshop Group

The open workshop continues on every second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday of the month. Come along, learn new skills and we will help you make what you want.

Bill Wilson and Hob Thompson
Coordinators



Chopping board
Hob Thompson

Carvers' Group

Frazer Pengelly has recently completed a new carving of an Emperor Penguin from kauri, which he has mounted on a slab of stone, while Phil Hansen has been working on a chess set of figurines, based on the 9th century Lewis chess set.

On 21st August the group plans to visit ex member Kevin McCardle's wood carving studio / workshop in Cambridge Rd. We recommend this visit to all new woodcrafters in the club.

Phil Hansen



Chess set - based on 9th century figurines
Phil Hansen



Stingray - swamp kauri
Chris Barton



Wall hanging
Kent Leung



Emperor Penguin - kauri
mounted on stone
Fraser Pengelly

Scrollsaw , Intarsia & Marquetry Group



Distressed Basket
Gavin Bell



Automata
Jacob von Holzen



Box
Jacob von Holzen



Jigsaw for grandson
Roy Tregligas



Box in progress
Mike Buck

Wood Prep Group



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September Calendar

Carvers	9.30am	4th/11th/18th/25th
Turners	9.30am	5th/12th/19th/26th
Wood Prep	9.30am	7th/14th/21st/28th
Scrollsawers	9.30am	7th/21st
Open Workshop	6.30pm	Tuesday, 12th/26th
	9.30am	Saturday, 9th/23rd
Guild Meeting	1.30pm	Saturday, 16th

Duty Roster

September	Carvers
October	Turners
November	Scrollsaws
December	Wood Prep

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