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Woodchat

Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild Monthly E-Newsletter



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Westland Pounamu Mere on Wood Scar from Middlemore Golf Club
Garry Webber

President's Report

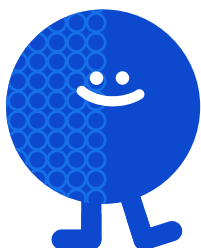
Phil Hansen - Club President

Harikoa te mahi rakau

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.



WELCOME to new members: Seth Leetcher, Margaret Dewes, Kelly Waite and Sophia Jarlov. This brings our total membership to 80.

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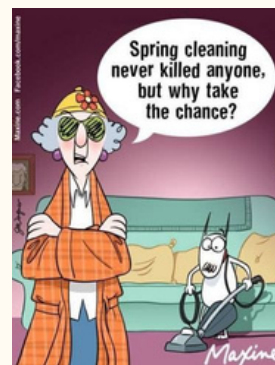
We have just renewed the Guild's insurance for the 2023/24 period. As expected the premiums being charged by the different insurers have increased. This remains the Guild's most significant annual expense, and requires subscription income from 28 people (approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of our membership) to pay the bill.

Lathe for tender update

Our closed tender process to sell the Guild's old Nova Teknatool lathe (serial number 02092) closed on Friday 15th September. The winning bid from a member of the Guild achieved our reserve price and the lathe has been sold.



Spring cleaning



Spring cleaning day in the workshop:

Wednesday 11th October 9:30am - Noon

Jobs to do:

- Spray the deck
- Spray outside of the building to kill black mould
- Vacuum and clean the toilets, lunchroom, workshop and meeting areas

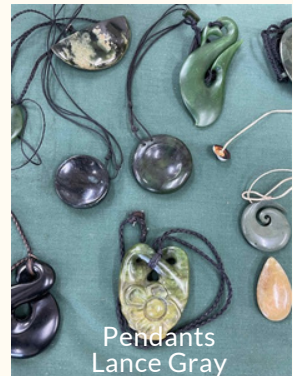
Guild monthly meeting

Garry Webber and Lance Gray shared their expertise about greenstone (pounamu) carving. Both keen rock hounds, Lance and Garry teamed up some years ago to go on fossicking expeditions. Garry described himself as a chain saw man using the stone with wood. Both see similarities between working with stone and wood. Their main tools are grinders to get an initial shape and sanders. A pendant can be made in a day with modern tools compared to the years traditional Māori carvers needed to sand using abrasive stone. Lance, who learnt his craft on the Arahura River on the West Coast, uses his carving skills to create detailed pendants.

Greenstone/pounamu/New Zealand jade which is highly valued, and a taonga for Māori, is a type of nephrite found in many parts of the world. There are four main kinds: kawakawa, kahurangi, īnanga and tangiwai. Jadeite is rarer and the highest quality is found in Myanmar.



Pendants in progress
Lance Gray



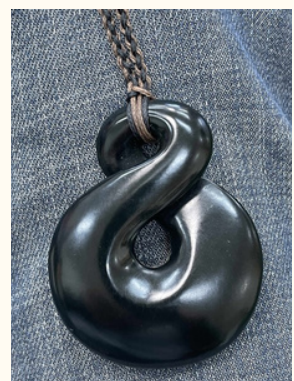
Pendants
Lance Gray



Bowenite set in banksia
Garry Webber



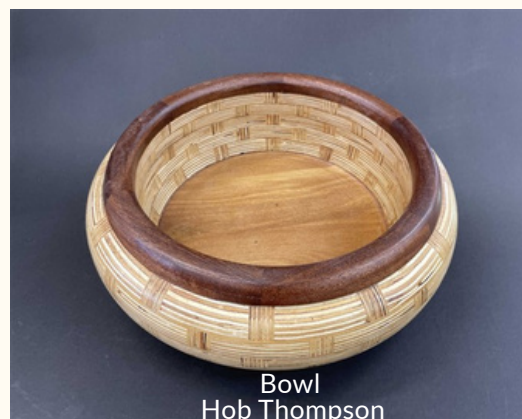
Fish hook - pounamu
Lance Gray



Pendant - black jade
(Australia)
Lance Gray



Restoration project
Roy Tregligas



Bowl
Hob Thompson

Woodcrafter Groups

Woodturners' Group

The group have switched from turning wigstands to tulips. The pressure is on to make as many as possible for the Parkinson's Group Awareness month in November.



Derek Kerwood reviewed the group's efforts in turning off-centre bowls with three legs, and then presented the group with another challenging project: turning an oval bowl following his detailed instructions.

Greg Taylor and Tony Phillips
Coordinators



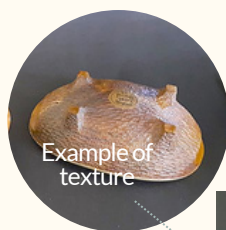
Derek Kerwood showing his second turning project to Greg Taylor



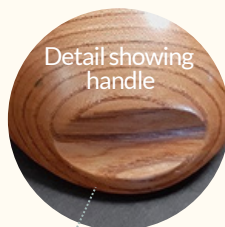
Bowl - one of a pair
Swamp rimu
Colin King



Plate
kauri, texture and acrylic
Greg Taylor



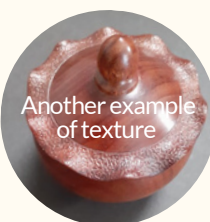
Example of texture



Detail showing handle



Wood block marked for cutting



Another example of texture



Project 2: Oval bowl

Carvers' Group

The carving group welcomed a new member, Margaret Dewes, who is working on Ivan's standard beginners' project: a pair of dolphins in relief carving. Phil has finished, and now delivered, his carved chess set based on the medieval Lewis chess piece designs. Attendance has been steady with everyone working on their projects.

Recently, the group visited local woodcarver Kevin McCardle's workshop and were treated to a very interesting overview of his latest sculptural carving work. He told us he is now using treated pine for much of his outdoor pieces.

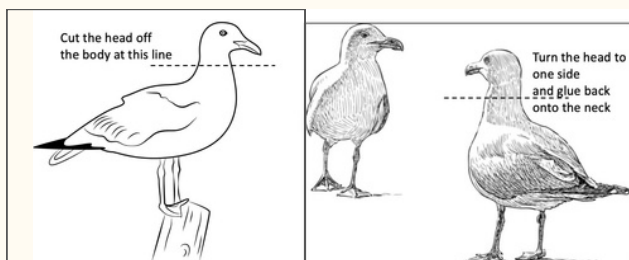
Phil Hansen



Detail of the completed medieval chess set
Phil Hansen



Margaret Dewes working
on the dolphins



An example of Kevin McCardle's super realistic wooden sculpture

Handy tip from Kevin:

To carve one of Kevin's seagulls looking sideways, begin by cutting it out with the head and body aligned in the same plane. Then to get the head angled to one side, cut off the bird's head from the neck, turn it slightly to one side, and glue the head back to the neck. Finish by reshaping the neck at the join line. A simple and effective way to create the shape without wasting wood.

Geoff Brann and Lance Gray have both been busy working on the carving for the Omokoroa Library.



Tuauri pattern



Geoff Brann working on his Te kete tuauri pattern

Open Workshop Group

The open workshop continues on every second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday of the month. Come along, learn new skills, and Bill and Hob will help you with your projects.

Bill Wilson and Hob Thompson
Coordinators



Globe
Bill Wilson

Wood Prep Group

Roy Tregligas and Mike Buck run the Wood Prep group every Thursday morning and are there to help members with their projects, solve particular problems members may have, and show members how to use workshop equipment.



Mike Buck

Scrollsaw , Intarsia & Marquetry Group



Basketweave bowls
Gavin Bell



The mornings have been over subscribed at times with all the saws occupied. Members have been tackling some often challenging work.

Duncan Campbell/Allan Curtis



Sliding box lid
Leigh Morris

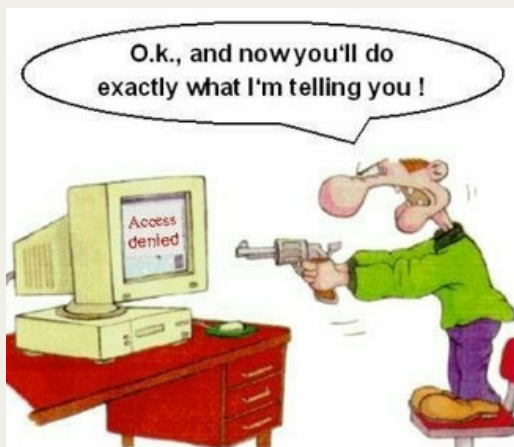


Rustic box
Leigh Morris



Wishing Allan Faulkner all the best for a speedy recovery following a fall.

Ever have one of these days?



Joke from Phil

My Uncle (a retired fisherman) volunteered to build his first Grandson's crib.
...There were mixed reactions.



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October Calendar

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|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Carvers | 9.30am | 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th |
| Turners | 9.30am | 3rd/10th/17th/24th/31st |
| Wood Prep | 9.30am | 5th/12th/19th/26th |
| Scrollsawers | 9.30am | 4th/18th |
| Open Workshop | 6.30pm | Tuesday, 10th/24th |
| | 9.30am | Saturday, 14th/28th |
| Guild Meeting | 1.30pm | Saturday, 21st |

Duty Roster

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|----------|------------|
| October | Turners |
| November | Scrollsaws |
| February | Wood Prep |

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