



Kent made this nice child's workbench as a gift and I feel it is worthy project to select as our Guild's highlight of the month.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to Heath Davies and Nadia De Kremer who have recently joined the Guild.

Our best wishes go out to a number of members who have been unwell. We hope you are soon feeling better and can resume your woodcrafting activities.

All group activities in our Guild have resumed and there has been a nice buzz of enthusiasm around the workshop with many new members learning skills from existing members and imparting new ideas in return. It has been nice to see the optimism from you all.

At the monthly Guild meeting on Saturday 15th February the membership attending the meeting unanimously voted on a Motion to adopt to the proposed 2025 / 2026 financial years' expense budget, which has also been circulated to all members. This approval gives the committee approval to authorise the payment of expense bills up to the amounts approved. Note that capital spending on new equipment does not form part of this budget. Members attending the February 2025 monthly meeting also voted unanimously to increase membership subscription fees for the 2025 / 2026 financial year. The impact is that from 1st April 2025, Full Membership (for members who are also members of NAW) will increased to \$140 p.a., Full Membership (for members who are NOT members of NAW) will increase to \$150 p.a., Participating Partner Membership remains at \$45 p.a., Social Partner Membership remains at \$5 p.a., and Junior Membership (18 - 20 years) remains at \$20 p.a.

The Guild has penciled in a booking with The Old Library Omokoroa (TOLO) for members to sell and display work during November 2025. If you think you might be interested, would you please let Greg Taylor know. Depending on member interest we will decide whether to proceed, or not.

The Guild's AGM will be held at 1:30pm on May 17th. A new committee needs to be elected, and members need to start thinking about who will stand and who to nominate. At the present time; Louisa Allwood, Margaret Dekker, Phil Hansen and Greg Taylor are all standing down from the committee in May.

The NAW National Wood Expo. is coming up quickly (May 24th & 25th) and will be held at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club, 11 Logan Street, Upper Hutt. There will be demonstrations by Rally Munro, Emma James-Ries, Neil Turner, Kerry Snell, & Rene Baxalle. Details and registration information is included in the March 2025 Creative Wood magazine.

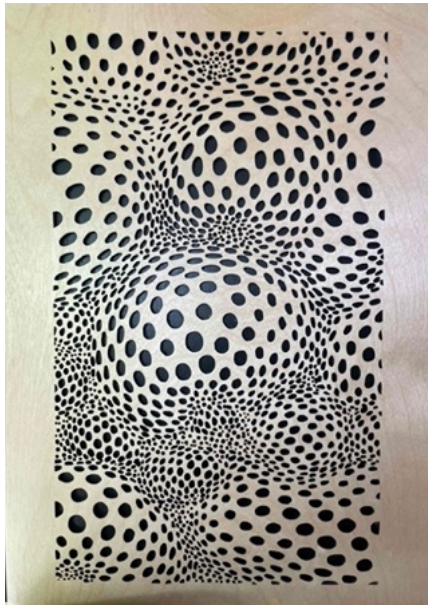
A small subcommittee is investigating a project to improve the dust extraction system in the workshop. More information will be provided when the project scope firms up.

NAW has circulated a note to all clubs saying that training authorised by the Committee, and carried out by a member in the Guild's workshop, is covered by the NAW Insurance policy.

Photos of the activity at the Beginner Carving Group meeting in February, and a selection of work which was recently completed by members is shown below.

Keep Safe - Phil Hansen, Chairperson



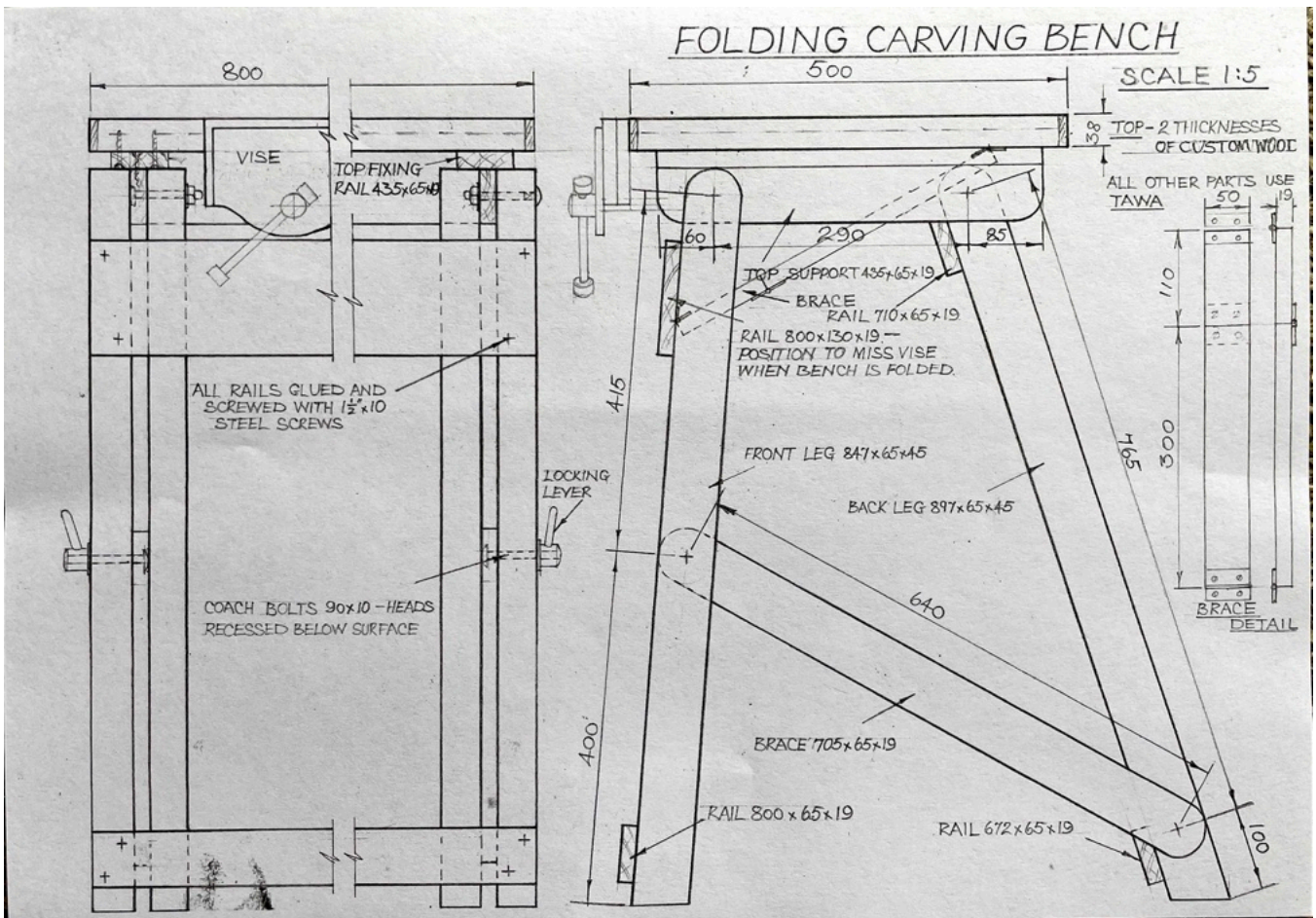






MISCELLANEOUS

For any of you with small workshops, but needing a workbench, Derek Kerwood has contributed this plan for a collapsible workbench, which you may like to consider as making for yourselves. Contact me (Phil Hansen) if you want an electronic copy emailed to you.





The great wood carver, Grinling Gibbons, carved this Cravat from Limewood around 1690 as part of a bet that he could not replicate a piece of lace in a wood carving. The carving is now part of the Victoria and Albert collection in the UK.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/grinling-gibbons-lime-wood-cravat?srsId=AfmBOoqiWEC788z88IUPGY-76mnqLN9S-ctrAsMkRoSYVNIhOEmc8utg>

Anyone who is interested can see more non this YouTube video of a contemporary carver making the piece.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWDj4ze_nok

Don't overlook that our Guild has an online library of "Hints and Tips" which many of our past members have contributed from their own experience. You can find the material by using this link. I have included a screenshot of the list as well.

<https://taurangawoodcrafters.org/hints-and-tips/>

Biscuit jointer	Safety and measuring hints	Segmented bottle holders
Dowel storage rack	Workshop tips	Table saw adjustments
Dust extraction tips	Jig hints february 2013	Table saw tips
Eccentric turning	Saw bench aids	Tool storage projects
Get the most ot of your planer	Handy measuring tips	Turning a captured ring
Improving power and performance	Dust extraction	Turning a suspended bowl
Inside out turning	Make your workshop comfortable	Turning a tazza
Making your own inlay banding	Shelving hints	Walnut oil and circle jig
More turning tips	Lathe turning tips	Woodturners fear factor
Router tips	Get the most out of your chisels	Woodworking tips -1
Safety with bandsaws	Handy hints including shelving	Woodworking tips -2
Scroll saw barnyard project	Finishing techniques - Nov 2013	Table saw mitre jig
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Clamping knowhow	Decorating a bowl	Router tips July 2015
Threaded needle case	Selby's sanding tips	Cubes in a sphere
Circle cutting jig	Turning a tulip January 2016	Fridge magnets February 2016
Jacob von Holzen's marquetry tips	Table saw safety sled	Use of Epoxies

MARCH 2025 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Saturday Carvers	9.30am	1st
Turners	9.30am	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Thursday - Openworkshop	9.30am	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	5th, 19th
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	8th, 22nd
Guild monthly meeting	1.30pm	Saturday 15th

DUTY ROSTER

March	Turners
April	Scrollsaw
May	Guild
June	Open

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