



Colin has made a new chopping board using end grain oak timber.

Presidents Blog

I have been seeing lot's of activity in the club and some interesting creativity and people challenging themselves to try new things. As Andy Wolfe, a highly respected turner and creative artist, said to me earlier in the year - every piece is a "practice" piece and each one teaches you more. A useful back of mind thought to excuse your mistakes as you try new things.

Nice to welcome some new members. Kirsty Robertson has returned after 6 years away. Chris Munro and Mark Courtis have joined the Turning community. The Scroll-saw group paid a lovely tribute following the passing of Lauren Tubby one of our long serving members. Her family attended and gifted her scroll saw and many plans and designs for us to use to teach and inspire others in the crafts of scroll saw, marquetry and intarsia.

The next day we hosted a large event where Terry Scott brought down his mobile shop and gave us some education and inspiration as he reminded us about the need for personal safety around lathes (his personal and somewhat gory accounts definitely reinforced for me) , the importance of keeping tools sharp, some reminders on basic use and then how to use those basic bowl turning techniques and create something different like a bird in flight with a lidded bowl. Then a session around approaching set up things like burls for off centre turning. Everyone I talked to took several things away.

It was an event that had wide appeal. We had large groups from Taupo, Geyserland, Hauraki, Whakatane and also from further afield like Gisborne and Putararu. Someone estimated that 75% of the attendees were visitors. Thank-you to everyone who helped pull this together and made it run smoothly on the day. Terry asked me to pass on his special appreciation for the way everyone helped pitched in to help him unpack and then reload his vehicles as it is a big task for him at the end of a long day.

Keep your creativity going and get your entries into this year's Art of Wood . WE need enough to ensure we get a local showing again this year. Entries begin early August. Rules and Categories can be found on the NAW website.

Paul Glenton
President TWG

THE ART OF WOOD EXHIBITION 2026

Major Sponsor: **carbatec** THE HOME OF WOODWORKING

The Judges - 2026

- Guy Gideon-du Toit - France
- Ernest Kane - Ireland
- Gimon Degg - Australia
- Peter Williams - New Zealand
- Ernie Cook (The tiny turner) - UK
- Mark Sfrini - USA

The Nuts and Bolts

TIMETABLE:
 Open for entries: 1st August 2026
 Entries Close: 15th September 2026
 Winners announced: 1st October 2026
 Exhibition open for viewing: 1st October 2026
 Exhibition closes: 31st December 2026

CATEGORIES:
 Plain Bowls and Platters
 Embellished Bowls and Platters
 Hollow Forms/Vases
 Domestic Boxes
 Furniture
 Ornamental Sculpture
 Well Art
 Natural

Items can be **'NOT FOR SALE'**

Total Prize pool \$9,500

NEW IN 2026: No Social Media restrictions
Free to enter for NAW members

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Tribute to Lauren Tubby



Lauren was a member of the Guild virtually since the club's inception in 1987. Together with Jacob von Holzen she was the central core, and glue, of our scroll saw group. Lauren sadly passed away in early June in her early 90's. Her woodcrafting passion was scroll saw, marquetry, & intarsia. Together with Jacob she designed and co-led national scroll saw seminars for the NZ woodcrafting community over several years. She held several positions within the Guild and also served several years as

Secretary for NAW. A tribute was held for Laureen at our monthly meeting in June, and we were joined by members of Laureen's family. Glenn Whittaker expressed the heartfelt gratitude of the club for the hard work & contribution Laureen made. Her family have gifted Laureen's Dewalt Scrollsaw to the Guild in the hope that Laureen's legacy will continue to inspire others in this field.

Wood Turning Demonstration Day

In the last week of June we hosted Timberly Woodturning who both brought their mobile shop as well as we were provided 3 great wood turning demos by Terry Scott. We started with a session on the importance of thinking personal safety and then on how to sharpen our turning tools consistently. The second demo focussed on gentle application of tools and thinking about shape which then moved into using those concepts to create a swallow and adding a lidded box to it. The third demo focused on approaching the turning a burl. Considerations and methods to secure

the blank and then to balance up for multi access turning. Terry explained that the swallow and multi axis pieces take many hours if not days to do the whole process so we appreciated that the had already spent a lot of time preparing pieces at the various stages so we could step through the whole process.

Another bonus was that we got to catch up with many fellow turners from around the regions. We had an attendance of 78 by my count. For many attendees the thing that stood out was that everyone had come away with two or three new takeouts which they intend to try out when they get home.



Group Activity Photos from June 2026





Alex joined our Carving group late last year and has left the Guild at the end of June heading for Japan where he plans to spend time learning Japanese carving techniques. Before leaving he sent the following photo of his completed carving of a ladies head. This is only the third carving he has made in the short time he has spent with us. We are expecting to see great things when he returns to NZ.



Newsletter Editor News

I am really delighted to announce that Diane Johnson has volunteered to take over as our Newsletter Editor from the July issue. So, this will be the last one where you will have to put up with me.

Phil Hansen

JULY 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Saturday New Carvers	9.30am	4th
Turners	9.30am	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	11th, 25th
Guild	1.30pm	18th

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DUTY ROSTER

July	Thurs Woodcrafters
August	Carvers
September	Sat. Openworkshop
October	Turners
November	Scrollsaw
December	No Meeting
Jan-27	No Meeting
Feb-27	Thurs Woodcrafters
Mar-27	Carvers
Apr-27	Sat. Openworkshop
May-27	Turners
Jun-27	Scrollsaw

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