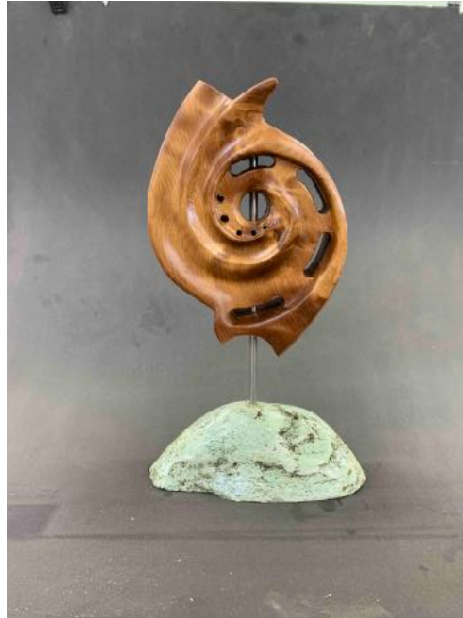




A RELATIONSHIP

Garry Webber

This artwork is made using Swamp Kauri from Northland and Pounamu from Westland.

The Swamp Kauri Double Koru represents harmony, balance and the unbreakable bond between two individuals in a relationship, while the Pounamu represents a solid foundation which all enduring relationships require.

Presidents Blog

The year is flying past with a lot going on in the club. Good attendance is being recorded at the various workshops.

We've tentatively scheduled in having the Art of Wood visit Tauranga on the 3rd Sat in October - but we need entries in to ensure it comes to town. 10 creators, 15 entries - so don't be bashful. Entries open between 1 Aug and 15 Sept. I will be in the workshop on Sat 1 Aug 9:00 -11:00 to assist you get appropriate photos to send in for your entities.

Our big activity in recent weeks has been completing the manufacture of Splinks for the House of Science. No doubt you enjoyed the extensive article in the Sun which explained all about it. Mike Buck ably lead the team and created many jigs to ensure we manufactured the various parts consistently - an important requirement. To my count we had 18 separate steps involved. We had a core team throughout but many stepped in and assisted where they could - a big thank you to all who participated - your efforts should see the Guild get around \$6,000 additional income.

Diane has taken over from Phil as newsletter editor and I appreciate her taking that task on.

Keep your creative passions flowing

Paul Glenton
President TWG

Evening Turners Field Trip

An enthusiastic bunch of 10 woodcrafters had a day out on Saturday 27th June. Thanks to our 'Communication Fairy' Sandra Phillips we had a fabulous day visiting the workshops of Mike Buck (supreme organisation), Graham Nicholson (special laser printer), Roy Tregilgas (also enviable organisation), and Mark Bennett (wins the prize for the largest workshop).

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Summerset Village's restaurant with Graeme and his wife Chris, followed by a tour of the communal workshop, clearly frequented by a number of keen woodworkers. Mark's wife Judy joined us as we finished our day in 'Mark's Metropolis' enjoying drinks and snacks. We had many laughs and lots of fun throughout the day, and we all appreciated the generosity of those who shared their spaces with us, going home inspired and just a little envious (or was that only me).



House of Science - Splinks Fundraiser

The last few weeks have seen a focused group working hard to create 560 wooden puzzles known as Splinks. These are to be part of House of Science science kits which will be distributed to every primary and Intermediate school over the next year. The manufacturing process became streamlined with the creation of specific jigs and a production line system set up to accurately reproduce these to a high standard. The club is very fortunate to have the Splinks team, made up of Mike Buck, Roy Tregilgas, Gavin Bell, Garry Webber, Paul Glenton, Mark Bennett, Colin Milne, and Fred Delahunty, along with others who have lent a hand too. Their time and dedication has resulted in a substantial income boost to the club - thanks to you all for your efforts.



Group activities

Scroll Saw Report

The group was pleased to welcome Mark Courtis. He has quickly progressed from the group's box of basic puzzles etc. to some more complicated patterns, eagerly guided by members. Others have been working on a variety of projects. Several members are using mornings with the Thursday group to progress projects while also preparing wood for what follows.

Gavin displayed two large country girl portraits made simultaneously. While reasonably pleased with the outcome the difficulties of working with pieces 65cm high by 45cm wide was challenging and unlikely to be repeated. He also produced a bowl / basket with lovely dark grain made from a couple of offcuts from the pile donated to the club by Lauren Tubby's family.



Carvers Report

The new carvers group, which meets on the 1st Saturday of the month, has been joined by Kirsty and have started a new project carving different pendant designs. Their task in July was to select between different pattern options and then we used it as an opportunity to run a 1:1 bandsaw and drill press introductory training session with everyone. All of the new carvers cut out their pattern on the Hafco bandsaw and then went over to the drill press to drill any hole penetrations needed by the design.

Kent is back from his trip home to Hong Kong and jumped right back into his different carving projects, with his ladies head carving using his Micromotor carving unit. He is looking especially sharp in his new workshop attire - a HK purchase perhaps? Paul and John have also been preoccupied with detailing their ladies head carvings using their Dremel power carving tools.



Chandan is another of our new carvers and he has recently been dealing with a repair to his penguin carving (made from Camphor). After the original beak of the penguin was broken off while carving, we cut the original head right off and made a replacement head, turned and angled the new head to one side and glued it to the body. This is only Chandan's 3rd wood carving project. He has been reshaping everything to merge the new head and body together.

The other project work going on includes; Sandra who is carving a Tui, Geoff - a wood spirit, and Ken a relief carving of a dragon.



More photos from July





THE ART OF WOOD EXHIBITION 2026

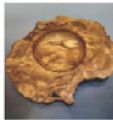
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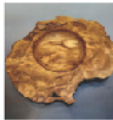
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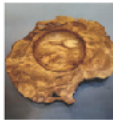
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Emma Cook (The tiny turner) - UK



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TIMETABLE:

Open for entries
1st August 2025
Entries Close
15th September 2026
Winners announced
1st October 2025
Exhibition opens for viewing
1st October 2025
Exhibition closes
31st December 2026

CATEGORIES:

Plain Bowls and Platters
Embossed Bowls and Platters
Hollow Forms/Vases
Domestic
Boxes
Furniture
Ornamental
Sculpture
Wall 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



Peter Pons - UK



Ginoe Egg - USA



Stephen O'Connell - Oscar O'Connell Gallery, Ireland



Peter Pons - Australia

August 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	Mon 3th, 10th, 17th, 24th 31st
Saturday New Carvers	9.30am	Sat 1st
Turners	9.30am	Tues 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	Wed 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	Thurs 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	Sat 8th, 22nd
Guild	1.30pm	Sat 15th

DUTY ROSTER

August		Carvers
September		Sat. Openworkshop
October		Turners
November		Scrollsaw
December		No Meeting
January		No Meeting
Feb-27		Thurs Woodcrafters
Mar-27		Carvers

GUILD DIRECTORY

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Wood Officer	Michael McCarthy
Caretaker Supplies	Leeanne Troughear
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Apr-27		Sat. Openworkshop
May-27		AGM
Jun-27		Turners
Jul-27		Scrollsaw

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