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Congratulations Clive



Clive Thurston **Merit Award - Art of Wood**

Presidents Blog

What an awesome opportunity to see such a high standard of work put on display for us at the clubrooms this month. The NAW Art of Wood competition just seems to bring out more and more amazing pieces to admire. Thanks to our members who entered as having sufficient people and pieces entered meant we could convince the NAW team to come to Tauranga. Start your journey towards your next year's entries so we can keep Art of Wood coming to the BoP!

As I wandered around the pieces I was lost for superlatives - some that came to mind were: Inspiring, Amazing, Patience, Creativity, Flow, Colour, Challenging. I heard lots of similar comments. It was also great to have a number of the creatives who won awards join us and who were very happy to share things from their journeys. The overall winner was the weka - I don't know about you but I felt it was sneakily working its way towards raiding my pack. We have a number of talented people in our club and hearing some of their comments about the standard of work they were seeing made me realise just how special many of the pieces on display were.

And all of this wouldn't have happened without the assistance of a team who sorted out the workshop and ensured a lovely flow of refreshments - a big thank you is owed to them.

I noticed a number of our inspired members asking some of the creatives how they approached things - hopefully we can turn some of those connections into demo sessions.

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It just shows that getting to NAW events is more than just attending - it is about making active connections, developing contacts and gleaning knowledge from people who are more than happy to guide and mentor.

We are planning a BBQ lunch instead of the November Guild meeting - save the date!

Paul Glenton
President TWG

ART OF WOOD
































EXIT



In memorium - Ivan Watchorn

Ivan led the Carving Group for years and was a former President of the club for several years. He contributed many years of service, evidence of which can be seen on the wall by the main door. Ivan passed away Saturday 17 October having lived well into his 90s.
Ivan always looked after the carving demo table at our shows and showed children how to carve their names. He loved to carve animals and had extensive resource material on their skeletons and muscles to make sure his carvings were correct.

Out and about… A few members recently took a trip to visit Jacob Von Holzen, where we enjoyed a tour of his purpose built workshop, a demonstration, and had lunch together. We marvelled over Jacob's detailed workmanship and creations and gleaned lots of tips and info. Thanks Jacob, we had a wonderful day!










Group news - in pictures…
each group is always busy with a variety of projects on the go

Saturday Open Workshop





Scrollsaw Group







Thursday Woodcrafters





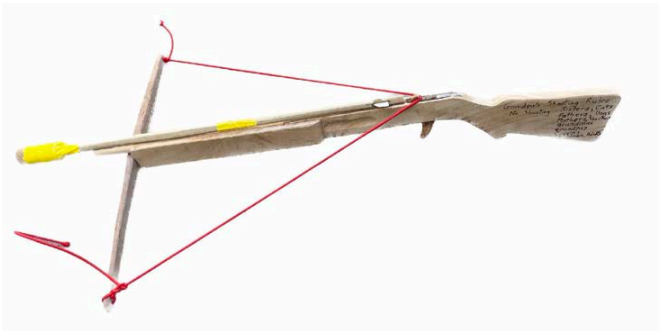
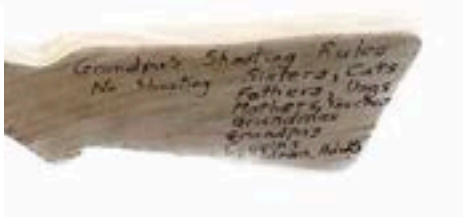


Carvers







A cross-bow for Phil's grandson -
labeled with 'Grandpa's Shooting Rules'…

Turners






End of year…

Barbecue Lunch

Saturday 21st November - 11am - 2pm
Bring your partners and enjoy

RSVP to Garry Webber or Mark Bennett by 14 November

Sausages and onions provided by the guild and cooked to perfection by our chefs… and of course bread and tomato sauce too.

what to bring…

- a salad and / or sweet to share
- your favourite beverages
- your vibrant personality and good weather

Please send your monthly group and club related news and photos
to Diane - 1leejohns6@gmail.com

November 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	Mon 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th
Saturday New Carvers	9.30am	Sat 7th
Turners	9.30am	Tues 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	Wed 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	Thurs 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	Sat 14th, 28th
Guild - end of year BBQ	11.00am	Sat 21st

GUILD DIRECTORY

President	Paul Glenton
Secretary	Mary Norris
Treasurer	Margaret Dekker
Committee	Colin King
	Kent Leung
	Mark Bennett
	Leeanne Troughear
	Garry Webber
Workshop Maintenance Coord.	Mark Bennett
Wood Officer	Michael McCarthy
Caretaker Supplies	Leeanne Troughear
Newsletter Editor	Diane Johnson
Librarian	TBD

DUTY ROSTER

November	.....	BBQ
December	.....	No Meeting
January	.....	No Meeting
February	.....	Turners
March	.....	Scrollsaw
April	.....	Thurs Woodcrafters
May	.....	AGM
June	.....	Carvers
July	.....	Sat Open Workshop
August	.....	Turners
September	.....	Scrollsaw
October	.....	Thurs Woodcrafters

Duty Roster Responsibilities:

- Catering - tea, coffee and snacks/baking.
- Set up seating and pack up afterwards.
- Arrange a talk, demo or guest speaker.
- Advise the president 2 weeks prior so it can be advertised for interest.

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