



The Woodcrafters

TAURANGA WOODCRAFTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report;

A BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is nice to be back among you, after missing the last couple of meetings. The workshop was a hive of activity when I arrived on Saturday morning, a sight which I find very gratifying.

Woodcraft comes in all shapes and sizes and my latest project certainly wasn't suitable for placing on the Critique Table. I have been in Auckland, renovating my daughter's bathroom. This was a saga that involved crumbling floors, rotting timber, black mould, old bird-nests and even a live wasp nest in the roof-space. I stripped it back to bare studs and started again. The finishing touch was making a nice vanity unit, in the wash-stand style, with Rimu legs and features on a white Melamine body, and with frosted glass doors.

Our AGM comes up in April, so it's time to be thinking about how you might serve the Club in the next year or so. Nomination forms for the elected officers will be available at our March meeting.

In the meantime your Committee has made two interim appointments: Laureen Tubby has agreed to audit the Club Accounts for the current year, following the sad death of Geoff Atkins. John Harrison has taken on the job of Workshop Manager, with Ralph needing to step down. Both these appointments will be offered for ratification at the AGM.

Many thanks to those who took part in the Working Bee last week, the outside storage area now looks tidy and well-organized. Another Working Bee is called for Wed March 14th. This time we will sort out the internal storage, the set-up for Video technology, and hopefully re-style some of the Tool racks.

Our Show Committee members are on the job, with the Hall booked and initial planning under way. For a successful Show we need to have everyone committed and involved, as well as giving the Committee our strong support. This year we have joint Conveners in Stephanie Simpson and Mike McCarthy. Get in touch with them with your ideas and offers of help.

Coming up are the Taupo Jamboree, our own Scrollsaw Workshop, and the Treeworkx Open Day. Dates and information are elsewhere in this Magazine.

Thanks to Group 1 for an interesting demonstration today, we look forward to Group 2 next month. *In the meantime, live with the three Es: Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy.*

Doug St.George.



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Club Meeting;

3rd Saturday afternoon of each month 1.00pm at our Clubrooms.

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Next Meeting;

Saturday March 17th.

Group on duty

Group Two, Woodturners.

Demonstration-Speaker;

Committee Meeting;

Apologies; Harry Bimler

The Committee decided to have another working bee 14th March to clean-up the back rooms. (all Groups, please sort out anything in those two rooms that the Group may want to save!!)

Maureen Tubby has agreed to audit the Club accounts.

John Harrison will take over the Workshop Manager position, until the AGM.

General Meeting;

Members in attendance; 32

Working Bee; 14th March

Our next Annual Show; Will be held at the Mt Maunganui Sports Centre on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th November 2012. The Show Committee have suggested having a sausage sizzle, but would require someone to man it.

Raffle; was won by Ron Buckle

Critique; Derek commented on the good work on display again.



The articles on display on the Critique table



Our demonstrators today were members from Group One, Woodcarvers;



Our first demonstrator; was Stephanie Simpson who has also started spinning wool, as well as woodcarving. Here is a close-up of the spinning wheel in the folded up transport mode. Stephanie first showed us spinning the wool into a single strand, and then ran two single strands through together to make a twin strand of wool. She said that when spinning the two strands, you reversed the rotation of the wheel so the two strands will bind together.

These spinning wheels are made locally and to buy one new would cost around \$1000, but Stephanie had bought hers second hand. Stephanie passed around a skein of wool she had spun. One of our members asked if she sold her skeins of wool, as he thought there should be a market for it.

Our next demonstrator was; Ken Hawkeswood who showed us how he sharpened his carving chisels etc. He had an inverted disc sander with two slots in the side, into which the tool to be sharpened could be inserted. One was set at an angle for sharpening a chisel with a straight even bevel, while the other slot had a wider slot for gouges, with room to turn and move it around to follow the curved cutting edge. The discs were double sided with a coarse paper on one side and fine paper on the other side, and there was also a see-through disc, so you could see where you are grinding when using the slots.

Our third demonstrator was; Ivan Watchorn. Ian had just finished putting in a new kitchen for his daughter, and as he was some considerable distance away from his Workshop, to do some of the jobs he had to do some improvising, to do some of the work. He made up a jig for his skillsaw for cutting straight edges, which consisted of a length of timber with a straight edge on it for the saw to run along. He also made a straight edge for his hand power planer for straightening pieces of timber, and his final one was clamping his belt sander to a piece of timber between two saw horses to do the sanding. This was one way of making use of what gear you have got, when you are away from your workshop.

And finally to round off the session; Allen Martin had list of questions for us to answer.

Thanks Group One for a very interesting session with your ideas

Selby West



WHATS ON

Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild 9th-11th March 2012 Friday 9th. Start and set up. Saturday 10th. 9am. Official Opening. Dinner at 6pm, and more turning till 10pm for those who are keen. Sunday 11th 8am start. Final raffle and Prize Giving at 1pm. Event details. Lake Taupo Woodturning Jamboree to be held at the SPA HOTEL TAUPO. For further information contact Jeff Downes. Phone (07) 3765621. E mail jkedownes@slingshot.co.nz

Tauranga Woodcrafter's Club Annual Scrollsaw Workshop

Saturday 31 March 2012 9.30 am to 4.00pm. Clubrooms, 16 Yatton Street. Tauranga

Event Details;

Fretwork, piercing, Bevel & Compound cutting with Jacob von Holzen and Intarsia with Barry Kenworthy. Please bring your own Scrollsaw if possible
Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea provided
Cost \$25 per person

Registrations to Laureen Tubby
470 Papamoa Beach Road, Papamoa 3118
Phone 07 5720104 Email ltubby@xtra.co.nz

Treeworkz Open Day 14 April 2012 9am-3pm 469 Paratu Road Walton, Matamata. The first Road west of Walton Golf Course on the Morrison/Matamata Road.

Otago Woodturners Guild 20-22 April 2012

Event Details:

Otago Woodturners turning weekend at Waiora Scout Camp, Silverstream Valley Road, Whare Flat, Dunedin.

Cost: \$160 (includes accommodation (bunk beds) on site and meals from Friday night dinner until Sunday lunch).

If staying overnight please bring your own bedding/sleeping bag, towels etc. (mattress and pillow supplied). Carpark space is available for parking campervans but no power points.

Day visitors must pre-book meals for catering purposes.

There will be a Trade Display from W R Owen Turning Supplies and raffles.

Last day for registrations for catering purposes 9 April 2012.

All enquires and registration forms contact Leah Jelgersma (Secretary/Treasurer) 03 453 1174 or email otagowood@gmail.com





Group Reports

Group One; Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday
Five members attended a fairly quiet day.

I brought along an exquisite carving of a small pig (carved long ago by Peter Steward) thinking it would make a good group project for the future.

However those present were absorbed with their respective carvings and there were no great shouts of enthusiasm!

I have made patterns and proceeded to cut out a prototype.
Anyone interested will need a block of persuadable wood approx. 80 x 80 x 140 mm long. Good luck.

Michael Stimson's funeral service was held at Pyes Pa Friday 3rd February, and five members of our group attended.

Ken Hawkeswood Ph. 578 0074

Next meeting 12 March 2012

Group Two; Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday Afternoons, 1.30pm

Group Two met at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 14th February 2012. Thank you Ron Buckle for the afternoon tea. Unfortunately Harry Bimler wasn't able to come to our meeting on that day because he had to catch and transport his very last and special deer to Katikati to a friend's place in Mamaku. It was to be his very last deer he has owned. Harry had been involved in deer, since he was six years old going to school on the old Taupo Road and there was a deer in the paddock across the road from the school. That commenced his fascination with deer.

At the meeting we discussed planer blades and their uses as tools, scrapers etc. Problems were also solved.

The January 10th Group Two Meeting was the outing to Paul and Mrs Grainger-Allen's property at 967 Whirinaki Valley Road Ngakuru. Unfortunately, Ralph Harding, Harry Bimler, Mike Harold and I had appointments to keep, so we were not able to venture out with the others.

Group Four members were due to go to the Grainger-Allen's place on Tuesday, 7th February, so Paul invited Ralph Harding, Harry Bimler, and I to join them, (see Group Four's Report)

N.B. Saturday, 17th March, Group Two are on duty. Please bring a plate for the occasion.

Group Two meet again on Tuesday 13th March, 2012 at the Clubrooms at 1.30pm.

Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815



Group Three; Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am

Group Three met at the Clubrooms on Saturday 4th February, 2012 for their first meeting of the year, and our Team Leader Jim Reilly was most surprised how little we had done in the way of creations for display for the "Show and Tell". Lew Tubby brought along a few pieces and each person commented on different ways of either correcting or shapes etc. This is why I don't bring things. Although I had made many things during the time off. I don't need critics to tell me what to do. I know where I have gone wrong, and it isn't for sale anyway. I make things that I like to make etc. anyway the morning went off very well and I hope you remember to bring your bits and pieces on Saturday, 3rd March, 2012 to the Clubrooms, 9.30am for our next Group Three meeting.

Seth Douglas for *Jim Reilly* 577 9574

Group Four; Woodturners; 1st Tuesday

Group Four plus Ralph Harding, Harry Bimler, and I ventured to Paul and Mrs. Grainger -Allen' property on Tuesday 7th February. Once again Mike was not able to go. Harry



Bimler was our driver and he was able to "show and Tell" us on the route the places of interest, from the Pyes Pa Road area, Rotorua Direct, all the way through to our destination at Whirinaki Valley Road, Ngakuru. Harry drove us off the beaten track to show us his previous farms and properties etc. he would certainly be the "Best guide" that I had ever had. In Harry's younger days, they used to follow the tram tracks, and you could almost hear them working through the different forests and bushes and they almost always found their way back home, and if they ended up in the Mamaku area, they would ring home and father

would come and pick them up, so they learned a great deal from their experiences in the bush.

In 1948, the great fire burnt out the native bush between Mamaku and Kaharoa, which meant that the wild pigs were thin, because the ferns were burnt etc. I could go on about Harry, but better still, he has written a very interesting book (emphasize very) called "MY DEER LIFE". As Harry was saying, he doesn't mind taking his vehicle, because he appreciates all that the Club

members teach him. A very kindly gesture, and we actually learn a lot from him as well.



Now, the trip to the Grainger-Allen's place turned out a beautiful day. They had spent the day before, making sure that the weather was going to be "just right" which it was.

"Thank you Paul and your good lady for a marvelous Rolls Royce hosting" we had a great day in your beautiful gardens and the setting was superb. The afternoon tea was superb. We also enjoyed the conducted tour of the property and see to Paul's turnings.

Next meeting for Group Four, Tuesday 6th March, at the Clubrooms with Ian Dawkins in the chair. All members must be on time, 1pm, as we are going to a mystery Venue.

Seth Douglas for Mike Harold Ph. 575 0767

Group Five; *Scrollsaw and Intarsia*; 1st Wednesday

We had a smaller number of members at our meeting on Wednesday 1st February. Jacob brought along a jewellery box he was working on and explained how he was going to attach the lid by way of a pivot with everything carefully hidden, instead of the usual hinges. He had the lid with the rose inlay already cut out and fitted and explained how he was going to take all of the pieces of the rose out and shade the petals and leaves using hot sand. Barry was trying his hand at making an automata novelty (one that has a handle that you turn to make the object move) Russell was working on an intarsia golfer and I was working on my intarsia bird. On our display table we had two intarsia cats made from different timbers by Barry, a golfer by Russell, a "His and Hers" ring box by Rob, and a lovely laminated cheese board by our new member Mike.

Don't forget our Scrollsaw Workshop to be held on 31 March, registration forms are at the Clubrooms or on the Club website.

Our next group meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March commencing at 9.30am.

New members always welcome, please telephone if you have any queries.

Laureen Tubby Ph. 572 0104

Group Six; *Toy making Group*; 2nd Saturday

The toy group got off to a slow start for the year in one sense, as many of the group could not make it for one reason or another, but the ones that did turn up got straight into it. After a short discussion on what we should make, we found some plans for a small crane and before you could say Tauranga Woodcrafters Club (that gave us a little time) we had six units cut out, they will be fitted together at the next meeting. We also have some plans for a Marble Drop Tower we plan to attack. There was talk of how we could set up a money slot to set it into action, this could be a revenue maker for the club. I'm sure we will find a way, we are evil enough!!!! As I have previously mentioned but will remind you again, any club member that has time to make something, it would be greatly appreciated.

Xmas will be on us again before you know it. That's all from him and that's all from me.

See you at the next meeting. 10th march 9-30am.

Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 7405



GROUP 7 Beginners Group NIGHT SHIFT

1st and 3rd Wednesday night 6.30-9.30pm

Not a lot I can report on, as the group is well attended and everyone just gets on with their learning projects. Craig is working on another segmented bowl, he seems to like hard work, and Deanna is going to add some features to her bowl. We seem to have some ambitious members in the group !!!! We had another new member join us last month, welcome to Ray Luke. He came along for his first meeting, and then went out and bought himself a new lathe, that's keenness for you. Its good to see that Ian's wife is well enough now that he is able to carry on with his tutoring in our group. We hope she continues her good progress. I will try to prize some of the work off our group members to bring along for club day display, some critique is always good for learning from.

March meetings will be the 7th and 21st.



Roy Tregilgas 547 7405

From Your Editor's Desk;

Hi everyone,

We were sorry to hear that Michael Stimson who was a member of our Club died this month. He was only a member for about two or three years, before he was diagnosed with cancer over a year ago, and told that he only had 2 month's to live. Although he didn't re-new his membership last year, I continued to send him the Newsletter by e-mail, and the Carving Group also kept in touch.

Some members may not agree with me about sending the Newsletter to non financial members, but in Michaels case, it helped to keep him in touch with the Club and the woodcarvers, as he had always enjoyed being part of the Club. Which I think it is good. It is not costing the Club anything, by e-mail, and is good public relations for the Club.

The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are vacant, and also one of the committee is not standing again, so put your thinking caps on, for who you would like to fill these positions.

Selby West

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Woodworking Tips

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When you've got to have dust collection in hard-to-reach areas or places where a 4" hose gets in the way, attach a Loc-Line articulated hose to your shop vacuum (or with a reducer to a larger dust-collection system). Bend Loc-Line to almost any configuration, and snap on a nozzle to place the suction right where you need it. Use couplers to join multiple lengths of hose. We like Loc-Line for use with any stationary sander, as well as drill presses and router-table operations when you can't use a fence-mounted dust port.



Gain airflow and filtration with specially made bags

If your dust collector's filter bag puffs up like a taut balloon, you're probably not getting maximum airflow through your collector. Although many manufacturers offer high-efficiency filter bags (1 to 5 microns) as standard or optional equipment, most don't do anything to optimize airflow. American Fabric Filter custom-makes oversize 1-micron bags that increase airflow by not restricting it. Top bags cost from \$120 to \$150, and bottom bags from \$70 to \$85.





No-clog blast gates improve airflow

Debris can build up in the grooves of typical blast gates, preventing them from closing fully, so they leak air and ultimately reduce suction where you need it. Lee Valley's self-cleaning gates extend through the bracket to push debris out of the groove and prevent such buildup. Self-Cleaning Blast Gates



Better seal eliminates air leaks

Flexible dust-collection hose has a metal supporting wire that spirals throughout it to prevent the hose from collapsing under suction. But with ordinary hose clamps, leaks can occur where the clamp crosses that wire. Bridge hose clamps straddle the metal wire, as shown, which allows the clamp to fully seal the hose to the connector or dust port.



Quick changes mean fewer hoses

Here's an accessory for those of us who don't have the luxury of a central dust-collection system and have to move the collector from tool to tool. Fazlok Quick Disconnect male and female fittings allow you to make changes quickly and without tools. You simply twist and turn to lock and unlock the hose from the tool. Install female Fazlok fittings on your collector's inlet and on the dust ports on your tools; then clamp male fittings onto both ends of your flex-hose. To maximize airflow, you can have several hoses of different lengths, and use the shortest hose you need to get from the collector to the tool.



No-hassle, supple-but-stout hose proves effective for use with sanders

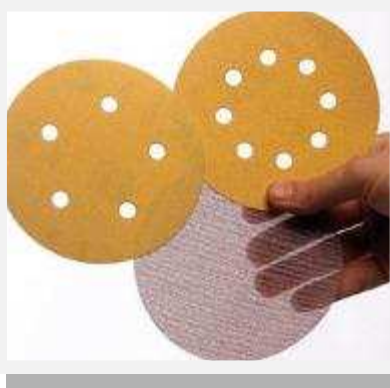
Okay, you've got a shop vacuum that you attach to your portable power sander for dust extraction, but the hose proves too bulky, too stiff, or the ribs catch on edges. Bosch's crushproof lightweight hose eliminates those worries. With an adapter on one end to fit any 2 1/2" vacuum opening, the soft, flexible 19mm hose easily attaches to many sanders. We also recommend Fein's universal rubber adapter that enables attachment to virtually any sander, even those with rectangular dust ports.





You can use this filter for wet messes

We've all been there: To remove the caked-on dust from the pleated paper filter of your shop vacuum, you tap it, beat on it, or blow it out with compressed air, but you still can't get it fully clean. Not so with Cleanstream filters, made of non-stick Gore-Tex material you can clean with air or water, so it works on wet and dry pickups. They deliver finer filtration than paper varieties--trapping particles as small as 0.3 micron. Filters fit Shop-Vac, Craftsman, and Ridgid brands. Cleanstream Wet/Dry Vacuum Filters



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Mirka's Abranet sanding discs are made of a porous, meshlike material, with grit on one side and hook-and-loop-style fasteners on the other. The result: You get effective dust collection through all the pores without taking the time to line it up with the sander's dust-collection holes. Abranet comes in 13 grits from 80 to 1,000, and costs nearly twice as much as Mirka's Gold sandpaper discs. But the better dust collection means the abrasive won't load up with sanding dust, so it lasts longer than typical sandpaper. And it means you'll put less dust into the air. Abranet also comes in sheets and rolls.



Master the mess of machine-cut 'tails (part 1)

Dust-collection hoods for Leigh and Rockler dovetail jigs do a remarkably good job of corralling the spray of chips and dust created when router-cutting dovetails. Each fixture mounts directly onto the jig's front--including older models with the help of special mounting kits--and you simply attach your shop vacuum hose to the 2 1/2" port. The Leigh VRS, shown here, features a flat top that supports your router flush with the tops of the jig fingers. A sliding dust port glides underneath and follows the router



Master the mess of machine-cut 'tails (part 2)

The Rockler dovetail dust-collection hood has soft bristles that stick up from a dust hood, allowing the router bit to pass through without harm. [Shop for this product at Rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)



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