



# The Woodcrafters

TAURANGA WOODCRAFTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Presidents Report;

### What A Show, what a crowd:

Every year the biggest challenge with our Show, is to find a way to get more people through the door, to see what we have to offer. This year we had three days of non-stop people! With the opportunity to tap in to a ready-made audience of some 10,000 people, at the His and Hers Home and Leisure Show. This was a hugely generous gift, and I am proud of the way our members have stepped up to the mark, to take advantage of it. The organization was a credit to our committee and the display of work was the highlight of the whole show. Well done everyone. The one down-side was, as Peter Seaton put it, "Everyone has their hands firmly in their pockets!" No-one was selling very much.



### The Rumour Mill:

There is talk going around, that our Clubrooms have been condemned and we are about to be kicked out. I can assure you that this is a misunderstanding of the position. We are in quite cordial discussions with Council about the future of our Clubrooms and about finding a way to secure a permanent home for the Club. We will continue to keep you informed of progress.

### Next Meeting:

With the Show behind us, we can get back to normal, like the Rugby World Cup and Daylight Saving. (Didn't the Irish do well!) The next Club meeting is Sat. 15th Oct, when Group 3 will be on duty. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Doug St.George 573 8399

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**Club Meeting;**

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**Next Meeting;**

October 15th.

**Group on duty**

Group Three, Woodturners.

**Demonstration-Speaker;**

**Committee Meeting;**

**Main Meeting;**

There was no Committee, and Club Meetings this Month as our Annual Show was held on the third Saturday of the month.

Selby West

# OUR ANNUAL SHOW



**The Tauranga Woodcrafter's Club is a member of the National Association of Woodworkers**

# WOODCARVERS



## **WHATS ON**

### **Participation 2011** 23 to 25 September 2011

South Auckland Woodturners Guild YMCA  
Camp Adair, Hunua, South Auckland  
(limited to first 90 paying participants)

Friday 23 September 7.3am until late

Saturday 24 September 7.30am until late

Sunday 25 September 7.30 to 3pm

This is designed as a live-in event, but some may commute.

Lathes may be delivered Thursday evening. Don't have a lathe? You can book a Club lathe free of charge. Conditions apply.

Everyone bring some wood-or purchase on the site from the shop and sponsors. Bottomless cups of tea and coffee. Friday lunch BYO. All other meals provided. For further information contact Terry Scott 09 297 7051 or 021 998 493

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### Waitaki Woodturners Guild Spin Around

28th- 30th October 2011

Times:

Fri 28th, 12pm to late

Sat 29th, 8-30am to late

Sun 30th, 8-30am to 2pm

Spin Around is held in Waitaki Guild Club Rooms, Oamaru Race course SH1 just Nth of township.

Guest Woodturner is Guilio Marcolongo from Australia.

All attendees must be registered.

Details from Ken Newton, e-mail knpnewton@xtra.co.nz

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### Turnfest in Australia

Turnfest is Australia's largest and longest running woodturning symposium.

Next Event 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th March 2012

Register NOW to be part of the 10th Anniversary.

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### **Ken Sager;**

### **NAW Founder President Passes On**

With great sorrow I must report the passing of Ken Sager. Ken was our founding president, he was passionate about woodturning and many of us were influenced by this enthusiasm. In November 1986 he arranged the public meeting in Wellington that brought together likeminded woodworkers and the National Association was formed.

Ken was the Father of New Zealand Woodturning. He travelled extensively throughout the world to learn "New tricks". Always on his return he would call on various clubs throughout the country and pass this information on or launch into print and produce an article for the national magazine.

Ken founded the Putaruru Woodcrafter's Club in 1982 and then assisted a number of other towns and cities to put together their own woodworking clubs. We are eternally grateful for Ken's assistance organising the Woodwork club movement within NZ.

The Putaruru Seminars were Ken's baby and he was responsible for arranging the demonstrators who came to New Zealand. When Vic Wood visited in the 90's to demonstrate in Putaruru and suggested the bowl bottoms were as important as the top, Ken took up this cause and preached this loud and clear throughout New Zealand. This is now the standard for bowl turning here and around the world.

In 2000 the NAW nominated Ken for a Queen's Service Medal for "Services to Woodturning". In 2001 the Governor-General presented Ken with his Medal in front of family and friends. This was a fine recognition for a lifetime's dedication to woodturning and to fellow woodworkers.

Ken Sager - Rest in Peace you will be sorely missed

Jim Manley  
President  
NAW

Quite a few years ago members from our Club had the opportunity to visit Ken and his workshop. His main lathes were the Teknatool 1000, but he also had a home-made bowl turning lathe too, and he turned some big bowls on that machine.

He also opened our present Clubrooms, after we had renovated them.

Selby West



## Group Reports

### **Group One; Woodcarvers; 2nd Monday**

Six members attended a brief meeting 12th Sept, and discussed roster and other details for the Home Show. Most matters resolved and Barwick offered to take our carving table to the site along with his own gear.

Set-up day Thurs p.m. went fairly smoothly thanks to the organising committee and even Ivan's 4- horse team got into place without a neigh!

As I write this we are into the second day of the Show and I must say that the venue is excellent and there are plenty of people passing through and the Carvers table is in one of the best locations. Unfortunately sales are dismal. Either the passing throng does not have money to spend or the Carvers are offering items that do not interest them. Food for thought for 2012.

See you all 10th October.

Ken Hawkeswood Ph. 5780074

### **Group Two; Woodturners; 2nd Tuesday afternoon 1.30pm**

We had a very good attendance of Group Two members at our meeting at the Clubrooms, on Tuesday afternoon, 13th of September, 2011.

The members helped each other and accomplished great results. With the Tauranga Woodcrafters' Club Show due this coming weekend at the brand new venue, with "His and Hers Home & Leisure Expo" we discussed how to get there, and what to do when we got there. The Group Two wish to thank all those who have been involved in the organising for the event and making things possible.

We meet again at the Clubrooms at 1.30pm, on Tuesday October, which is 11th October, 2011.

"Bring along your problem pieces and we'll endeavour to solve them for you" turning, as usual is for the next session.

*Seth Douglas Ph. 576 5815*

### **Group Three; Woodturners; 1st Saturday 9.30am**

After last month's disaster where I brought along a DVD to show the Group on the Club's Television and found the player to go with the TV didn't exist, it's a BYO. I was misled by other Group reports, so I decided to go down my usual route and demonstrate. This demonstration was inspired by an excellent article in "Woodturning" on making your own wooden collets. It went well, just ask Seth Douglas and John Syme, the only ones who turned up, guess it was a good day for fishing or something.

We are on duty at our next Club meeting October 15th.

*Jim Reilly 577 9574*

### **Group Four; Woodturners; 1st Tuesday**

We met in the afternoon at the Clubrooms on the 6th September to wrap up the sweets in the bowls. With 13 members on hand, we had 10kilo of sweets to put into 118 bowls. Thank you all Club members who made bowls for this project. With a production line set-up, we soon found out who could not tie a simple knot or a bow and suggested they go and join the



Boy's Scouts.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Club to thank Graham Keheu for enabling the Club to purchase sweets at Import rates, and to Ian Dawkins and Roy Tregilgas for their donations to pay for the sweets.

At our "Show and Tell" Ian Dawkins had a lovely grained bowl turned from Gleditsia and another from Apple. Roy Tregilgas turned a dark grained platter from a Totara Burr.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October.

**For this month only, any query's please ring Morry Lawton Ph. 07 573 9630**

*Mike Harold Ph. 575 0767*



## **G**roup Five; *Scrollsaw and Intarsia*; 1st Wednesday

A smaller group of us than usual met at the Clubrooms for our meeting this month.

Members brought along their items to be sold on the Club Table at the Expo, also some more items for the raffle. Jacob brought along some large pieces of veneer for the use of group members. It was good to have Ralph back again, he brought the old scrollsaw that he has now modified to take the pin less blades with him. Five scrollsaws were in use during the morning, a number of intarsia pieces were on the display table. Congratulations to Jacob for gaining first equal in the marquetry section, and a Highly Commended in the Intarsia, at the Kawerau Woodskills weekend. Final arrangements were made for the Group's participation at the Expo, Peter Seaton called in with our Exhibitor passes.

Our next group meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 9.30am.

Lauren Tubby

Ph. 572 0104

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

The "Show" has been and gone but at the time of writing this I don't know how successful it will have been. I would like to put out **a big thank you** to all involved in making the toys. One person not mentioned in the past months is Jack Bradstock, all of a sudden our toy stock grew thanks to his efforts at home, **Thanks Jack** they were a wonderful addition.

You might have thought the pressure was off now but sorry guys its still on, as there is not much time of the year is left, and we need to come up with something for the charities. If you have any ideas of some easily made toys, that we can pump out, bring them along to our next meeting.

8th Oct at 9-30am.

May your tools run fast and true.

Roy

*Roy Tregilgas Ph. 574 9822*

## **B**eginners Group 3rd Saturday

There was no meeting for this Group this month, as our annual Show was on.

Doug St.George 573 8399

## **G**ROUP 7 NIGHT SHIFT

The night shift is now up and running with Ian, Tas, Ray and myself hopefully in control.

The nights will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6-30pm.

So far we have four new members, two female two male, ( good to see more females in the Club) three completely new too wood work, and one who has impressed us with his segmented work.

First night Ian gave a demo on the use of tools, followed by everyone having a go at some spindle turning, doing different cuts and making various shapes, not one dig in on the night, but there were plenty of smiles. I was impressed as to how well they took to it.

The second night they were each given a bowl blank to create their own design, so far all is going well and next meeting should see some finished work.

We will hope to have picked up a few new members for the night shift, and other groups, at the Home & Leisure expo, but if anyone out there knows of someone who cannot make it to the day groups, send them along to us.

October meetings are 5th & 19th at 6-30pm

Roy Tregilgas 547 9822



### **From Your Editor's Desk;**

Hi everyone,

Our Annual Show is finished for another year. Once again it was a great success, and in a brand new venue with the "His and Hers Home and Leisure Expo". It was a great opportunity for the Club, with a lot of people coming through the doors, but unfortunately, there was not a lot of spending. I have filled most of the spaces up with photos I took at the Show. As usual there was a lot of really nice work on display and for sale. Jacob's marble toy was going just about full time, with the kids putting the marbles into the top and seeing them roll down to the bottom, over all the various things on the way. One lady was so impressed with it she bought it off Jacob, so Jacob will have to make another one !!! I missed seeing Jacob with his treadle scrollsaw this year. It is great for drawing the crowd around.

Summing up; you can get people to attend a Show, but you still have to get them to buy your products.

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# WOODTURNERS



# CHRISTMAS TOYS

There seems to be a view that the **"Toymakers Group"** will manufacture all the toys we produce for the youngsters at Christmas, and give to the Salvation Army to distribute. This is not correct, it is a Huge task and very unfair - **Toys For Christmas** is a Club effort, so everyone should be participating. We do **"beat the drum"** over this.

When making little puzzles as toys, don't forget to enclose the instructions for them, not how to solve them, just what it is all about. The same applies to simple games, youngsters today don't know about noughts and crosses and the likes.

So if you haven't started your toys, now is the time.

Jim Reilly

## SOME EXCELLECT SCALE MODLES by Colin Morrison



# Woodworking Tips



## Milk jugs make handy brush cleaners

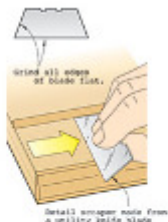
Recycling programs today cart away most of our empty plastic milk jugs, but you may want to hang on to a few to take advantage of this tip. Cut a large opening in the front of the jug and put solvent in the bottom to clean brushes. When your hands get slippery from paint or solvent, the jug with its handle proves easier to carry around and empty than a large metal coffee can.



## "Canned" applicator finishes small pieces

Like other woodturners, I use a lot of different finishing materials on my projects--sanding sealer, oils, and stains. My small turnings don't require much finish, so until recently, I was spending more time cleaning applicators than applying finish.

Now, to save time (and finish), I keep a tied-off ball of cotton cloth cut from an old T-shirt in each can of finishing material. I just grab the cloth from the bottom of the can with wooden tongs, daub on the finish, then drop it back in the can, where it stays until I need it for the next bowl or candlestick.



## Knife blade gets you through close scrapes

Sometimes you need an extra-small scraper to clean up an area where a typical cabinet scraper just won't fit. Here's a quick answer to that problem. Remove an old blade from a utility knife and grind all the edges flat. You'll end up with a burr on all four edges. The two short edges of the blade help you scrape into even the tightest spaces.

--Jan Svec, WOOD® magazine staff

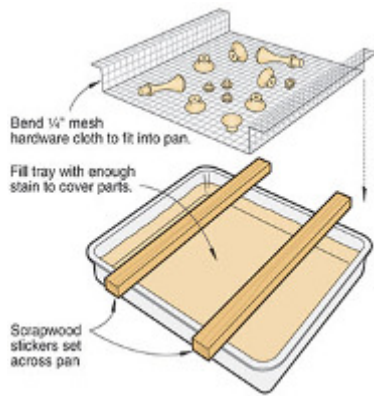


## For staining details, try pipe cleaners

It's hard to get stain or paint into narrow spaces. But I solved the problem with nothing more than a wooden handle and a pipe cleaner. As shown *left*, I drilled two small holes in one end of the handle of an old foam brush, bent the pipe cleaner in half, and stuck one end in each hole.

I dip the pipe cleaner into my finish and work it into just about any tight spot. When I'm done, I just pull out the pipe cleaner and throw it away. I then pop in a new one, and I'm ready for my next project.

--Bill Allmon, Fort Worth, Texas



### Avoid a mess with mesh

Here's a neat and easy way to stain small parts, such as drawer pulls, plugs, and Shaker pegs. Start with an old cake pan. Cut and bend 1/4" hardware cloth so that it fits inside the pan, reaches nearly to the bottom, and has enough left at each end to serve as handles. Pour stain into the pan, place the wooden parts on the mesh tray, and lower it into the pan. After the parts are coated with stain, lift the tray, put a couple of scrapwood stickers across the pan, and set the tray on them. Let the excess stain drip off, then wipe the parts.

--R.B. Himes, Vienna, Ohio

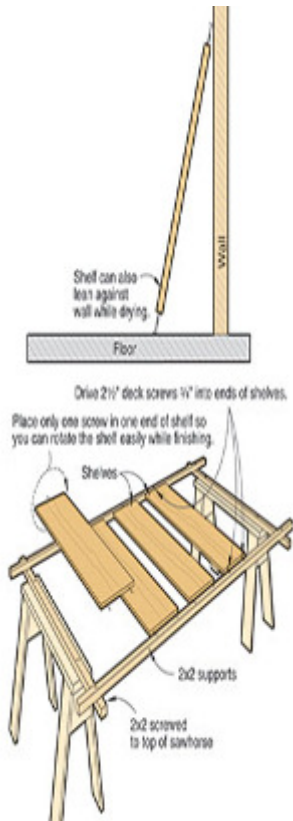
## Slash shelf-finishing time with just a few screws

I recently built a bookcase and wanted to spray lacquer on both sides of the shelves. I could have set the shelves on nailpoints, but I wanted to keep the fresh finish absolutely untouched. So, I came up with a touchless method.

Fasten a frame of 2x2s, spread 1" wider than the length of the shelves, to a pair of sawhorses, as shown at *left*. Into the center of one end of each shelf, drill a shallow hole and drive a 2?" deck screw into the hole, leaving about 1?" of the screw sticking out. The same way, put two screws into the other end of each shelf.

To finish the shelves, lay them across the frame, resting them on the screws. When one side is finished, grab the shelf by the two screws and flip it over, rotating it on the single screw on the other end. If your frame won't hold all of your shelves, lean the finished shelves against a wall--two--screws down--to dry thoroughly.

--Kevin Bevins, Summerville, S.C.



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This Club/ Guild aims to assist members to improve their woodworking skills. Not all such activities occur in our Club premises, and some activities or events are promoted through this Newsletter and others directly to members in some other ways, but they are still Club/Guild activities, please support them. These activities may include personal and group tuition of members by other members (we all try to help one another for the benefit of the Club/Guild in this way) sessions in member's workshops, wood-gathering, events promoting our activities to members of the public, and other such