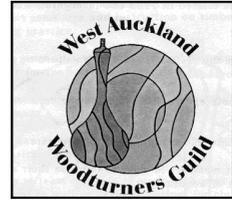


Newsletter



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Club Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursday ea. Month at
7.15 pm.

Hands on sessions

Mondays (not holidays) 1-3 pm.
Tuesdays (Juniors) 9.30-1130am
Saturdays from 1.30 pm.

Coming Year

2015 is now well under way, this year's events are being planned and prepared for at clubs. Rare demonstrators are being stalked and sweet talked and cajoled into visiting and imparting knowledge to woodturners of all stages of experience.

West Auckland is no exception and we ask all members to be alert to the possibility of a talk or demonstration and to alert the Committee to them.

The club is also running the usual programme of competitions and this is set out inside. We hope more members will take part this year. These competitions, with their rules and restrictions, are a very useful and instructive. To have the discipline of sticking to a brief and turning out a good result is something to be pleased with and measurably improves your skill .

Dates for your Diary 2015

Hands on Sessions are held on Mondays 1—3pm and Saturdays from 1.30pm

Guild Meetings are the First and Third Thursdays each month at 7.15pm.

They are, with Competition dates :-

February 5th and 19th

March 5th and 19th

April 2nd **Competition - Baby Rattle/Teething Ring**

April 16th

May 7th

May 21st **Competition—Bead Box**

June 4th and 18th

July 2nd

July 16th **Competition - 2 Pens**

August 6th and 20th

September 3rd

September 17th **Competition A Plate**

October 1st and 15th

November 5th

November 19th Competition—Christmas Ornaments

December 3rd Top Night and Break Up

WAWG Meeting 22nd January,2015

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5 members were present.

President.

In preparation for the year's competitions Graham passed around a list of members, giving the categories they were placed in (beginner, competent, advanced). Members could see the category they had been placed in and were able to question this if they disagreed,

Secretary

Paul gave a rundown of e-mails he had received, covering timber, request for shavings etc. There is going to be a working bee on Saturday 7th February to convert some trees to fire-wood and convert the firewood into funds for the club.

Treasurer

Ted showed a framed photograph of the Vincent Loos Memorial Trophy which he made and had the inscription carved. It will be hung in the club room.

Wearing his other hat as a member of Henderson Mens' Shed, Ted said they had been approached by the council to help in the restoration of an old mangle. The club has been asked to turn the rollers, the council is providing the wood. Should we do it? Unanimous answer was yes. Apart from being an interesting project it will help the club to become known more widely.

Coming event.

Easter Sunday at Pukekohe there will be a Motor Homes Rally. It is an Open Day and Craft Day. We could have a table for demonstrating and selling at a cost of \$60. Probably there will be up to 800 Motor Homes there. We will talk about attending at next meeting

Competitions.

The President asked if they had been well run last year. Yes, everyone was satisfied.

After a listing of the various possible competitions we could have and bearing in mind that time only permits us to have 6, the following half dozen were approved.

Lease

The Club has not had a lease on the land it stands on. It has been talked about for many years and negotiations with the Council have taken place several times but Council changes and Departmental amalgamations have, until now, meant the matter being forgotten. Now it looks as though we will at last legally exist. We have been told that a lease has been approved, at a nominal rent, and we should receive the paperwork in the next few weeks.

Show & Tell

17 items were on the table. Mark Teeboon did the commentary.

Annual Competitions

The Competitions were the main topic at this meeting. A list had been drawn up and discussed at the previous meeting. The President had taken the favoured choices and considered the dimensions and other standards that should apply.

Now he was able to give the full list, with specifications and these follow.

Competitions 2015 - Specifications

Collaboration to run from **19th March**, when a block of wood will be given out, until **5th November** when entries will be judged. Do what you will with it. It will be donated to the club when finished.

2nd April Baby's Rattle. Constructed mainly of wood. Must make a good rattling sound. The wood used plus any finishes, colours, inlays used must be child safe.

21st May "Beads of Courage Box". Must be round, no more than 175mm maximum diameter. Knobs or finials O.K. These are to be given to the club when judged and they will be given to the right charity.

These are for children who are undergoing a long series of hospital stays. They collect a bead, donated by glass artists or others, to mark each operation or procedure they have had. (See childcancer.org.nz for more infor

mation). South Auckland have basic information on making a box, (called a Butterfly Box) on their web-site.

16th July Two Pens or a Pen and Pencil set. Mainly of wood but some embellishment is allowed.

17th September Wooden Dinner Plate. Round or square, minimum diameter 250mm, maximum diameter 300mm. Must be suitable for eating off.

. (It is worth seeing Robin Wood, the Pole Lathe Turner, turning the plates he has made using those salvaged from the "Mary Rose" as examples. [http://www.robin-wood.co.uk/.](http://www.robin-wood.co.uk/))

5th November Collaboration. Judging of entries.

(N.B. The collaboration started as an actual collaboration between two members working on one piece of provided wood. The collaboration part faded out but nobody has thought of an appropriate name to take its place).

19th November Christmas Ornaments, set of 6 hanging ornaments. Maximum length 200mm, predominantly of turned wood. Embellishment allowed.

Paul Altena (Secretary) arranged a Working Bee for Saturday 7th February to cut up wood in a couple of local gardens and converting it into firewood.

It was a great success. Many elderly woodturners were seen creeping (and creaking) round the next week after a day of hard labour. \$800 was made by the club and we still have some wood to sell. Well done Paul and all the "Bees".

Children are honest

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

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ranga Scrollsaw Workshop

To All NAW Club contacts

The Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild is holding its 2015 Scrollsaw Workshop on Saturday 28th March. I would be grateful if you could bring this event to the notice of your members.

Kind regards

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Organiser.

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Hi All,

I am interested in going to this for a few reasons.

1. They have NEW clubrooms, may be a good fact finding day
2. They run all forms of woodworking, like we intend
3. The scrollsawing
4. My sister is local and can billet some if we head up on on Friday

Anyone else interested??

Paul Altena.

Children are honest

As I was nursing my baby, my cousin's six-year-old daughter, Krissy, came into the room. Never having seen anyone breast feed before, she was intrigued and full of all kinds of questions about what I was doing. After mulling over my answers, she remarked, "My mom has some of those, but I don't think she knows how to use them.."

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