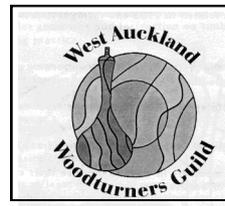


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Club Meetings
1st & 3rd Thursday ea. Month at
7.15 pm.

Hands on sessions
Mondays (not holidays) 1-3 pm.
Tuesdays (Juniors) 1-3 pm
Saturdays from 1.30 pm.

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www.wawg.co.nz

BUSY JUNE

June is going to be a busy month. There is **Model X** on Queen's Birthday Weekend and because it is our 30th Anniversary year we want to make it a bumper display. Select three of your best items for the display and have some others to sell on the sales table and then put your name on the rota to help man the stand over the weekend.

Then we have the A.G.M. Some committee members are retiring and we would welcome new blood to take their place and bring new ideas to the club.

It is also time to pay your Annual Subs. (if you haven't already done so)! The Treasurer will take cheques or cash.

Dates for your diary 2013

MAY

Thursday 2nd Guild

Thursday 16th Guild

JUNE

Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd MODEL X (Queen's Birthday weekend)

Thursday 6th Guild & AGM

Thursday 20th Guild

JULY

Thursday 4th Guild

Thursday 18th Guild. **Multi-Centre Turning**

AUGUST

Thursday 1st Guild

Thursday 15th **Alternative Hobbies Night**

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5th Guild

Thursday 19th Guild. **Laminated Turning (at least 5 pieces of wood)**

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd Guild

Thursday 17th Guild

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7th Guild. **Collaboration Judging.**

Thursday 21st Guild. **Turned Toy Judging**

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th Guild. **Top Night. (Last Meeting)**

Childrens' Wisdom

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jo-

nah. What if Jonah went to hell?' asked the teacher **The**

little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

Guild Meeting 7th March 2013

12 Members were present with 14 items on the Show and Tell Table, 3 of them pens.

We were pleased to see **Trevor Markham** at the club again, his recovery is still progressing.

A long time member, **Peter Eder**, is going into a home. The club is buying some of his equipment.

The President announced that the NAW "Creative Wood" is no longer going to be available through shops but by subscription only.

Most of the evening was taken up by a very interesting demonstra-



tion by Bruce Wood of South Auckland. The subject was making a large sphere which was pierced and decorated.

Bruce showed some finished spheres and then the jigs he had to devise to allow him to do the piercing and finishing. He then mounted a prepared blank on the lathe and talked us through the stages of the initial turning, marking out and drilling.

The completed spheres were finished to a high standard and it takes a lot of time. We thanked Bruce heartily for a very interesting demonstration.

Guild Meeting 4th April 2013

15 Members were present but only 8 items were on the Show and Tell table this time.

The President introduced the subject of the forthcoming Model X show (Queen's Birthday Weekend). We are to have a larger area than usual with 8 tables to fill. Members should bring their 3 best items for the display tables, Sale tables are separate.

As this year is our 30th anniversary this will be the emphasis of our display.
We will need large name badges, with photos and length of membership

We are to help the Technicians at Avondale College learn to sharpen tools properly. They have very few and these are very badly sharpened..

We have had a very poor response to the Collaboration Competition with only 6 members taking a set of timber.

The **Lidded Box (with Finial)** Competition was judged.

The winners were:-

Competent

- 1) **Trevor Pollard**

Advanced

- 1) **Bruce Eccles**
- 2) **Ted McKinstry**
- 3) **P. Sokolich.**

About Woodturners Unlimited

by Bob Rotche

What is Woodturners Unlimited? The short answer is that we are a group of people from across the country and around the world that share a passion for woodturning. The longer answer is that we trace our roots to the Woodturners America webmagazine that was started in 2010 by a group of 3 wood artists who had a vision for a web based community, focused on the woodturner. It was to feature a forum as well as articles that would foster education about the craft as well as feature the human side of woodturners as people with profiles of emerging artists as well as thought provoking discussions that may be only peripherally related to putting gouge to wood.

When news came that Woodturners America would shut down permanently in January 2013, a number of us found that very hard to accept. We truly believed in the vision that started Woodturners America and were not willing to just let it fade away. With a flurry of online activity, we decided to create a new site with the same model. This was to be a community driven project that started with brainstorming and a vote for a name - Woodturners Unlimited. Fortunately, there were several in this collection of characters that had the computer skills to get us up and running on the technical side. The next step is to make the site vibrant and fresh and hopefully, the premier woodturning destination on the web. That is where we all come in.

This is not a site owned and operated by two or three people. This is a site that will be successful because of the enthusiasm and dedication of the woodturning community at large. It is up to all of us to post pictures of our work on the forums, give advice to the newer turners that come our way, generate articles and photo tutorials for the magazine side, freely give suggestions for improvement to those of us actively working on the site, and spread the word among your friends that this is the online place to learn, share, give and get advice, and enjoy the fellowship of some of the nicest folks you'd ever want to meet.

So the longer answer comes down to this, Woodturners Unlimited is all of us in the wood turning community and we are all Woodturners Unlimited, to whatever degree we want to be.

(for more information see - www.woodturnersunlimited.com)

Ode to Spellcheckers

**Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue,
Miss steaks eye kin not sea.**

**Eye strike a key and type a word,
And weight four it two say,
Weather eye am wrong oar write'
It shows me straight a weigh.**

**As soon as a mist ache is maid,
It nose bee four two long,
And eye can put the error write,
Its rare lea ever wrong.**

**Eye have run this poem threw it,
Am shore your pleased to no,
Its letter perfect awl the weigh,
My chequer has tolled me sew.**

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