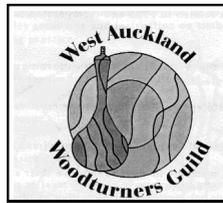


Newsletter



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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) 1-3 pm

Saturdays from 1.30 pm.

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Speakers/Demonstrators

It has never been easy to fill up the annual programme with speakers. In a country the size of New Zealand there are only so many demonstrators able and willing to show their turning skills and the number who are prepared to travel any distance are few.

The numbers of guild members attending the meetings has fallen and this is, perhaps, because of the lack of new demonstrators.

We have been content to leave it up to the President to find demonstrators for us. This is unfair and we should all be alert to people with skills, woody or not, that we would be happy to hear and see on a club night. You could approach them yourself or tell a member of the Committee of them and we could book them if they are willing..

It could greatly improve the meetings.

Dates for your Diary

October 4th - 7th Woodturning New Zealand International Symposium, Wesley College, Paerata.

October 18th Guild Meeting

**October 26th—28th Waitaki Woodturners Spinaround.
Oamaru Racecourse.**

November 1st Competition Wooden Toy

November 15th Guild Meeting Top Night.

WAWT Meeting 6th September 2012

16 Members present.

Trevor Markham

We were very pleased to see Trevor at the meeting, the first time since his accident. The President expressed the wishes of all club members for his continued recovery..

Trevor Pollard

Trevor has been in hospital. We hope he will be in better health very soon.

Rudolf Steiner School

The School's Fete will be on the 18th November at 10am – 3pm. We are looking for members to man our stand,

Lake House, North Shore

Victorian Christmas event will run from 26th November to 16th December.

Demonstration

Graham Bourquin showed a small plastic lathe and demonstrated its capabilities for miniature turning and its range of accessories.

Competition—Laminated Turning

The entries were judged and the results were:-

Advanced

1. Paul Sokolich
2. Ted McKinstry

Competent

1. Paul Altena
2. Peter Green
3. Steve Hodge

WAWT Meeting 4th October 2012

13 Members Present.

The President had recently demonstrated at South Auckland and there had been 55 people there.

There being no demonstration this evening so we put the kettle on and enjoyed a general chat over the refreshments.

West Auckland Woodturners Guild Committee Meeting 11th October, 2012.

Items from the meeting.:-

Don Smart, Tools.

Don was a long time member who died recently. The Committee were informed that he had left tools to the club in his will. It was decided that we will keep those that we need and sell the rest.

The President will thank the family and let them know what happens to the tools.

Rudolph Steiner School Fair.

18th November. Demonstrators needed

Toy Competition

1st November

Top Night

6th December

Christmas Function

Saturday 15th December at Paul Altena's house, (79A Royal Road, Massey) at 12pm. Bring a plate and best turning from the year (Instant Gallery). Gazebo from Bruce if raining.

Bandsaw Repairs

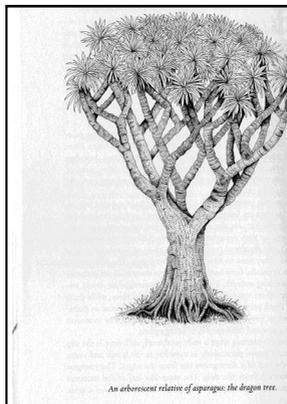
Rubber on wheel perished. Paul Sokolich and Ted McKinstry will replace and repair. *The Bandsaw is not to be used until the repairs are completed.*

Anniversary Year

2013 will be our anniversary year. We should mark it in some way perhaps by publishing a book. We will look into this next year.

Guest Speakers

With safety very much "in the air" we need to get a speaker (or two) on the subject. Getting speakers/demonstrators is not solely the responsibility of the President. We all need to be alert to likely speakers.



Woodturning New Zealand International Symposium 4 to 7 October 2012

Members of the Guild attended the Symposium and were entertained and astounded by the skills of local and International turners. It's amazing how easy an expert can make a complex project look simple; I wish I had their skills. .

All the demonstrators' were extremely friendly and were willing to pass their techniques' on to all. I think the guild members who attended enjoyed themselves and came away knowing a few new techniques' and ideas .

The four days were all full on with eight hours of demonstrations per day, so by Sunday my brain was going into overload

It was also great to mix and talk with other turners from New Zealand and Overseas. It was also nice to have all the major New Zealand woodturning suppliers in one place, we could have a good look at what is available and spend some money without resorting to the Internet.

I'm very glad I attended and hope there will be more in the Future.

South Auckland Wood turners can be proud of their efforts' arranging and running The Symposium.

Bruce Eccles

NOW I AM OLD...I'M FINE, THANK YOU!

*There is nothing the' matter with me
I'm as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk -I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet*

*Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me, night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right,
My memory's fading, me head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is this, as my tale I unfold,
That for you and for me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let people know the shape I'm in.
How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my get up and go, has got up and went.
But in spite of it all, I am able to grin
When I recall where my get up has been.
Old age is golden, so I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, when I get into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, and my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I get up.
Ere sleep dims my eyes I say to myself:
"Is there anything else I should put on the shelf?"
And I'm happy to say as I close up my door:
"My friends are the same, perhaps even more.
When I was young my slippers were red:
I could kick up my heels right up to my head.
When I grew older my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old, my slippers are black; I walk to the shop,
And puff my way back
That way I know my youth is all spent.
My get-up and go has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my get-up has been.
Since I retired from life's competition
I busy myself with complete repetition
I get up each morning, dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the "obits"
If, my name is missing, I know I'm not dead,
So I eat a good breakfast...
And go back to bed.*

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