

TURNING TALK

Newsletter of the South Auckland Woodturners Guild

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Our New Rooms

from Terry Scott

The renovations for our new club rooms are well under way and the place is looking very impressive, I'm sure you'll all agree.

I have been humbled by the generous donations of so many individuals within the club, who have given so freely of their time and expertise in all areas. Special thanks must be extended to the following individuals who have gone outside the realms of building and painting to supply the following items:

Jim Downs: for our new tea trolley (a work of art Jim)

John Smart and Wattle: for all the paint

John Smart: supplying the wood vice

Glynn Filer: The halogen lamps on stand

Dave Harmes: Brooms and designing the stage area

Doug Tanner: The supply of a variable speed lathe

Pukekohe Timber: for the 4x2 timber at half price

Workstore: for the Dewalt bench grinder

I wish to thank all those I have not thanked personally. Your efforts have helped to make this venue a highly prized resource for woodturning in South Auckland.

The club has purchased, made, or acquired, a pair of big fans, anglepoise lights for five lathes, large-size brooms, big rubbish bins, a big vacuum cleaner, whiteboard, chairs, stools, extension leads, work benches, drill press. We still need more – read on.

Our new home has been a long time dream, now being realised. I am sure you all share my excitement at the new possibilities for the club. If any of you are feeling out of the loop, and I have not contacted you and you are available to help in any way please contact me.

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Programme for the First Term 2004

We meet at our clubrooms, upper level of the Allan Brewster Recreation Centre, Tavern Lane, Papatoetoe, at 7:00 pm. For those who wish to make use of the machinery, do some shopping, or get a little extra advice, the doors open at 6:00.

This term sees the continuation of a Table Prize for each term – so keep your good work and lessons learned flowing to the show-and-tell table each meeting night.

4 February **Embellishments on a Bowl** is the project for this term. Teresa with a Sorby tool, Mac with a chatter tool, Terry with a dremel and more, Dick with some sand, will demonstrate some embellishments you can add to a bowl. There will also be many more ideas we can discuss. There will be a hands-on embellishment evening mid-term when all these tools will be available for you to try.

11 February **Timber ID** with pieces of raw and turned wood for members to identify and discuss.

18 February **Prunings** are put to good use by Brian Petterson.

25 February **Spinning tops** designed and built by Dave Harmes. Bring your own top for a mini-competition at the end of this evening.

3 March **Hands-on embellishing a bowl.** The tools will be available and there will be experts available to advise you on their use.

10 March **Organoil stains and polishes.** Ernie Williams from Australia will demonstrate the Organoil product range.

17 March **Wood gathering,** cutting and storage is demonstrated and discussed by Ian Fish.

24 March **Bottle stoppers** made and decorated by Terry Scott.

31 March Subject to be announced for a demonstration by Mac Gray

7 April **Carving.** A unique demonstration of this craft by Jane Allnatt.

This is also the show and tell night for the embellished bowls that you have made.

Term two for 2004 starts 28 April.

Wanted/For Sale/Give Away

Allan Perry, phone 266 0790, previously a member of Tauranga Woodcrafters, is clearing out his entire woodturning setup. He has also generously donated wood for our raffles, so please return that generosity when considering the following:

TL1000 lathe complete with inboard and out board faceplates, an outrigger, spur drive, live tail, three toolrests, 1 hp motor, all mounted on a bench.

A 50mm Nova chuck for the TL1000.

A 50mm Latalex brass chuck (forerunner of the Nova).

About 30 chisels of all shapes and sizes with spare tips for some.

A GE vacuum cleaner, vacuum faceplate and fittings for TL1000.

A long lamp centre borer.

Vactrac Polisher, flexible shaft with small Jacobs chuck and box of Dremel bits.

Ryobi heat gun.

Skil 82mm hand planer with spare blades.

Tanner 10" tilt arbor sawbench.

Dyco 14" bandsaw and spare blades.

Asmac 6" belt sander.

Scroll saw on a floor stand.

Bench mounted 13mm drill press.

Isolating transformer.

Sandpaper, waxes, bits, books, and more.

Bryden Thorpe wishes to purchase a small trailer. Phone 576 5614.

Our own surplus club lathes:

1 x Tanner 500 lathe with faceplate, drive spur and tailstock centre (no chuck). \$250.00.

1 x Nova TL1200 bowl lathe with faceplate, drive spur and tailstock centre (no chuck). \$250.00.

Both lathes are currently mounted on a single solid steel table. \$50.00 to the first lathe purchaser who wants it.

Ideal beginner lathes. Contact Mac Duane 299 6286 or Terry Scott 297 7051.

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Christmas Sale

Was that 60 or 70 spinning tops? How many stirrers – short, slim, curved, wide and long? Did you count the clocks, pens, bottle stoppers, and more, and more. I could, but I won't. My database says 1820 items came in the door and 1071 items went out again in the hands of happy customers.

Compared to the last couple of years we had a similar number of turners, similar average prices, and a similar huge array of shapes, sizes and ideas. And a similar number of things sought by buyers but not there – tartles, honey dippers, bread boards, and more.

The variety of work was truly amazing, yet the customers continue to seek more: "Do you have a bowl like this one but just a little deeper?" or "How about a piece just like that and a metre high?"

I sat and watched and wondered – just what is it that makes the buyer choose? What should we latch onto that will magically make everyone want that bit? I found no answer. The potential use obviously influences many, but the item still needs to have good shape and form. If the shape and form really appeals then finish does not seem important to many. For some, the finish is all they look at. For others it is "She will just love that". Yet others just want a cheap something to give away.

We obviously catered for them all and thanks again to Terry for the good location. Thanks also to the telephone ringers and post box deliverers – our major advertising which brought many to the shop. And many thanks to those who had nothing to sell but still came to help.

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Coming Events

Teknatool Open Day, 1000, 21 February 2004
Thames Society of Arts Summer Exhibition, 26 February to 14 March 2004
Timber and Working with Wood Show, 11 to 13 March 2004
Turangi Jamboree, 19 to 21 March 2004
Woodcut Seminar, Totara Springs, Matamata, 27 March 2004
Royal Easter Show entries close 28 March 2004
Royal Easter Show, 7 to 12 April 2004
Harihari Learn to Turn Jamboree, 4 to 6 June 2004
Franklin Arts Festival, 13 to 20 June 2004
Participation 2004, 7 and 8 August 2004
National Woodskills Festival 2004, Kawerau, 10 to 12 September 2004
National Woodturning Exhibition, Putaruru, 16 to 18 October 2004
Christmas Sale, 13 to 24 December 2004

Teknatool Open Day

Their open day flyer should be at our first meeting but this newsletter is being prepared a little before that. Get the flyer for full details.

In general terms there will be discounts of 15% to 50% on all sorts of gear. This is all fully functional equipment, no seconds. DVR and TL3000 lathes are included in these discounts. The prices will last from 1 to 25 February only. The good advice is to order ahead of time from our club member and Teknatool retailer, Ian Fish.

Date 21 February 2004 at Teknatool's premises at 65 The Concourse, Henderson. 10am-2pm. All day sausage sizzle. Inter-club competition.

Further Clubroom Contributions

The equipment we currently have is perfectly adequate for turning of regular platters, bowls, spindle work, and almost every item that was entered in last Easter Show and our Christmas sale. This is excellent for demonstrations, club hands-on nights and, hopefully, beginner and more experienced tuition days and weekends. Additional lathe purchases are being considered.

The committee has taken up the suggestions members made in the recent questionnaire and opted to not have big, heavy, dangerous machines in the clubrooms. This decision is further re-enforced by the knowledge that there are club members willing to share these machines in their home workshops, and news from other clubs about the troubles and costs they have with big machines.

There are a number of items that we need, or which will be useful for future clubroom maintenance or woodturning. If you are able to help or have these spare at home, please let Terry know on phone 297 7051.

A 1.5m or 2m stepladder
4 inch angle grinder with Arbortech fittings
Dremel with bits
Callipers, inside and outside
Dividers and compasses
Vernier callipers
Jacobs chucks
Woodturning chisels (HSS only)
Anglepoise lights
Claw Hammer
Engineers hammer
Workmate
G clamps
Quick action clamps
Sash clamps
Socket set
10 m extension leads (new only please)
Hacksaw
Tenon saw or similar size
Screwdriver set
Wood chisel set
Coping saw and blades
Snub nose and long nose pliers
No 4 wood plane

Please, only items in good repair, preferably new.



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The Wood on the Wall

Some years ago the Guild decided it would be useful to have an array of wood samples on display for members to see and learn from. To this end Dave Harmes has been collecting woods and has also accepted donations from others. The list below is the current selection.

Exotic species:

Common Name	Scientific Name
American Cherry	<i>Prunus</i>
Apricot	<i>Prunus amygdalus</i>
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>
Blue Gum	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i>
Box Brush	
Camellia	<i>Camellia japonica</i>
Cedar	
Cedar of Goa	<i>Cupressus lusitanica</i>
Cherry	<i>Prunus</i>
Chestnut	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
Chilean False-alerce Larch	<i>Pilgerodendron uviferum</i>
Copper Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Cuprea'
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i>
Cypress	<i>Cupressus benthami</i>
Cypress Deodar	<i>Cedrus doedara</i>
Elm	<i>Ulmus procera</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Holm Oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>
Indian Rosewood	<i>Dalbergia latifolia</i>
Irish Strawberry	
Jacaranda	
Jarra	<i>Eucalyptus marginata</i>
Lemon	<i>Citrus limon</i>
Loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>
Macrocarpa	<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>
Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
Maple	<i>Acer</i>
Melia	
Moreton Bay Fig	<i>Ficus</i>
Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Olive	<i>Olea europaea</i>
Peach	<i>Prunus persica</i>
Pepper	<i>Schinus molle</i>
Pine	<i>Pinus radiata</i>
Poplar, Aspen	<i>Populus</i>
Privet	<i>Ligustrum</i>
Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>
Red Mahogany	<i>Eucalyptus resinifera</i>
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron</i>
Sapele	<i>Entandrophragma cylindricum</i>
Silky Oak	<i>Cardwellia sublimis</i>
Silver Birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>
Tree Heaven	
Walnut	<i>Juglans regia</i>
Western Red Cedar	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>

Native species:

Common Name	Scientific Name
Broadleaf	<i>Griselinia lucida</i>
Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydiodes</i>
Kamaha	<i>Weinmannia racemosa</i>
Kanuka	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>
Kauri	<i>Agathis australis</i>
Kohekohe	<i>Dysoxylum spectabile</i>
Kowhai	<i>Sophora tetraptera</i>
Mangeao	<i>Litsea calicaris</i>
Mangrove	<i>Avicennia resinifera</i>
Matai	<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>
Ngaio	<i>Myoporum laetum</i>
Pohutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>
Red Beech	<i>Nothofagus fusca</i>
Rewarewa	<i>Knightia excelsa</i>
Rimu	<i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i>
Silver Beech	<i>Nothofagus menziesii</i>
Silver Pine	<i>Lagarostrobos colensoi</i>
Swamp Totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>
Taraire	<i>Beilshmidia tarairi</i>
Tawa	<i>Beilshmidia tawa</i>
Totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>


If you can contribute, please give samples to Dave from which he can make a piece 100 x 75 x 25. Write the name on the wood. No guesses at the names please – you really must be absolutely sure what it is.

Note in the list above there may be some bits which will be thrown out due to poor naming.

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New Treasurer Needed

Colin has decided to hand over his treasurer duties as from the next AGM in May. A volunteer replacement is needed please. Talk to the President or Secretary.

Island Night

Oooops! I actually forgot about the theme thing. Worse still, I forgot to tell my wife! So my arrival at the Scott's house brought a few words in my ear and a colourful array of island attired woodturners and partners to my eye.

I then had to don an apron (non-island attire) and char some steak (not from any island).

The fine weather and pleasant surroundings made it a very relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Thanks to Terry, Michelle, and family for opening their doors and sharing their space with us again. A nice end to the year.



New Member

We welcome Mike Clausen from William Drive, Greenlane, phone 525 3586. Now a retired corporate marketing man, Mike saw us at the Easter Show last year and has since joined both Ellerslie and South Auckland clubs. He has chosen a Mercury lathe as it fits his budget and work space. On this he is learning to turn small treasures.

Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that if they have a notice of motion to put before the annual general meeting in May, it needs to be advertised to members in the March newsletter. This means that the notice of motion should reach the Secretary before the end of February.

Guild Internet Site Statistics

from Rex Haslip

The South Auckland Woodturners Guild Web Site (www.sawg.org.nz) was put on the internet mid-September 2003

Now for those who are not internet savvy, please don't close off, read on. This might just be interesting. This is an important place for the public and other woodturners to find us and our work.

A website is like a book. It has pages but each page is a short story in its own right. It also has a table of contents. The big difference is that there are links from page to page that allow you to jump from page to page and make up your story or visit as you like.

You can look at whats on during guild meetings, jump to have a look at last September's newsletter, jump away to check Terry's latest turnings and then download a project sheet to keep you occupied for the afternoon.

So, on that basis, it has been good to get a few statistics of how many people have been to our website, and what they are looking at while they are there.

So far:

- We have had 1033 visitors to the site
- While there, they have collectively looked at 36,600 individual pages
- Most people visit between 3 and 4 on a Saturday afternoon (New Zealand time)
- Fewest people visit on Thursday
- Of the pages visited:
 - 20,200 were pictures in the woodturning galleries
 - 2861 were the project pages
 - 922 downloaded newsletters
 - 393 checked out what was happening on the guild meeting nights
- We are getting about 25% return visitors (regulars)
- Each person when at our site, visits an average of 36 pages
- We are using only 20% of the total space we have available on our site

So, as you can see, we are on the world map, we have had enquiries and emails from clubs and organisations around the world.

If you are on the net, then become a statistic, and go have a look at our site. Better still, contribute by sending constructive ideas or additional pages to me. Put your own work there for others to see.

Go see www.sawg.org.nz and enjoy your visit.



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Oooooops! Did you hear about the intrepid DIY man who drove to the hardware store to get a new plug for the end of his old extension lead. After paying what seemed a high price for such a small item he set off for home and was part way there when it dawned on him that the new extension leads on special at the shop doorway were the some length as his old one and half the price of the plug he had just purchased.

The good thing about joining a woodturning club is that when you forget what you are doing, someone else will tell you what to do.

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