

# TurningTalk

Turning Tomorrow's Treasures

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## Farewell to "a Quintessential Kiwi"

Speaking on behalf of the nation at Sir Edmund's State funeral on Tuesday 22 January 2008, Prime Minister Helen Clark said - "Sir Ed's achievement on that day (when he climbed Mt Everest) cannot be underestimated.

He went to a height and a place no man had gone before ... with 1950's technology.

But above all, he went there with attitude - with a clear goal, with courage, and with a determination to succeed. That attitude, Sir Ed's 'can do' pragmatism, and his humility as the praise flowed for him over the decades, endeared Sir Ed to our nation and made him an inspiration and a role model for generations of New Zealanders. His values were strong: they are timeless; and they will endure.

**May Sir Edmund Hillary rest in peace"**



## NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

HELLO to all SAWG members and all those who get to read our wonderful magazine.

Last year was a great one for our club: joining up with Aoraki Polytech; a surge in use of club facilities before meetings; the increase in the number of youth members; the vast amount of awards club members received from the various competitions through the year; the wonderful *Participation* event last October; a record breaking Christmas sale; and superb demos all through the year with heaps of tips and encouragement for one and all..

Now here we are at the beginning of 2008 ready to do it all over again. I hope you are as excited as I am about what the future has in store for us all at SAWG. I can't wait to see you all again at the first meeting on Feb 6th and to see who has been turning and what they have made.

Cheers,

*Michael Bernard, President*

## Report -

# Christmas Sale Results

The Guild's annual Christmas Sale is an important fundraiser for both those members who make and contribute their wares and also for the Guild itself. Over 36 club members contributed more than 2,500 items for sale. While the final results are not available at this time, it is understood that the number of contributors and their goods exceeded all previous events, and that the returns to the turners will also be a new record. An important spin-off is the increased public interest and awareness of the Guild, and a subsequent increase in prospective new membership enquiries.

This year the Guild received much-appreciated funding to help cover the costs of the Sale from the Papakura District's Creative Communities NZ funding scheme.



## Environmental honour for George Flavell



The Franklin County News has named George Flavell as their "Finest Environmentalist of the Year for 2007". George is well known throughout New Zealand for his skilled and entertaining woodturning demonstrations and "for most of his life has voluntarily taken on the role as environmentalist for his iwi, Ngati Te Ata, and is ensuring his people's land, water and heritage is preserved for generations to come". Over the years he has been involved in monitoring illegal fishing and netting in the Manukau Harbour, checking coastal erosion, upgrading New Zealand's pa site records, covenanting a number of pa sites and running a carving school for young people to awaken their interest in their heritage and to keep the skill alive.

## Terry's Hot Tips

### Cheese Board Inserts - in a hurry!

When making a run of cheese boards, in the past I made a jig and used the router to take away the waste.

However, recently I purchased tiles from 3 different sources and found they all varied in diameter, making the jig virtually useless. This was my solution.

Bring up the tail stock to centre and hold the work against a vacuum face-plate. Mark the diameter of the decorative tile with a pair of dividers. Use a sharp parting tool to cut a clean, square edge then hollow out the recess area with a bowl gouge. The finish doesn't need to be flash as the grooves give the glue a bond.

Instead of 10mins a board I now have the waste cut out in seconds - and it's a lot easier on the ears, too.



## WANTED

Do you have a copy of the  
"Australian Woodworker"  
Issue #124 - Dec 2005

Bryden Thorpe would like to beg, buy or borrow a copy to assist with an urgent project. Please check through your old copies and let him know if you can help.

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## Club calendar



### Fourth Term 2007

All the activities listed here are in our clubrooms in the Papatoetoe Stadium Community Centre, Tavern Lane, Papatoetoe.

On our regular Wednesday evenings, the official meeting starts at 7.00pm. For those wishing to make use of the machinery, do some shopping, check out our library, get a little extra advice, or just socialise, the doors open at 5pm.

We have a Table Prize for each term. This is your work on display - lessons learned (half-finished, flawed, or failed), to the best you can do, brought to the 'show-and-tell' table each meeting.

#### Wed 6 Feb Opening Night for 2008

Term Project: a Goblet - Mac Duane

#### Sat 9 Feb Working Bee. Doors open 8:30am.

There are always cleaning tasks and repairs to be done - your chance to put back into the club

#### Wed 13 Feb Multi axis burl - Terry Scott

#### Sat 15 Feb Ornamental Turners. Starting 1pm.

Learn and share in this precision art. Your chance to help make some Rose-engine lathes

#### Wed 20 Feb Ladles and spoon - Michael Bernard

#### Wed 27 Feb Child's chair - Norm Jenner

#### Sat 1 Mar Upskills Morning. Doors open 8:30am. Improve your skills, or help others to improve - or just come along, turn some wood, enjoy coffee and chat.

#### Wed 5 Mar Goblets - Hands On night

#### Wed 12 Mar Natural Edge Vase - Dick Veitch

#### Wed 19 Mar Woven Insert Bowl - Joe Hosken

#### Wed 26 Mar Colour and texture - Gordon Pembrige

#### Wed 2 Apr (to be advised)

#### Sat 5 Apr Upskills Morning. Doors open 8:30am. Improve your skills, or help others to improve. Or just come along, turn some wood, enjoy coffee and chat.

#### Wed 9 Apr Tool handles - Cathy Langley

#### Sat 12 Apr Working Bee. Doors open 8:30am. There are always cleaning tasks and repairs to be done - your chance to put back into the club

#### Wed 16 Apr Off Centre Boat - Luke Crowsen

#### Sat 19 Apr Ornamental Turners. Starting 1pm.

Learn and share in this precision art. Your chance to help make some Rose-engine lathes

#### Wed 23 Apr (to be advised)

#### Wed 30 Apr How to Demonstrate - Ian Fish

### In case you were wondering...

those hands on the new front page banner belong to Gordon Pembrige when he was demonstrating bowl turning techniques for us last year. The golden light of the shavings make a striking contrast.

## Coming events

### 2008

**23 Feb - Sat Turning Tools Open day** - at the SAWG Clubrooms - see page 6 for details.

**29 Feb - 2 Mar Waimate Woodcraft EXPO**

**8 Mar 2008. "Six Span Turn-a-Round".**

South Otago Woodcraft Inc. To be held at their clubrooms, 18 Crown Street, Balclutha.

**7 to 9 Mar 2008.**

**Lake Taupo Woodturning Jamboree**

to be held at the Spa Hotel Taupo. For further info contact, Robbie Graham, Ph: 07 377 0469 or by email [robbie@wildwoodgallery.co.nz](mailto:robbie@wildwoodgallery.co.nz)

**20 to 24 Mar 2008. Auckland Royal Easter Show.**

In the Art Hall, ASB Showgrounds.

Competition entry forms due by 8 February 2008. (See Entry Schedule for details on page 4)

**18 May 2008.**

**Manawatu Woodworkers Guild. Open Day and Interclub competition**

Arena 5, Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North.

*For more details on these and other events, nationwide and overseas, check out the latest update on "What's On" in the NAW website -*

[www.naw.org.nz/whatson.htm](http://www.naw.org.nz/whatson.htm)

## Editor's Corner

2008 is now well on the way and, now that the holidays are over for most people, Summer has finally arrived! Last year we saw many highlights: excellent demos; NAW AGM; *Participation 2007*; international acclaim for our creative artists; activities and events; and no doubt 2008 will offer it's own collation of challenges and opportunities, success and disappointment as well as new levels of inspiration for us all. And that's the exciting thing about a new year. It gives us a new mandate to move on, to make changes, to rebuild ourselves and our relationships, to extend ourselves and be better than we were before. How many times have our friends come back from a weekend workshop or a symposium and said "You should have been there. We had such a great time. We picked up so many new ideas." Sure, we can't always do everything that we would like to do, but maybe we could just make an extra effort now and then and enjoy the results. Keep an eye out this year for all the many opportunities that will come up for you to advance your skills and enjoyment. There will be something for everybody. Have a great New Year!

## Club activities

### Bowls for Kidz First - *Dick Veitch*

Last Thursday I took 200 gifts to Middlemore Hospital. This got an amazing reception from hospital staff, patients, and a newspaper reporter. Thanks to all club members, and even the West Auckland Club, who contributed. Our objective during the year was listed as "Gifts for Kidz First" but there were not 200 kids there over Christmas so the folk in the hospital have distributed our gifts well beyond Kidz First within Middlemore and out to Papakura and Franklin Hospitals.



## Lathes for Sale

- "Jubilee" - cast stand, new 1hp motor - \$600 o.n.o.
- Tanner - on stand with 4-jaw chuck and 4 faceplates - \$550 o.n.o.

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Please contact Mac Duane for more details  
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## Out and about

### Thames Society of Arts - Summer Open Exhibition

Terry Scott and Luke Crowsen both had success in the recent Thames Society of Arts Summer Open Exhibition with Terry taking 1st Place with his entry "Monterey with Feathers" and 2nd Place with his "Anyone for Soup?".

Luke's offering - "Off Centre Boat" gained 3rd Place. Congratulations to you both.

(Watch this space for the unfolding of the REAL competition - between these two!)



"Monterey with Feathers" -



"Anyone for Soup?"



"Off-centre Boat" - black maire, 300mm, set on four feet, pyrography, spray lacquer finish



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# Royal Easter Show Entry schedules



## WOODCRAFT SECTION

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March to Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March

Entries close 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Website: [www.royaleastershow.co.nz](http://www.royaleastershow.co.nz)

Entry Fees: Non Assn members - \$10 per item

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100

Entry Forms and details may be obtained from the above website or from the SAWG clubrooms.

## CATEGORIES

There shall be ONE class for all entries

### 26020 Bowls

Wooden items, which may be decorated with other materials, not exceeding 250mm in width at the extremities, which have been turned to a bowl shape on a lathe.

### 26021 Large Bowls

Wooden items, which may be decorated with other materials, exceeding 250mm in width at the extremities, which have been turned to a bowl shape on a lathe.

### 26022 Plain Bowls

Wooden items with no decoration, colouring, texturing or embellishment which have been turned to a bowl shape on a lathe. There is no size prescription.

### 26023 Plates/Platters

Wooden items, which may be decorated with other materials, which have been turned to a plate/platter shape on a lathe. The height must not exceed 20% of the diameter. eg: a 250mm diameter piece must not exceed 50mm in height.

### 26024 Hollow Forms / Vases

Hollow forms are wooden items, which may be decorated with other materials, which have been hollowed while turning on a lathe through a hole which is significantly smaller than the diameter of the finished work. Vases are wooden items, which may be decorated with other materials, which are at least twice as high as they are wide and have been hollowed while turning on a lathe through the main opening.

### 26025 Domestic Ware

Wooden items principally created on a lathe which may be decorated with other materials. This includes items such as rolling pins, spoons/scoops, egg cups, goblets, salt/pepper shakers, egg timers, amp stands, stools, and any other turned wooden items the turner believes to be utilitarian in a domestic situation.

### 26026 Lidded Boxes

Any wooden item turned on a lathe with a turned lid that fits into or over the body of the work.

### 26027 Ornamental

Any ornamental, sculptured or abstract item made of wood involving some use of the lathe in the making and Carved Turning being any item with more than 50% of the surface carved or textured.

### 26028 Woodcarving

Any item carved from a single piece of wood not exceeding 400mm x 400mm x 900mm.

### 26029 Pictures in Wood

Marquetry, intarsia, and scrollsaw work which creates a recognisable picture from one or many pieces of wood.

## ALSO to be AWARDED

**Supreme Exhibit in Show** \$500

To be judged from all category winners

**Best Overall Woodcrafter** \$500

For most points over all categories.

**Best Item by a First Time Entrant** \$100

For the best entry by a person who has not previously entered items in this competition and has not won another prize in this competition.

**The Aucklander Prize** \$50

For the best entry by a resident of the Auckland Region who has not won any other prize in this competition.

**Youth Award** \$50

For the best entry by a full time primary, intermediate or secondary school student.

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## Letters from:

# USA

**Hi Terry,** I just wanted to share with you first some pictures I took of the first box from some of the wood you sent. This box was turned from a blank of puriri that you had rough hollowed. I shortened up the box a bit because of the depth you had roughed the lid. It was a little deeper than I would normally use for this shape. The box finished up at about 2" tall and 2 3/4" in diameter. This wood is a little spicy in odor to me, was extremely fine grained and turned wonderfully. I was careful to not let it get hot and experience no heat checking. The fit of the lid is delicious. I finished it with a new finish for me, Myland's lacquer. I have not tried this finish before and I am pleased with the outcome. The finish is smooth as silk. My wife's first reaction was to say she liked it. It is surprisingly light and I think she liked that. I will post it on "WoW". Thanks a million for the chance to turn these woods and add them to my collection. I really enjoyed it a bunch. As I turn the other pieces I will send you pictures.



Regards, Mike Stafford.  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina, USA

# Australia

Dear Terry,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you and the members of the South Auckland Woodturners Guild know that I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to "Participation 2007", and to thank you for picking me up from the airport and your very warm hospitality during the weekend. It was tremendous to see so many very keen woodturners having a go. A special thank you to all those who helped organize the event - without you the weekend would not have been the success it was, and to those who provided lathes so that we visitors were able to get stuck into the turning as well. I was pleased to find that two small shops were also in attendance to buy some goodies to try at home.

Thanks also to the caterers as well, without them we would have gone hungry, and finally to Colin and Margaret Mitchell and their family for billeting me for the weekend and making sure I made it to the airport in time to return home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family,

Looking forward to seeing you next year.

Regards, John Harris.  
Sydney, Australia

## Turning Tools Ltd Open Day 2008

(formerly Ian Fish Woodturning)

**Where:** South Auckland Woodturners Guild Clubrooms

Tavern Lane, Papatoetoe, South Auckland

**When:** Saturday 23 February 2008 9.00am - 4.00pm

**Bring:** Your lunch, cash, chequebook, Visa / MasterCard - and a very big bag to take home all your new toys. Endless tea and coffee will be provided.

### What's Happening?

As well as my shop offering Teknatool, Munro and Woodcut products, **Shane Hewitt and Rolly Munro will be demonstrating.** I'll have some super specials - to be advised.

These two woodturners go back to the early days of the woodturning renaissance in NZ, both are highly respected for their skill, their teaching ability and for just being great people. They'll each do a demo of about one and a half hours.

**Treeworkx** will be there with abrasives, wood, bowl blanks and flitches and Crown Tools.

**Bring along your best piece of recent work.** I'm keen to have an instant gallery of attendees' work with a lucky number prize for entrants. Prize is a Teknatool G3 chuck valued at \$199

**There's going to be an auction** - Shane and Rolly will donate their demonstration pieces, I'll put in some bits and pieces, and if any of you would like to donate stuff you are invited to contribute. Proceeds go to the South Auckland Woodturners' Education Fund. Please support this auction - it's a really worthwhile cause. If you don't wish to bid think about contributing something that someone else could bid on.

**Entry fee is only \$10 for the whole day.**

Numbers are limited to 100 so please register now. Last time we had a capacity crowd so don't delay.

**To Register:** Send \$10.00, your name and contact details to: Turning Tools Ltd, 18c Roseberry Ave, Birkenhead 0626, Auckland. Email: [ipfish@extra.co.nz](mailto:ipfish@extra.co.nz)



# Strange... but true?



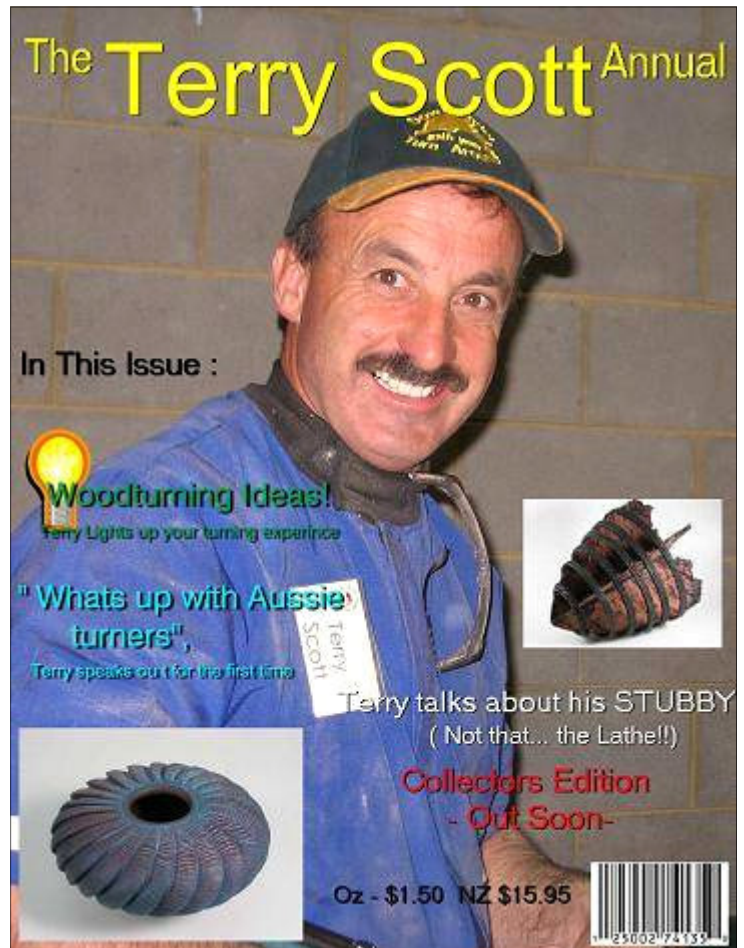
With the Christmas close-down period and little happening on the local woodturning scene, it's perfectly understandable if the editor of a high-powered publication with his dedicated team of volunteer contributors all at the beach or entertaining their children from overseas, sometimes has to scrape the bottom of his copy barrel to fill up the odd space to ensure the hundreds of expectant readers do not suffer withdrawal symptoms, or worse!

Here, then, are some past contributions that didn't make the final cut, as it were, for earlier publication. Each is a gem, in it's own way, and can give us pause as we trundle along our well-trod pathways... a golden opportunity to reflect on the vagaries of our tenuous existence in this rapidly changing world. Something to remind us that sometimes, maybe, things COULD be a little different if...

A Zen moment?



*An unknown woodie from Texas gets a bit carried away with his new lathe just to make the Guinness Record Book., we hear.*



*Terry's Aussie mates pull a swiftie on our bloke. Note the adverse currency exchange rate. A touch of the old underarm replay there?*



*Parking Karma*



*Thought to be Rip Van Winkle's bike.*

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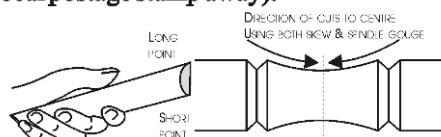
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