

Pen Making Workshop

The Christchurch Woodturners Association is holding a Pen Making Workshop at our Auburn Reserve Workshop on Saturday 28th April from 10am to 4pm
Normal \$5 workshop charge applies

This workshop will cater for all skill levels from “never seen a lathe before in my life” to “I have been turning pens for the last 20 years”



Lathes will be setup for turning Slimline, Sierra, Polaris and Bolt Action pen kits. Bring your own kits or purchase them at the workshop. Kits range for \$5 to \$15

There will be some wooden pen blanks available for free and some wood and acrylic blanks will be available for purchase. Blanks range from \$4 to \$12

If you are a turner that has never turned a pen before there will be club members and information sheets available to take you through the process.

If you already turn pens there will be a number of “hands on” demonstrations you may be interested in.

At 10:30am we will be having a look at Celtic Knots. There will be saws and materials available for you to make a Celtic Knot in your own pen blanks.



At 11:30am we will be having a look at encapsulating objects in your own resin pen blanks and we will have a look at a few examples of finished pens made in this way. See photos on the bottom of the next page

At 12:30pm we will be having a round table discussion of finishes for pens including a look at a CA (super glue) and oil finish and the use of Car cut and polish techniques on acrylic pens.



At 1:30pm there will be a session for people that have never used a lathe before. It will include an introduction to the lathe and lathe safety and a general look at lathe tools with special reference to the Spindle Roughing Gouge. If you know anyone who may be interested in turning but has not started yet, invite them along for this 1:30pm session and we can get them started. People who have never turned anything before can attend this workshop for free. There will be a club member supervising every new person at the lathe. At the end of this session we will have a talk about the association and there will be Enrollment Forms available. We will also outline the NAW classes for any new people that may be interested.



So Saturday 28th April 10am to 4pm ~ bring your lunch or there are a number of lunch options available on Riccarton Road ~ Coffee and Tea are available at the workshop at any time. If you know anyone who might be interested in starting to turn, invite them along to the 1:30pm session.



Workshops like this are made possible because of the setup available at our Auburn Reserve Workshop. We envisage holding more of these types of workshops in the future. They will generally be on the fourth Saturday of the month. If you have an idea for workshop topics you would like to attend, discuss it with a committee member.