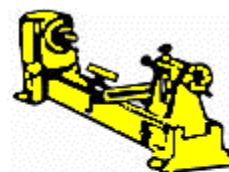


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**Winner of the Jim Dunford Trophy for a "Beads of Courage"  
box is David Cable**

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## **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Club Meeting** Tuesday at 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm !!!  
The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
The Roughing Gouge with Peter Clemett (see page 9)
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** **Class 9 Level 4 Other Materials** Cobham 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** **Avic Hill Arts and Crafts Festival**  
Sunday 11:00am to 3:00pm
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** **Pyrography Group** Initial meeting at Cobham Thursday 7pm see page 12
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup>** **Hands On at Cobham** Thursday 7pm  
**Unusual Tools.** A chance to have an experiment with some of the less common tools like the three point tool, the Sorby bead maker, the Rolly Munro 6mm cup hollowing tool, the captive ring tool and any other unusual tools that members bring along.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** **Class 10 Level 3 Other Materials** Cobham 8:30am to 4:30pm
- March 1<sup>st</sup>** **Club Meeting** Tuesday at 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm !!!  
The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
The Bowl Gouge with Noel Graham (see page 9)
- March 10<sup>th</sup>** **Pyrography Group ~ Second meeting.** More info on Page 12
- March 17<sup>th</sup>** **Hands On at Cobham** Thursday 7pm  
Technique for transferring photographic images to wood
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** **South Island Fun Day** at Ashburton  
More details in the February ~ March Newsletter
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** **Woodturning New Zealand International Symposium**  
**To** Kings College, Otahuhu, Auckland  
**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** see [www.sawg.org.nz/symposium](http://www.sawg.org.nz/symposium)

### **NEW Postal Address**

**Christchurch Woodturners Association**  
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### **PRESIDENT'S PIECE – FEBRUARY 2016**

Welcome to 2016 and the start of a new year. I hope your time spent over the break included fun and laughter with family and friends, and also time to relax and recharge.

Although I was able to tick those boxes, unfortunately my “time off” was all too short. It was my turn at work to have only a minimal break over the Christmas/New Year period, and I ended up going back early to three very intense weeks. Nevertheless, in the relatively few days I did have to myself I managed to make real progress on several round-home projects. You may recall back in the October Newsletter I wrote about these. I’m pleased to report that not only did I complete one of my “on the go” workshop storage units, but I am also making great progress on the construction of 4 independent pieces of decking within our newly landscaped patio and barbeque area. All going to plan, I will finish before the end of summer and get to enjoy a few glasses admiring our handiwork!

I’ve also found a little time to look ahead to the upcoming year’s woodturning calendar, and consider the events I’d like to attend. The South Auckland Guild is again organising a symposium this year, and I will be making every effort to get to that. The Interclub Fun Day, this year hosted in Ashburton, Learn and Turn in Hari Hari, and Spin Around Waitaki will also be on the list.

First out of the blocks though is the Avice Hill Craft Fair in early February. Our Club has attended this event for many years now, and it’s a great opportunity to showcase what we do in the public eye. We usually have a few lathes running, with Club members demonstrating and giving members of the public an opportunity to try their hand. Long may this continue, but starting this year we are will be approaching such open public displays in a more considered way.

The Committee has been monitoring recent changes to health and safety in employment legislation and taking guidance from several sources to understand how this may affect our operations. Whilst the changes principally apply to organisations with paid staff, there is a strong message there for others, such as ourselves. We cannot escape a duty to properly manage hazards and ensure that both Club members and the general public are kept safe. We are therefore in the process of developing suitable safety policies for Club events and will share those with you in due course.

For the Avice Hill Fair this year we have appointed Joe Hayes as Safety Officer, and charged him with specific responsibility to ensure manage hazards during the event. He has the full authority of the Committee to act in the event he becomes aware of safety issues on the day.



At Avic Hill we encourage Club member attendance and participation, so as to spread the word about our activities. We want this to continue, but we will require that any turner who is demonstrating or supervising hands-on for the public is pre-approved to do so. Pre-approval will involve having previously shown that you understand and manage the hazards involved, and utilise safe turning practices. We'd love to see you there, so if you plan to come along, please contact either Joe, Noel, or myself for a chat about the process.

Happy Turning everyone,  
Peter

### **A look at the Woodfast facility in Adelaide**

Woodfast have a contract to supply to NSW schools and customise the lathes to school specifications in their workshop.



The Woodfast Showroom. The older Woodfast equipment is in Yellow, the newer has the Grey/Green colour scheme



The Manager, Graham Dowling showing the workshop and store area



## December demonstration Joe Hayes ~ Christmas Thymed Napkin Rings

Joe had a piece of wood set up in the chuck, about 50mm dia. and 120mm long. He marked off a line 55mm from the tailstock end and using a parting off tool, took a cut approx. 10mm deep. Then drilled a 38mm dia. hole using a forstener drill bit is about 25mm . Then sanded the end edges before drilling again to about 60mm. deep. ( at this stage , the ring should drop off, but the parting cut had to be done again a bit deeper ) He then placed a prepared jam chuck piece in the chuck , inserted the ring and sanded off the other ring end. This ring , he gave to Tedge to decorate with some coloured pens. Another piece of wood was set up in the chuck, 50mm dia. and 200 mm long and again a parting off groove at 55mm was cut. Using a drill, Joe drilled a 25mm hole in the ring and then a 19mm hole adjoining it to be a snowman shape. The ring was then drilled out to 38mm dia. in approx. 55mm until the ring broke off. Again the jam chuck was used to sand off the ends of the ring..

Another short piece was held in the chuck and the parting off groove was done at 55mm from the end . A shaped beading tool was used to form five grooves. The ring was then oiled and then super glue was poured into the first, third and fifth groove and then green glitter was sprinkled into the grooves.. The super glue was poured into the second and fourth groove and gold glitter was sprinkled into these grooves. Later on , the outside dia. was sanded off and the ring was sanded off each end as the previous rings were.

Joe also demonstrated four ways of folding the napkins to place them into the rings. A well prepared demonstration and very appropriate for Christmas time. Rick (scribe)





**Beads of Courage**





**December Competition Table**



## Prize Giving



David Cable receiving the Jim Dunford Candle Trophy for the best "Beads of Courage" box



Robin Blowers receiving the Soren Berger Callipers for gaining the most Competition Table points through the year.

## Demonstrations

Our club night demonstrations are usually project based. Over the next four club nights we are going to pass the demonstrations on a particular tool rather than a “project”. We will be looking at the Roughing Gouge in February, the Bowl Gouge in March, the Spindle Gouge in April and the Skew in May. The parting tool will not have a specific demonstration night but will be used and discussed in the other sessions. Each demonstration will have a look at sharpening techniques, safety issues and the function of the tool. The pros and cons of different grinds and sizes will be discussed. We will still end up with a particular “project” at the end of the night so for instance if we are having a look at a roughing gouge we might make a pen, for the bowl gouge we might make a box with an off center lid. But the focus will be on the tool and its various uses, not specifically on the project.

## Class 9 Certificate Presentation

Class 9 Receive their Certificates for completing Level 3. They move on to Level 4 and start thinking about their Graduation pieces.



Congratulations to these Class 9 members and we are looking forward to seeing what you come up with for your Graduation Piece.





## Attending Classes

Class 9 and 10 only have 4 or 5 students each. In February both class will be working with "Other Materials" (ie NOT wood). On February 6<sup>th</sup> Class 9 will be working with Resin and adding molten metals to woodturnings. On February 20<sup>th</sup> Class 10 will be working on acrylic and coralite pens and jewelry. If you would like to attend either class can you contact Noel (349 8976 or [noel\\_chris\\_graham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:noel_chris_graham@xtra.co.nz) ) the week before. The normal class fee of \$30 for the day plus any additional materials such as pen kits will apply.

## New Class

Class 11 started with the first of the "Introduction to Woodturning" sessions on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. It was very well attended with 13 students. The next session for this group will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February. There will be another introductory course held in June of this year.



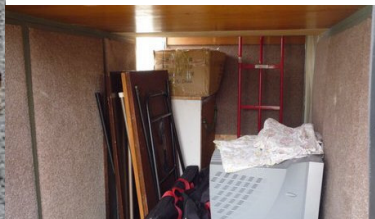


## Surplus Christchurch Woodturners Shuttle Trailer For Sale by Tender

The trailer is a 2.4m x 1.2m [8ft x 4ft] three door shuttle trailer with padded interior, spare wheel, jockey wheel and coupling lock. Items inside trailer are not included. The trailer is for sale by Tender hopefully for an offer around \$3000. Tenders close with the Secretary, Ray Morgan, at 5.00 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016. If no acceptable tender is received it is the committee's intention to put the trailer up for public auction.

Tender postal address is: **P O Box 79187 Avonhead Christchurch 8446.**

Please write **"Trailer Tender"** on the outside of the envelope.



### Pyrography Group

Initial meetings will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm at the Cobham Intermediate Wood Technology Workshop. Six or Seven people have expressed an interest in attending these sessions. Everyone is welcome ~ just come along. There will be Nichrome wire and tools available to make pointy, chisel and shading tips. There will be stencils available if you want to experiment with lettering and some white pine boards if you want to start a sampler.

If you have a magnifying headset bring it along. Also if you have any interesting pyrography books or articles bring them along too. A SOFT pencil could be useful ~ like a 6B or 8B

The March session will include a discussion on the future of the group ~ how often should it meet ~ should we organise demonstrators ~ buying pyrographic supplies in bulk ~ setting up a library of You Tube clips of useful pyrographic demonstrations.

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