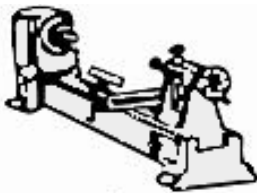


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NEWSLETTER of the Christchurch Woodturners Assn. for Feb-March 2011



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Coming meetings

We usually meet on the **FIRST** Thursday in the month at 7pm. The usual meeting room in the former College of Education, now part of the University of Canterbury, Dovedale Avenue, is likely to be unavailable for some time to come. The April meeting will be held in the Methodist Church in Brake St, Church Corner and the May and June meetings are also pencilled in for the same venue.

Keep a close watch on the club website www.woodturning.org.nz and your email for confirmation of the venue for the May meeting. Please let Bruce Irvine know your email address if he does not already have it. bruce.irvine@xtra.co.nz

April: Les Brindley will demonstrate the turning of metals and plastics on a wood lathe

May: There will be two presenters, Bruce Irvine and Graeme Trost

Show table

The topics for the next three meetings will be:

April: A lidded box

May: A piece, turned on a wood lathe, that is partly or entirely turned from material other than wood

June: A bud vase (aka a weed pot). You have all made these, so let's try for a record number of entries

There is also a “Hands On” meeting in the Technology Room at Cobham Intermediate, Ilam Road, on the **THIRD** Thursday of the month at 7pm. We were able to hold a hands on meeting on Thursday 17 March, albeit with a reduced number of attendees. The Aoraki Polytech courses are also back underway at Cobham Intermediate.

AGM of the Christchurch Woodturners Association

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Woodturners Association will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2 June 2011. The venue will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Agenda

Present:

Apologies:

Minutes from the previous AGM:

 Matters arising from those minutes

Reports:

 President

 Financial

Election of officers and committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee

Notices of motion (if any received):

General business:

After the AGM there will be a demonstration by our patron, Soren Berger.

Call for:

1. Notices of motion in writing and seconded are to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 8 pm on Thursday May 19th.
2. Nominations for office bearers and committee as listed in the agenda are to be in writing and seconded. They are also to include a statement by the person that they agree to being nominated. If there are no nominations for any position, then there will be a call for nominations from the floor of the AGM for that position.

Disclaimer: The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Christchurch Woodturners Association or its committee.

Have you checked out our web-site lately? www.woodturning.org.nz

**We note with the utmost sadness the passing of our member,
Paul Dunlop,
who was a victim of the earthquake of February 22nd.
To Paul's wife Sue and his family we offer our deepest sympathy.**

Editorial

Welcome one and all to a resumption of our club activities. Hopefully your workshop allows you to get some therapeutic escape from these troubled times. We offer our sympathy to those who have lost family or friends, homes, workshop or prized creations.

One of the things that helped keep me going after the 'quake of 22 February was the rapid receipt of emails of support and encouragement from friends and relatives around the world. I was particularly lifted by a message of support from my friends in the Sheffield Woodturning Club in the UK transmitted by hardworking secretary Lesley Churton. The response of woodturning clubs has also been to make wonderful monetary contributions channelled through the Red Cross. I feel particularly humbled when I hear of the tiny Diss club in Norfolk, England, who raised £100 and the South Auckland Woodturning Club who raised an astonishing \$3,000.

Messages from Bill Owen and Adriaan Slooten have also been particularly appreciated, and I apologise to all those who have not been individually acknowledged. Ray Morgan's message of thanks appears below and will be more widely distributed in the next issue of Creative Wood.

In the meantime we face the massive disruption to our city and lives but are boosted by what seems to be emerging as the new Christchurch motto: Kia kaha! – Be strong!

Pat Jordan, newsletter editor

President's piece

Our Heartfelt Thanks To You All,

The Christchurch Woodturners Association wants to thank all our fellow Woodturners and Woodworkers for their overwhelming support during the aftermath of the recent earthquake. You have all seen on television the devastation our city and its people have suffered. What makes it a little easier to bear is the offers of help. Whether it be a bed and companionship away from the city, the financial donations many of your associations have sent to one of the agencies supporting our fellow citizens or just knowing you were all there and in some way supporting us.

It is indeed gratifying to know we were not alone; your support has spread from the North Cape to the Bluff and everywhere in between. Our Aussie friends and Woodturners in the UK have also been along side us all, providing the support we all needed in those early days of this terrible tragedy.

May you all be rewarded in some way for your generosity, for your spirited response to the people of Christchurch but most of all for your love and support in our time of need? We are indebted to you all and again the evidence is here for all to see that Woodturners and Woodworkers wherever they may be support and continually care for each other.

Thank you all once again
Ray Morgan
President
Christchurch Woodturners Association

Meeting Report, 3 February, 2011

Pat Jordan, acting for President Ray Morgan, chaired the meeting.

Our Patron, Søren Berger, presented the Certificate in Woodturning to Graeme Flett who was not able to attend the graduation ceremony last year.

In **Show and Tell**, Ray Morgan showed two turned items he had bought cheaply at the Riccarton Market. The first one was a stack of about six egg-cups made to nest into each other, forming a stack standing on a turned wooden base. The second item was a pair of candle-sticks, each about 200 mm high, incorporating a pierced spiral stem

Another member showed a number of sheets of exotic wood veneers he had obtained for free, from a cabinet-making workshop that was about to close down. Members were free to help themselves.

Pat Jordan showed a travelling chess-set and chess-board, built into a lidded box about 120 mm diameter x 35 mm high. This was brought back by his daughter from India.

Kathy, Support Services Co-ordinator from the Cancer Society, came to accept their gifts of wig stands made by members and to thank them. She explained the function of the Cancer Support Society, and the need for the wig stands, and she produced an actual wig to demonstrate their use. Bruce Irvine presented the stands on behalf of the association.

The members congratulated Bill and Annette Buckland on their golden wedding with a round of applause.

Demonstration. Tonight's demonstrator was **Noel Graham**, who discussed safety issues, and precautions which are necessary around woodworking machinery and equipment.

1. **Ladders.** Users must use ladders sensibly, not over-reaching, or standing unsupported, or too high on the ladder.
2. **Air Hoses.** It is tempting to use an air hose, with a jet nozzle, to blow dust and shavings off the clothing and body. But a strong air-jet can penetrate the skin, causing a painful and dangerous air embolism.
3. **Chainsaw.** Some body protection items are a must before using a chainsaw:
 - steel-capped boots;
 - helmet plus ear-muffs and eye protection;
 - leg protectors (which grab the moving saw and clog it);
 - a high-visibility (fluorescent) jacket; wound-dressing pads in a pack, kept on the trouser-belt;

- a cell-phone;
 - a safety mitt;
 - a belt with wrap-around chains and hooks, for tree-climbing.
- Any helpers present must not be closer than 4 metres when the saw is running;
 - they should not move about rapidly, and should stay where they can be seen by the chainsaw operator.
 - The saw should preferably be started on the ground, and hauled up into the tree by a rope when the operator is in position.
4. Skillsaw. Saw guards should be checked before the saw is plugged into the socket, including the operation of the guard spring;
- The saw must be allowed to stop before laying it down;
 - Never use the skillsaw with only one hand;
 - Replace the blade if it is blunt;
 - If splitting a large sheet of MDF, ply, etc, lay it on a flat surface, eg, on the floor, on battens, and kneel beside it for cutting;
 - To guide the saw, use a straight-edge clamped to the sheet.
5. Table Saw. Essentials are a Mitre and a Fence.
- A Riving knife and a Saw guard are also essential, although the riving knife may be taken off if the saw is cutting a groove in the underside of the work-piece.
 - For cross-cutting a number of pieces of the same length (using the fence as a stop), the saw guard may be taken off, but instead, a short spacer against the front left side of the fence allows for a “pick-up area” beside the saw where the cut pieces can safely be lifted out.
 - When using the fence for ripping timber, use a pushing-stick, and keep it handy beside the saw for use at any time.
 - Don’t cut round- (branch-) wood on a table saw — use a bandsaw instead.
6. Mitre Saw. There are many sizes of mitre saw, so buy the size you need.
- If cutting wood of any great length, the extremities of the wood must be supported outside the table;
 - Don’t stand in the line of the saw, stand to one side;
 - Don’t work with the saw if you are tired;
 - Lock up the saw slide;
 - Let the blade run up to speed before lowering it;
 - If mitring (saw is tilted), clamp the wood on the table;
 - Don’t brush sawdust off the table with a hand — use a soft paint brush;
 - If slides become stiff, lubricate them with a silicone spray.
7. Bandsaw. **Note — This is the worst type of saw for limb loss.**
- Set the saw guide to not more than 7 mm clearance over the wood;
 - Don’t operate the bandsaw if you are affected by drugs and/or alcohol;
 - Use a pushing stick to feed the wood into the saw.
8. Router. The smaller the router the better, if it will do the job;
- Larger routers need two hands to operate;
 - The direction of feed must be against the cut;
 - A router can be clamped in a jig for doing specialist work, e.g. embellishing turned table legs.

9. Arbortech (Carver)
 - Let the cutter stop before putting the machine down.
10. Mini-arbortech
 - Let the cutter stop before putting the machine down;
 - The operator should have a full-face mask.

These last two machines are belt-driven, and the belts don't last very long — keep spares handy, particularly if working away from home.

Show table

The competition for the best piece turned over the summer break was won by Jack Jordan (Thanks to Tom Dodd for the meeting report).

Recent events

Riccarton House Garden Gala day.

A number of our members turned out for The Garden Gala at Riccarton House on Thursday 17 March. A gazebo, tables and a power supply were made available so we could set up a couple of lathes. It was a good chance to promote the Club and sell some of our work.

An enjoyable day was had by all with quite a large turnout and several people taking an interest in our demonstrations.

Avice Hill Craft Fair, February 13th 2011

On a very fine day we supported, with a display another annual craft fair at the Avice Hill reserve. This is a display from many diverse craft organisations, Art, Embroidery, Pottery, Mosaics, just to name a few. Parking on the street was at a premium, with the number of people attending the show.

The woodturning display area (under the shade of the trees), manned by Bruce, Celia, Rex, Janice, Brian and Les, was well patronized, good interaction with many interested persons, some made enquiries about the club, (one even had a go on a lathe). A good variety of work was displayed on the tables, some sales were made.

Coming events

Waiora Turn Inn, organised by the Otago Woodturners Guild, 1-3 April, 2011

Inter-club Fun Day will again be held in Timaru. The date is 21 May. More details when we get them, but in the meantime think about what is your proudest creation that we can include on the club's table in the competition. We have been regularly left in the wake of other much smaller clubs, so we need to be thinking about it well in advance for next year if we are to improve our standing. See the appeal for help in the President's column of the previous newsletter.

The **Learn to Turn weekend at Harihari** has been re-scheduled for mid-July this year. We should have more details in the next newsletter.

Spin-Around Waitaki Will again be held at the usual time at the end of October/ beginning of November.



Scrollsaw tip

Off line cutting.

After having made a number of straight cuts on some 18mm MDF my scroll saw started pulling to one side. I removed the blade and checked the clamps etc.- all appeared ok. Thinking the blade was getting blunt I fitted a new one- even worse results. Deciding to investigate further, I found the bottom blade clamp very slightly out of line. After a minor adjustment and refitting the new blade it cut perfectly. I should have been more vigilant.

Anonymous.

Free to whoever wants them.

Shown in the photo below are two of five free-standing display units. There are 23 shelves and brackets. Contact Bruce Irvine if you are interested in them.



Stands free to a good home



Beware, it bites! Noel Graham started the year with an important safety review



Jack Jordan's winning piece at the February meeting



Under the greenwood trees. At the Avice Hill Craft Fair. (Photo by Les Brindley)

YOUR COMMITTEE

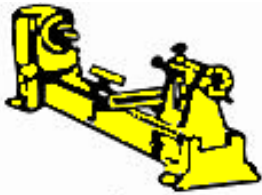
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Nova 300 lathe

We are likely to be asked to help dispose of the lathe and tools of a recently deceased turner. If you are interested in the possibility of purchasing a Nova 3000 on its own stand, let me know and I will contact you once it is available.

Pat Jordan phone 9424279



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CERTIFICATE IN WOODTURNING

A new Course is being arranged for a beginning in October 2011.

If you wish to be part of this Course please send you name and details to the Association Secretary.

This will be a three year Course held at Cobham Intermediate School on one Saturday a month. It is in 4 levels and you will be expected to complete all 4. If you know of anyone who is not a current Club Member but would like to join us, please forward their name and particulars to the Secretary.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
Bruce Irvine, Keeper of the Records.

CHISEL TALK

Mrs. Davidson's dishwasher quit working, so she called a repairman. He couldn't accommodate with an evening appointment. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told him, "I'll leave the key under the mat. I'll Mail you the cheque. By the way, don't worry about the Doberman. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do....do NOT under any circumstances talk to the parrot"

When the repairman arrived at Mrs. Davidson's apartment the next day, he discovered the biggest and meanest Doberman he had ever seen, but just as she said, the dog just lay there on the carpet, watching the repairman go about his business. However, the whole time he was there, the parrot drove him nuts with his incessant yelling, cursing, and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up you stupid, ugly bird !!" to which the parrot replied, "Get him Spike."

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AVAILABLE PROJECT COMPONENTS
Standard - Twist - Ball Point Pen Kits
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