



# Splinters

The Newsletter of  
Christchurch Woodturners  
Association Inc



## Workshop Rebuild



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## Upcoming Events

### Woodturning at Auburn Reserve Workshop.

Every Thursday 1pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm

\$5 for either or both sessions

There is some wood at the workshop but bring your own if you can

There are tool sets available

### Woodturning at St Albans Menz Shed 36 Nancy Ave.

First Session of 2019 will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February (the first Tuesday in February)

Every Tuesday 1pm to 4pm ~ See Rex for details

**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Club Meeting** The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
Wednesday at 7:00pm  
The demonstrator will be Peter Clemett. He will be doing a "show and tell" about making a Quaich (Scottish two-handled drinking vessel) see Page 6

**24<sup>rd</sup> Jan First Thursday Open Workshop of the year for 2019**  
1pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm \$5 for either or both

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan Simple Bowl Workshop** Saturday 10am to 4pm  
This Workshop is targeted more at those with relatively little experience. This is the sort of event which would be quite attractive for new comers to the Club as a bowl is typically what most folk aspire to be able to produce when starting out. We will also have a good look at how to sharpen your bowl gouge as sharpening is one of the most important elements of turning a good bowl. see Page 5

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb Demonstration of the burning of Lichtenberg figures on wood**  
Thursday at the Aubury Domain workshop \$5 see Page 4 for details

**14<sup>th</sup> Feb First Pyrography Group Meeting for 2019**  
We will be applying some of the textures we have been learning over the last three sessions to a small bud vase. If you can, bring one along otherwise we can turn some on the night.

**21<sup>st</sup> Feb Hands On** Thursday at 7:00pm at the Auburn Reserve Workshop  
We will be having a look at making a Quaich (Scottish two-handled drinking vessel) as demonstrated by Peter Clemett at the January meeting

**23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Chainsaw** safety, sharpening and maintenance workshop

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb Club Meeting** The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram  
Wednesday at 7:00pm

**7<sup>th</sup> Mar Air Brush 101 ~ Dots, Lines and Circles** Pre-school for Air brush techniques. Thursday at the Aubury Domain workshop \$5 see Page 5 for details

**25<sup>th</sup> May South Island Fun Day** ~ Saturday ~ Oamaru Race Course Waitaki Clubrooms  
More information in the next Newsletter

## Editorial

This will be a relatively short newsletter given we didn't have any demonstrations or competitions in December. This is really looking forward at the year to come.

The whole workshop situation is developing nicely. There was work done over the Christmas break to create a machine area (for the band saw, drill press, compressor and the like) and a wood storage area. These modifications also give us more actual workshop area by getting the machinery and wood storage out of the "work" area. We have also been working on the buildings electrics and lighting so now there is a drop down electrical supply to each work bench and a much better lighting system (to help improve your finishing). These changes have also resulted in the increase of available wall space so you will also see new notice boards and wall mounted equipment such as the pen making equipment, drill bits, Jacobs and special purpose chucks appearing over the next few months. The idea is that this sort of equipment is more likely to be used if it is "on display" rather than locked away in the cupboard somewhere.

We are trialing some "special topic" demonstrations on the first Thursdays of the month. These will be on topics of limited interest to the whole membership but targeted and specific groups within the association. The first demo will have a look at the burning of Lichenburg figures on wood, the second will be an introduction to using the air brush. We may follow this with some carving classes and possibly the sharpening of specific tools. We will be evaluating these sessions after four or five months and deciding if they are going to continue. If you have specific topics you would like covered or would like to demonstrate something you have been working on please have a talk to one of the committee. When we are choosing topics and demonstrators for the Forth Wednesday Club Meetings we try and select topics that will be of interest to a broad range of members. These First Thursday demonstrations will be of much narrower interest.

Fourth Saturday workshops have had mixed success in terms of attendance. Topics for the next few workshops include Simple Bowl turning, Chainsaw safety and use, Easter eggs and bunnies and Interference and Iridescent paints.

The change over from a mail based newsletter once every two months to an email based document once a month seems to have gone smoothly.

We will be discussing topics for upcoming Fourth Wednesday demonstrations at the next committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan so if you have any suggestions or requests please talk to a committee member.

NAW classes are going well. Class 11 has finished and will be having its graduation ceremony early in the year, Class 12 and 13 have combined and have just started Level 4 classes. Class 14 are finishing level 2 topics and Class 15 have finished their Introduction classes and are starting Level 2. Workshop modifications as discussed above should help to improve the working environment for these classes.

Now that we have approval from the CCC to rent the land under the Auburn Reserve Workshop and are in the process of buying the building we will be having an "Opening Ceremony" early in the new year as an official Grand Opening of the workshop (even though we have been using it for a year). We will probably decide on a date for this at the next committee meeting.

We will be hosting the AGM of the National Association of Woodworkers later in the year. There will be demonstrations associated with this meeting. We will let you know dates and times when they become available.



## Workshop News

### **Demonstration of the burning of Lichtenberg figures on wood This is sometimes referred to as Fractal Pyrography Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7pm to 9pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in February**

Don Morgan has been experimenting with a method of producing these Lichtenberg figures on flat wood and turned objects using a very high voltage transformer. He will be demonstrating his methods and discussing the safety implications of working with very high voltage equipment.

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg was a German scientist who studied the effects of very high voltages (such as lightning) on people and objects. He was born in 1742 and died in 1799.

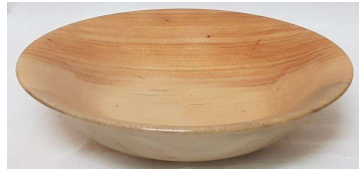
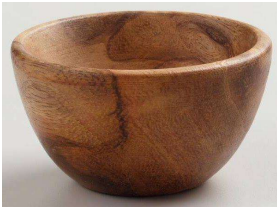
As seen in some of the images, the “river valleys” produced by the burning effect can be filled with coloured resins or turquoise inlay. This demonstration will be held at our Auburn Reserve Workshop. It is on the first Thursday in February. Cost to attend is \$5.



## Simple Bowl Workshop

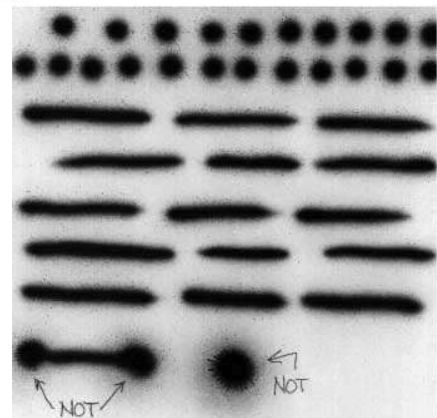
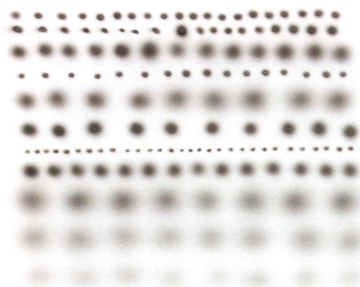
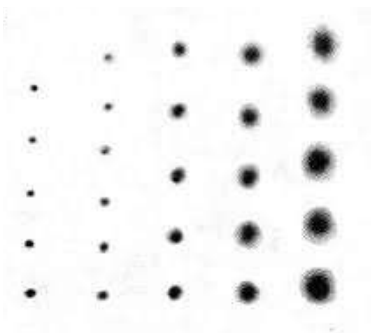
26th January Saturday 10am to 4pm

This Workshop is targeted more at those with relatively little experience. This is the sort of event which would be quite attractive for new comers to the Club as a bowl is typically what most folk aspire to be able to produce when starting out. We will also have a good look at how to sharpen your bowl gouge as sharpening is one of the most important elements of turning a good bowl. Non members welcome (that is how we get you to join up) Membership is only \$30 a year. Coffee, Tea and biscuits provided ~ bring your own lunch. There is a \$5 fee to cover workshop expenses. The course is at our Auburn Reserve Workshop. Auburn reserve is on the left side of Riccarton Rd as you travel out of town. It is just before you get to Church Corner. If you are using Sat Nav or Google maps the closest house to the reserve is 333 Riccarton Rd. Let me know if you are coming. So bring enthusiasm, lunch and \$5. Tools and wood are provided but if you have any tools bring them along. If you have never touched a lathe before we might start you off on some spindle turning, perhaps a rolling pin or garden dibber before we get you started on bowls. It is important to let us know if you are coming to this workshop so that we have enough wood for everyone. Email me at [joe.hayes@trutrack.com](mailto:joe.hayes@trutrack.com) if you are coming or if you have any questions.



## Air Brush 101 ~ Dots, Lines and Circle Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 7pm to 9pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in March \$5

This is a chance for people who are new to Air Brush techniques to have a play and spray some dots, lines and circles on paper and have a talk about the air brush and how it operates.





**Our internet Banking Account Number is 031705 0048498 00**

**Club Night 23<sup>rd</sup> January (Wednesday) at the Harvard Lounge Wigram  
7pm ~ we usually finish around 8:30 to 9pm**

Peter Clemett will be demonstrating the steps in the turning of a Quaich. A Quaich is a Scottish two-handled drinking vessel. If you are new to the club or haven't joined yet, come along and see what we get up to on club nights. There is a competition table where club members show each other what they have been working on over the month. There is a raffle which usually has tools and wood as prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1. There is a sales table which has tools, sandpapers, adhesives and the like. Coffee, tea and biscuits. If you are new to the club you can come along for free. Members pay a \$3 fee to cover venue costs. We would love to see you there.



The Harvard Lounge is the second building on Corsier Drive from the Springs Road end and it looks like this:



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