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The Newsletter of Christchurch Woodturners Association Inc









"Hands On" at the workshop Off Centre Pendents Photos by Lim



## 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

- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov
  Club Meeting Christmas Party The HARVARD Community Lounge Corsair Drive Wigram Wednesday at 7:00pm. Friends and family welcome. Bring a plate (with finger food on it). Plate does not have to be wooden. Competitions, Christmas turning demonstrations with Noel, Mark and Evan Jim Dunford Trophy Competition. Last Competition Table of the year is worth double points. Competition Table Trophy for the year will be presented.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Hands on Wednesday 7pm to 9pm** Christmas decorations as demonstrated on 25<sup>th</sup> November
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 15 All Day Saturday

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec Pyrography Group Meeting** on Wednesday 7pm to 9pm (New members welcome)

12<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 16 All Day Saturday

#### There will be no class for Class 17 on 19th December

- **19<sup>th</sup> Dec Graduation for Class 14** ~ 5:30pm Saturday at the Workshop. Everyone invited. Graduates will have their Graduation Pieces on display and a meal will be served. Please RSVP to Noel (<u>noel\_chris\_graham@xtra.co.nz</u>) so that he can arrange food if you are going to attend.
- 24th and 31st December No Thursday workshop over Christmas
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 Thursday Workshops resume 1pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm
- **29<sup>th</sup> Jan to** New date for the Participation weekend.
- **31**<sup>st</sup>**Jan 2021** After two previous attempts were thwarted by Covid restrictions, we have rescheduled this weekend event for 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January next year. If you are interested in collaborating with others to express your creativity and in a fun challenge, this is the event for you. Pool your skills in various media and techniques, create something unique, learn off others and be inspired. If you had previously registered then this will be carried over automatically.

#### Workshop Tidy up after each session

We have been losing a few small parts during tidy ups and it is suspected that they may have been thrown out with the shavings so before you tidy sweep or vacuum your shavings can you check that each bench has a steel rule, a pencil, calipers and a mallet and that each lathe has a woodworm screw, a chuck and chuck key that fits it, a spur drive, a live centre, a knockout bar, and two tool rests. Make sure you know where all these things are before you sweep up or vacuum your shavings. If you see any woodworm screws or chuck keys in strange places can you give them to Noel – Thanks.

#### New Class to start 4<sup>th</sup> Week in February 2021

Our new NAW class that started on 17<sup>th</sup> October was over subscribed. So we are looking at starting a second new class on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of February 2021. If you are interested or know someone who is, contact Noel Graham 349-8976 to get more information or enrol in the course.

## **Demonstrations for 2021**

The committee are currently looking at demonstration topics for 2021. If there is anything you would like covered in a demonstration, please discuss it with a committee member. One possibility we have been discussing is having a demonstration night at the workshop (perhaps a Tuesday night) and the following Tuesday night we could have a Hands On session where you can gain some experience with the techniques used in the demonstration. We will let you know in the New Year if something like this can be organised.

#### Report on Spin Around 2020.

Waitaki Woodturners Guild

Oamaru, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

Well as always this was another great weekend of turning and catching up with the regular turners of this event.

The weekend was organised to the same high standard we have come to expect and the meals again to the same quality as previous years.

Christchurch Assn had five attending out of the total number of sixteen. A low count but a lot of quality.

Our own Peter Clemett decided early on after the covid pandemic to offer assistance to the Waitaki Guild. Peter as the South Island representative for NAW wanted to try and maintain the popular event and to at least provide South Island turners with a Turning weekend. This proactive stance found Peter also the "Demonstrator" for the weekend as the Australian demonstrator was unable to travel due to Covid restrictions.

The weekend demonstration[s] were based around bowl turning and enhancing these into an art form. Inspiration was for these was taken from Alan Carter's split turned vessels work. Peter supplied photographs, work sheets to design our pieces and a number of ideas to get us to think outside the square and be creative. Various websites addresses were supplied for further reference. As Peter said "nothing we did would be classed a failure". Emphasis was placed on accuracy and clearly defined detail as the turnings once cut and reversed faced and glued, had to match perfectly to get the resultant art form to promote its detail. This was evident when we used a laser light to accurately mark vertical cutting lines to divide our pieces [bowl shapes cut thru the centre]. Tool control and detailing was a must and care had to be taken.

Those attending produced articles of outstanding artistic merit and it was obvious they did have hidden talents and flair which was encouraged by Peter to "get it out there". Hopefully we will see some of the pieces at our next club meeting night.

All in all another enjoyable weekend with lots to learn and new methods to try out. I always find these weekends are beneficial not just for the Turning experience but also for the friendships one makes at these events. If you haven't been to Oamaru pencil in for next year it's a great weekend.

I am confident after Peter's demonstration at Oamaru he will be in demand and it shows to me that we have excellent demonstrators throughout New Zealand and in our case we turned a simple bowl into an artistic piece. This must take a lot of dedication and time for demonstrators to prepare with all the numerous practical examples they provide. A demonstration that was extremely well done.

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1st Chris Verney based on paintings by Mondrian

# **Peter Hutchison Trophy**



**October Show Table** 

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