

Splinters

The newsletter of
Christchurch Woodturners Association Inc.



Change of venue for the April meeting

Fendalton Community Hall 170 Clyde Road

As the Harvard Lounge is being refurbished, the council provided the Fendalton Community Hall for our meetings in March and April.

The community hall is at 170 Clyde Road, approximately mid way between Jeffreys Road and the Memorial Ave/ Fendalton Road intersections.

There is some parking on site to the right of the hall and street parking on Clyde Road.



Covid Orange Traffic Light – Keeping Safe

We do not require vaccine passes for entry to our workshop at Auburn Reserve and our club meeting at the Fendalton Community Hall.

At Orange level, the wearing of masks is encouraged for our own protection and for the protection of others should you be infectious whilst you may not be experiencing any symptoms.

If you are experiencing any symptoms that may be COVID or any other infectious illness, please do not come to the meetings. Look after yourself, get tested, get the appropriate treatment etc.. and please let us know if your illness may have a potential impact on the health of other members.

Timaru is hosting the Woodturning 'Fun Day' Event on 28 May

The format for this year's "Fun Day" will be much the same as in past years.

- Each club fields two teams of 3 turners who will compete to produce 3 sets of turned item in 2 parts. In 2020 it was a bat and ball, with the first team of 3 making the bat and the second team making the ball, each within a 50 minute time frame. The object is make each set as near to identical as possible without the aid of measuring tools, pen/pencils or sandpaper.
- Further details for this year's event to be confirmed in due course.
- Each club will also have a table on which to display items made to reflect this year's "Fun Day" theme "Home is where the heart is".

- Items on each display table will be judged according to a set of published criteria and prizes for different categories will be awarded following a critique from the NAW guest of honour.
- Timaru are hoping to have a guest demonstrator to entertain all while the judging process takes place.
- Timetable
 - 08.30am Club rooms & venue open (Bar area of Phar Lap Raceway Grandstand)
 - 09. 30am Morning tea
 - 10.00am Welcome, housekeeping & information on the morning programme
 - 10.10am 1st team turn 3 items 50 mins (TBC)
 - 11.00am 2nd team set up
 - 11.10am turn 2nd team turn 3 items 50mins (TBC)
 - 12.00pm Lunch (bring your own) soup provided
 - 12.45pm Information on afternoon's programme
 - 1.00pm Guest demonstrator – Ray Palmer, Otago Woodturners
 - 2:30pm Results of judging & Presentation of certificates followed by afternoon tea
 - 3:00pm Finish
 - 3.00 – 5.00pm Clean-up & pack out

Action required:

1. If you want to be in one of our teams for the fun day, let Ray know. We can organise ourselves to share transport to keep the costs down. president.chchwoodturners@gmail.com
2. We need entries for the display table around the theme "Home is where the heart is". You do not have to attend the event to have an entry on our display and be in to win an individual prize or help us win the club table prize.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, a search for "heart woodturning" will get you started.

Let Ray know if you are going to have an entry for the table. If you are not going to the fun day, entries can be dropped off at the workshop or at the May meeting.

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South Island Fun Day – an explanation

By Peter Clemett

Type: A fun day of friendly interclub competition and fellowship.

The detail of the programme varies at the discretion of the organiser, but broadly follows a similar pattern which includes: a team turning competition; a Club display table competition; Best-in-Show competition; and a mystery challenge.

There is prize money on offer for Competition placegetters, sponsored by the NAW.

Come along to take part in the turning, display your work, or just support your Club.

Format: One day – usually a Saturday from 9:00-3:00

- When: Annual, usually during May
We will advertise the event in our Club Newsletter once details are available.
- Host Club: Rotates around South Island Clubs. Clubs usually host for two successive years before passing on the reigns. Current (2021) host is the Timaru Woodturners Club
- Venue: Host Club will advise
- Cost: Free to attend and participate.
The host Club usually puts on a light lunch for a minor charge, payable on the day.
- Registrations: Not required.
However, our Club needs to register the teams for the turning competition, so if we'll want anyone interested to participating to commit early. Teams consist of 6 persons, with a mix of experience.
- Equipment: Bring you own tools and PPE if turning.
If you wish to enter a piece of your work in the show or table competitions, let one of our committee know in advance and either bring it along with you on the day or have someone else do so.
- Other: W R Owen Turning Supplies shop is usually set up on the day
The host Club usually runs a raffle.

Notes for Attendees

- See the commentary and photos of previous Fun Day events in *Splinters* – 2020 (no event), 2020 (no report), May 2018, June/July 2017, etc. <https://www.woodturning.nz/newsletters/>
- The fun Team Turning event competes for the Tina Turner Trophy. One or more teams of 6 are entered by Clubs, and there's frequently a mixed team made up of "extras". The competition is run as a relay over an allotted time, where each turner produces a single item. The goal is to make matched sets of items by eye only – no measuring devices, pencils or sandpaper are permitted. The turning sessions are typically run in two blocks of three pieces each, lasting about an hour. The team with the closest to identical sets wins. Past competition topics have been: balls and skittles; wig stands; plate, bottle, and stopper; rolling pin and cookie cutter; etc.
- All skill levels can take part in the team turning. We will know the topic beforehand and run practice sessions at our workshop for those taking part.

NAW AGM Hamilton, 11-12 June – offer to share accommodation

Are you thinking about attending the upcoming NAW AGM weekend in Hamilton?

I have secured a twin bed room a short stroll from the demonstration and AGM venue and wondered if anyone wants to share facility and travel costs?

Flying into Auckland is far more economic than Hamilton. I will have transport as I'm flying in on Thursday and can collect you from Auckland Airport on Friday and take you back there on Sunday. If you are interested and want to know more please contact Max Walker 027 499 5382 or email max.walker@hotmail.co.nz

Subs were due by 31 March

It's that time of year again – your current year's membership of the Christchurch Woodturners Association expired at the end of March. To ensure continuity of your membership and the benefits available to you, please ensure you pay your subs. Remember, only financial members are entitled to use the Club Workshop and facilities.

Subscriptions for the year 1/Apr/22 – 31/Mar/23 are \$35.

If paying by internet banking the Club Account is: Westpac 03 1705 0048498 00

Please ensure your name and initials are used in the payee reference field.

Alternatively pay in person at the next Club Meeting or a Thursday Workshop session.

However you renew, please send Peter an email to confirm the date of your payment and let him know if any of your details have changed:

- Postal Address
- Contact details (phone number, mobile number and email address)
- Emergency Contact (name and phone number)
- Are you a member of NAW? **We need to know this as we pay a fee to NAW for all NAW non members.*

Peter Clemett, Membership Secretary, Email: membership.chchwoodturners@gmail.com

At the March Meeting

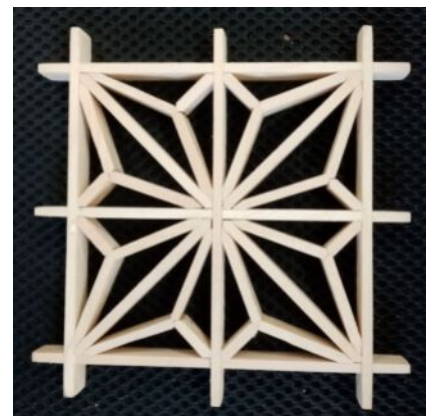
There was a small gathering of members for the March meeting at the Fendalton Community Centre. Hopefully we will see more members at the April meeting.

Show and Tell

Ray Hall showed a small Kumiko project he had just completed, a small stand / decorative piece that relies on friction only for assembly. The Kumiko project was run over two evenings by the [Guild of Woodworkers Canterbury](#). Ray's challenge now is to incorporate Kumiko designs into his woodturning, perhaps a box lid.

See <https://joshua-wetherington-a459.squarespace.com/kumiko-box>

Kumiko is a Japanese technique of assembling wooden pieces without the use of nails. Thinly slit wooden pieces are grooved, punched and mortised, and then fitted individually using a plane, saw, chisel and other tools to make fine adjustments. The technique was developed in Japan in the Asuka Era (1603-1868). [Wikipedia](#)



Peter Clemett showed us a project he was working on, a lidded container. The lid fitted so well it snapped on, as was heard repeatedly as it was passed around the members. The link below is to a video that has one way of making a snap fit lid for a box. If you want to skip the introduction, start at 11 minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlt-JxRKlWw>.

Also this from Richard Raffin, who puts a small convex shape on the tenon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P12CjMe0as>

Seen on the Show Table

Mark Teeboon's Kraut Pounder

By Mark Teeboon

Several months ago my wife asked me to make a Kraut pounder as she had been told sauerkraut was great for gut health. So the challenge was set for me to come up with a nice instrument to do the job. I had a look at a few examples on line and they were all a bit boring so I put a bit of wood on the lathe and started to shape a pounder, I was interrupted so had to come back to it. I took it to the club and played with the shape and settled on the shape I am making now (right).

Since I posted the first couple on my Facebook page the interest has been amazing with both with the pounder and the recipe. The recipe ([Link](#)) we have been using was found on [YouTube](#) and can be found at "Mary's Nest". She has a lot of interesting recipes available and there are a few more I want to try.



As a fair amount of muscle is required when making sauerkraut the pounder definitely makes the job a bit easier.

Left, some of the early pounder designs.

Results for the show table

1st Mark Teeboon. The only entry, all members present were challenged to bring something for the show table competition or display only next month.

Demonstration of making Barley Twists The planned demonstration for March had to be cancelled just prior to the meeting. This demonstration will now take place at the May meeting.

Lacking a demonstrator for the night, we were fortunate that Noel volunteered to demonstrate the making of small hats.

Demonstration of making small hats – Noel Graham

Noel took us through the process of making small hats starting with a timber blank that still had some moisture left in it and mounting it so that the grain ran across the lathe bed as one would for a bowl.

First step was to roughly define the shape and turn the tenon for remounting on the chuck.



The exterior of the hat was shaped, some decoration applied to the hat band and the brim completed before starting on the hollowing of the hat. Whilst fingers were deemed sufficient to measure the thickness of the brim, a light shining through the crown of the hat provided an easy way to assess wall thickness during the hollowing.



The depth inside of the crown was checked to ensure there was enough wood left at the top for finishing of the crown. The hat was then reversed and remounted on the chuck, expanding the jaws in the base of the crown taking care not to expand them too much and so splitting the hat.

Noel finished the crown with a dished centre. A light can be shone through the headstock as an aid to avoid cutting through the top of the hat.



As the hat continues to dry, it will distort and that can be enhanced with a little extra pressure from rubber bands or tape.



Show table competition and project display

There was only one entry in the show table in March. Admittedly meeting attendance was well down on previous months, attributable in part to the temporary change of venue and Omicron but show table entry numbers have been declining for some time.

At the last meeting Ray challenged all members (including himself) to bring something for the show table competition or for display only table.

Show Table Rules

- Entries accepted only from financial members of the Club who are present at the meeting
- Articles must have been constructed in the past 6 months and not entered in a previous show table
- No more than 2 articles per month – any additional items will be deemed for "show and tell"
- Placings determined by count of votes submitted by members present at the meeting
- Points awarded as follows:
 - 1 point per entrant, regardless of the number of pieces entered
 - In addition:
 - 1st place = 3 points,
 - 2nd place = 2 points,
 - 3rd place = 1 point
- Show Table Trophy awarded at the Christmas meeting each year for most points accumulated from show table entries during the calendar year.

Display table

This is for anything you want to share with other members or get feedback on. It may be a jig, finished or unfinished project, unusual tool or anything else related to woodturning.

Available at your library

Wander along to your [local library](#) and you might be lucky and find they do have the latest issue of the Shed magazine, Woodworker's Journal, Popular Woodworking or the Australian Wood Review. But did you know that these magazines and many others can be borrowed through the library website and read online?

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Pen Turning Workshop

By Mark Teeboon

On Saturday March 26th, a pen turning workshop was held at the clubhouse, I even put off my trip to Melbourne by a day so I could attend. The workshop was well attended with 15 participants from youngsters to a couple in their 80's.

Most attendees ended up with at least two slim line pens and some even had time to make a few other projects. A most excellent day with thanks to Noel and Ray Morgan for their tutoring, inspiration and encouragement.

Upcoming Event Calendar

- 27 April** **Christchurch Woodturners meeting** 7pm at the Fendalton Community Hall.
Demonstration will be on design and form of turned items.
- 30 April** **Christchurch Woodturners** Auburn Reserve workshop open 9am to all for general
catch up.
- 2 May** **Carbatec official store opening** on 2 May at the 67 Sturrocks Road, Christchurch
store. You are welcome to have a look around the store before that date and
maybe make some purchases.
- 7 May** **Nelson Districts Woodturning Club open day.** [Link](#)
- 15 May** **Central Districts Woodwork Expo 2022.** [Link](#)
- 25 May** **Christchurch Woodturners meeting** 7pm at the Harvard Lounge, Wigram.
Demonstrator will be David Caddie on making Barley Twists.
- 28 May** **Timaru Hosting Woodturning 'Fun Day' Event**
See details in the newsletter.
- 11-12 June** **NAW AGM and Demonstration Weekend** (National Association of Woodworkers)
*The NAW is proud to present the inaugural 2 Day AGM/Demonstration event, with 6
fantastic demonstrators and a great trade hall. [See NAW website for details.](#)*
Beerescourt Bowling Club, 68A Maeroa Road, Hamilton.
Demonstrations are FREE to all NAW members – details also in *Creative Wood*.
- Note: The demonstrations will not be available on Zoom and they are not being
videoed for later viewing. Attendance in person is your only option.
- 9 – 26 Sept.** **Wanganui Turners and Woodcraft Group – Exhibition of members work** [Link](#)
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Club Information

Club Membership	Details and registration, visit https://www.woodturning.nz/membership/
Woodturning Course	For information, visit https://www.woodturning.nz/courses/
Past Newsletters	Can be downloaded from https://www.woodturning.nz/newsletters/
Other Clubs' Newsletters	Can be viewed online, here

Regular Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings	4 th Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Fendalton Community Hall for March and April
Open Workshop	Thursdays 1-4pm, 7-9pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

Hands-On and Pyrography sessions are currently not running.

Hands-On	1 st Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve
Pyrography	2 nd Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

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The National Certificate of Woodturning course is administered by NAW.

Visit <https://naw.org.nz/> for more information.

