

Splinters

*The newsletter of
Christchurch Woodturners Association Inc.*



27 September meeting

Our demonstration for this meeting will be Peter Clemett. Topic, the use of carving as a different embellishment.

Don't forget to bring along any show and tell and your show table entries.

Wet turning workshop – 23 September

The session will start at 9am at the workshop in Auburn Reserve.

If you need more information or you would like to attend, please send an email to Mark, secretary.chchwoodturners@gmail.com. Check your emails for any late cancellations.

Pen making at the workshop, Wednesday 4 October at 7pm

Come and work on the pens you are making or try a kit to make a seam ripper. Or, if you haven't made a pen before and would like to try, come and give it a go. Last month we had eight turners, some turning pens and others turning seam rippers. If you don't have glued in barrels let me know and I can have some ready for you.

Things to Bring;- A mask – dust hazard \$5 workshop fee
Pen kits- If you have them. We can provide a few for \$5 & seam ripper kits
@\$13.50 (you can purchase both from Carbatec Christchurch instore or online).
Super Glue for finishing, sandpaper etc..

We have chisels and pen blanks. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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secretary.chchwoodturners@gmail.com.

Pyrography session Wednesday 11 October 7pm

Introduction to Pyrography is on for the second Wednesday at the workshop provided there are enough registering to attend? If you are going to attend, email: Dee deedinky2@hotmail.com

Competitions – To be judged at the November meeting

You are all invited to make an entry for the two club competitions:

Peter Hutchison Trophy A trophy in Peter's name is awarded annually to the member who displays the best coloured and / or embellished work. The scope of Colouring and/or Embellishing includes, but is not necessarily limited to one or more of; paint; dye, carving, burning, pyrography and incorporation of other materials etc.. The judges will be specifically looking for how colour or other embellishment has been used to enhance the work.

Jim Dunford Memorial Trophy The Jim Dunford Trophy Competition will also be judged at our November meeting. The competition theme for this year will be announced shortly.

Hollow form workshop – 26 August report

Stephan Heep “Can’t recall spending a better Saturday. Tuition was top notch and a great learning experience. Thanks Evan for putting together a very enjoyable and informative day. Learned so much!”



From the internet -

1. Wood Turning 3 Axis Square Bowl Multi Axis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5qcfU3SQGA>
2. Alan Stratton, As Wood Turns, <https://www.AsWoodTurns.com>
 1. Alan, “Our club is helping a fund raising effort by decorating a Christmas tree with turned ornaments. What is unusual is the size. All of the ornaments are to be about twelve inches long. For me, at least, this is different. But still, this is a great project.”
<https://www.aswoodturns.com/2023/08/oversize-ornament/>

2. Turning Spalted Bowl With Bonus Nail (Not)
[Turning Spalted Bowl With Bonus Nail \(Not\) \(aswoodturns.com\)](https://www.aswoodturns.com/)
3. Woodturning - Table Saw Cutting Jig For Thin Segmented Rings
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-aqQMvs6Y4>
4. [Turning, Hollowing, & Carving Perfect Sphere With Donut Chuck](#)

NAW Art Of Wood Exhibition 2023

Entries are now closed and judging has started. Results will be announced and entries will be available to view online from 1st October.

This virtual Woodworking Exhibition is New Zealand's premiere woodworking show event, competition, and also an opportunity for entrants to market their work to the world.

This year there are 221 pieces entered across all categories: Boxes; Domestic Ware; Plain Bowls/Platters; Embellished Bowls/Platters; Furniture; Hollow Forms/Vases; Natural; Ornamental; Sculpture; Wall Art. 11 entrants put their woodworking experience down as 2 years or less.



SAVE THE DATE: Collaboration 2024 - At the Workshop, 26-28 January

Registrations won't open for a few months, but mark this event on your calendar now so you don't miss out.

This will be a fun weekend of craft, teamwork, and learning at our workshop in Auburn Reserve. You will collaborate as a member of a small team to design and create an art piece based on your own ideas or inspired by a selection of topics that will be shared on the Friday evening. You will work together in your team to develop and realise the idea, guided by the event theme (to be advised).

You don't have to be an experienced turner or even a woodworker to take part. This is an occasion to bring all of your hobby and craft skills together, as a diversity of ideas, perspectives, materials, and techniques will produce the most interesting results.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023

If you have not yet paid your subscriptions for the year commencing 1 April 2023, then your Club membership has expired. If you intend to resign then please let Peter know in person or by email (membership.chchwoodturners@gmail.com), otherwise we ask you to make your payment (\$35) by the end of this month at the latest. You can pay by cash at the next Wigram Club meeting, or at the Workshop.

If paying by internet banking, please include your name and "Subs" in the details fields so that it can be identified. The Club account number is: 03-1705-0048498-000.

Note: If you have not renewed by now, please don't be offended if you are denied use of Club facilities.

Pyrography session Wednesday 13 September report - Dee

This month we had a new attendee, David, attend the pyrography night. It was a small gathering, but we had so much fun. David is a really interesting storyteller. He had us fully captivated with his many stories of his past lives.

Dee made a wee sampler board that Peter put up on the pelmet board that runs over the club workshop windows. She is keen to see more pyrographers' pieces put up there. Peter has made a box full of sampler blanks, so come along and have a play.



First day of the new woodturners' course – report by Dee

The first day of the three-year new woodturners' course was held on Saturday, 16 September 2023. Future course days are held on the third Saturday of each month, except for January.

Class started at 9.00am. It seemed like no time at all, and we were packing up at 4.00pm. What a fabulous day. I learned so much. Even though my husband is a teacher in the class, I have not done much turning at all. Noel Graham is the head tutor. What a fount of knowledge. He went through how the Christchurch Woodturners' Association (CWA) obtained their own building, and some of the history of the club and the people that helped form it. He then went through health and safety. After a field trip to the gate and back, Noel showed the tools we were to use and how to start our first project.

Our first project was a spinning top. Mine worked brilliantly. The next project was a bowl. I didn't finish mine, so took it home to complete. I have learned that you can turn out too much on the inside and then you make a pretty hole in the bottom when you turn off the foot. I will make a bowl 2.0 as practice. One thing I learned was how to measure how deep you are turning out the bottom to ensure you are not going to make a funnel, instead of a bowl. Good lesson!

When I got home, I unpacked everything and asked my husband to get my dressing gown. I had wood shavings all over me and inside my clothing, so I decided to undress in the garage and shake out my clothing before I took them inside. What a fabulous day. I catch myself daydreaming about turning my 2.0 bowl when I am at work...don't tell the boss.

August Club meeting – reports

Turning Green by Evan Gow

Evan touched on why he enjoyed turning green wood and some of the benefits for both the Woodturner and the individuals who often provide the woodturner with timber. His introduction was supported with slides which can be downloaded using this link.

<https://www.woodturning.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Turning-Green-3.pdf>

The turning part of the demonstration involved turning a small hollow form vase from a branch he was given by a neighbour.

In Evan's own words;

"My woodturning journey started with the dilemma of where I can source wood to turn. Back then I was unaware of the Christchurch Woodturners Association and I did not know any woodturners who I could ask. Consequently, I spent a lot of money buying wood blanks on TradeMe. It was great to have a banana box of various bowl blanks, of native timbers, delivered to my doorstep.

It wasn't until I purchased my first chainsaw that I was introduced to the concept of green turning. It was such a pleasure to turn wood without the dust and the expense. I exchanged the dust for relatively cheap wood, wet clothing, and significantly stained wall and ceiling adjacent to the turning wood. More importantly it provided the opportunity to practice my tool skills and eventually stumble onto the ever-elusive bevel.



I also had the freedom to decide where the bowl or spindle blank was cut from the green wood. This allowed for a greater range of planning and turning options as I could try and maximize the inherent beauty within the timber, including, inclusions, figure, or any natural or introduced characteristics of the wood.

Another unexpected benefit were the connections that were formed with the people who offered me the wood and the satisfaction I had when I presented them a piece made from the wood that may have

had memories or history associated with it."



At the August Meeting – Results from the show table

1st Don Morgan – Natural edge bowl



2nd Don Morgan - Bowl



3rd Patrick Campbell – Nest of bowls

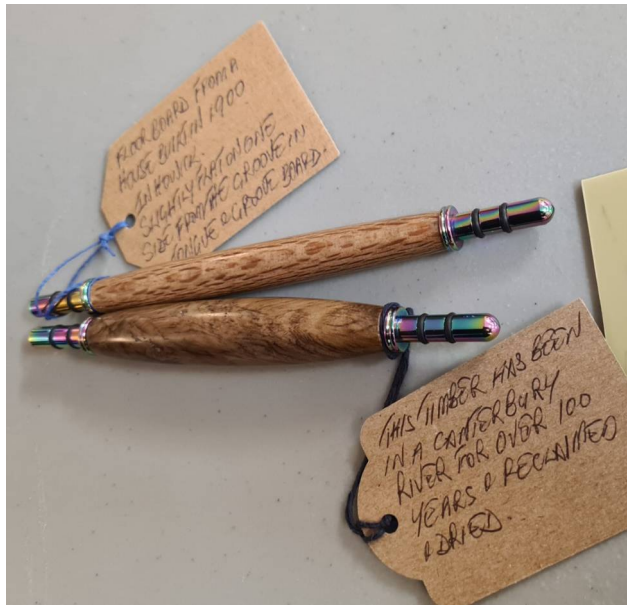


Also seen on the show table were:-

Mark Teeboon, Seam rippers

Nigel Elson, Pen and Pencil set

Abraham Faid, Bowl



Waitaki Woodturners Guild – SPIN AROUND 2023



Venue: WWG clubrooms, Oamaru Racecourse, OAMARU



Our **guest demonstrator** this year is **ANDREW POTOCNIK** of Victoria, Australia. Andrew is a woodturner, demonstrator, exhibitor, educator, and author of international renown.

TO DO LIST

1. Make a note of the dates in your diary (Oct 27 – 29).
2. Register as soon as possible after Registration forms are sent out in August.
3. Book your accommodation/travel if required.



Also, not to be missed: Bill Owen of **Owen Woodturning Supplies** will be on hand with his display of woodturning tools, accessories and equipment - for all you need for your woodturning and more.

For the Partners: TBA

Good Food, Good Company & Good Fun.

For more about Andrew Potocnik, go to <https://www.andrewpotocnik.com/>.

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Inevitably we have had to increase prices, food and other costs just keep on going up. However, for those of you coming from out of town, please see below for information about a more affordable accommodation option that may help with your overall costs.

Spin Around Waitaki 2023 is shaping up to be an excellent event. Our guest demonstrator, Andrew Potocnik, is an internationally renowned figure in the woodturning world and in other creative woodworking fields. Andrew has a long list of achievements on his CV: publications, exhibitions, commissions, awards/scholarships, and more.

Some particular highlights he is especially proud of are:

- Being invited to be a demonstrator at the AAW symposium in 2017
- Having pieces selected for exhibition in five museum collections
- Having several pieces purchased by [Dr. Irving Lipton](#) for his collection, [Fleur Bresler](#) for hers

Spin Around Waitaki 2023 will be Andrew's first time demonstrating in the South Island. This is a great opportunity for people from all parts of the country to learn from an outstanding turner and crafter of wood.

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

For those who don't mind staying in dormitory style accommodation, there are options available to stay at the Waitaki Girls High School hostel in a dormitory (not one used by the students).

The prices are (GST inclusive, per night):

- Full bedding = \$ 51.75
- Flat sheet with own bedding = \$ 46.00
- Continental breakfast (if sufficient numbers allow) = \$ 8.05

If you would like more information about this or want to know what "dormitory style" means, please email Geoff Martyn at waitakiwoodturners@gmail.com

You can download the registration form using this link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fflwd3tovSWdCx8EDHjKwEtDzsHeRzmV/view?usp=drive_link

Special topic workshop sessions

The following session will start at 9am at the workshop in Auburn Reserve. If you wish to attend please email Noel or Peter one week prior to the class to reserve your space and give ample time for the preparation of timber etc... Check your emails for any late cancellations.

- 23rd September – Wet Turning
- 28th October – Inlays
- 25th November – Christmas decorations

Other events

- **27 September** Club meeting at Wigram
- **25 October** Club meeting at Wigram
- **22 November** Final club meeting for the year at Wigram

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 Harvard Community Hall
Open Workshop	Thursdays 1-4pm, 7-9pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve
Pen workshop	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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Our Club is affiliated to the National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc. (NAW).

The National Certificate of Woodturning course is administered by NAW.

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

