

Splinters

*The newsletter of
Christchurch Woodturners Association Inc.*



22 November meeting

Our last meeting of the year. Peter and others will be demonstrating the making of Christmas decorations. There will be nibbles and some mental stimulation to boot.

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

AROUND THE CLUB – Mark Teeboon

You will notice some new lathes when you go to the club rooms in the Auburn Reserve. Thanks to a grant from Pub charity we were able to purchase four new Nova Neptune Max lathes which Noel, Lim and myself put together. A big thank you to Carbatec for their help in getting the four lathes.

A few members have been putting these new lathes through their paces and have been very impressed with the torque and all round performance.

All the timber donated from the Christchurch Botanical Gardens has been collected and is either at the club or awaiting further processing at Noel's timber yard. This donation has enabled us to have timbers that are not usually available and once processed and dried will be available for use at the workshop with some also being available as prizes on club meetings.

Don't forget to register for our Collaboration Event in January, I went this year and it was a great time of sharing, helping and working together with a bit of banter thrown in, see advert.

Our Wednesday night "Pen Night" and "Pyrography Night" are both receiving good attendance and are a great time to work on projects but also get feedback and improve techniques also see adverts in this issue.

Looking forward to seeing you at our end of year meeting on the 22nd with a great Christmas decoration demo.

Don't forget your entries in the annual competitions also mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Changes at the workshop

The association has been fortunate to receive a grant from Pub Charities that has enabled us to purchase 4 new Nova Neptune Max lathes for the workshop. Check out the features on the Carbatec website <https://www.carbatec.co.nz/product/39175-nova-neptune-max-lathe?categoryId=294>

For sale

As a consequence of the above;

- the club has two Woodfast 280 lathes for sale. They are the older type with sliding heads. This model does not have a spindle lock but the chuck and faceplate are easily removed. The lathes come with a face plate, live centre, drive and two tool rests. Please note there is no chuck. These lathes are for sale for \$250 each.
- There is also a work bench with a wood vice for sale for \$250.



If you are interested in any of these items please let Noel know (noel_chris_graham@xtra.co.nz) by 25 November. If there is more than one person interested in any of these items, names will be drawn from the hat and successful purchasers will be notified.

Christmas decorations workshop – 25 November

A follow up to the demonstration at the club meeting, this is a chance to make some decorations for yourself and perhaps try those new lathes. 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 Noel (noel_chris_graham@xtra.co.nz) by 22 November. Check your emails for any late cancellations.

Pen making at the workshop, Wednesday 6 December at 7pm

6th of December is pen night at the club rooms at Auburn reserve from 7-9pm. Come and work on 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 9 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. If you need more information or you would like to attend, please send an email to secretary.chchwoodturners@gmail.com.

Pyrography session Wednesday 13 December 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 are toys. You might get some inspiration from the demonstration at the October meeting demo on Tops, toys, and other delights.

Strokes – Learn the main signs of stroke and to act F.A.S.T

At our last meeting a member shared the experience of having a stroke and being fortunate that help was obtained very quickly, improving the chances of recovery.



Over 9,500 strokes are experienced in New Zealand each year – that's one every 55 minutes. Stroke is New Zealand's second single biggest killer and the leading cause of serious adult disability. But many New Zealanders who have a stroke recover and lead successful, happy lives.

The F.A.S.T. campaign encourages everyone to learn the key signs of stroke and to think F.A.S.T., act fast and look out for each other by calling 111 if they suspect a stroke. Prompt action can save lives – as well as improve recovery.

It is vital to recognise when someone is having a stroke and to start treatment as soon as possible, because the sooner medical treatment begins, the more likely brain damage can be reduced and a better outcome achieved. The quicker a clot can be dissolved or removed, the less damage is done, and the better the chance of a strong recovery.

A stroke is a brain attack – it's very serious. The symptoms might show on the face, arm or in speech, but it's the brain that's being damaged.

If any of the signs of stroke are recognised, don't wait, call 111 straight away. Don't call your doctor or drive yourself – get help immediately. Ambulance staff want to hear from you if you recognise the F.A.S.T. signs – call 111 and tell them it's a stroke.

You can learn more about what a stroke is [here https://www.stroke.org.nz/what-stroke](https://www.stroke.org.nz/what-stroke).

Want ready access to more first aid information? Download the International Federation Red Cross app (IFRC); For Android users from the Google play store and for iOS/Apple users from the App store.

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

Registrations are now open. Download the form (in [Word](#) or [PDF](#) format), fill it out and send it to membership.chchwoodturners@gmail.com or hand it in to Noel or Peter at the workshop. You can pay your \$25 entry by direct transfer into the Club bank account or in cash at the workshop. If paying by internet banking, please include your name and "Collab" in the details fields so that it can be identified. The Club account number is: 03-1705-0048498-000.

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

NAW Woodworking Event in Christchurch, 25 and 26 May 2024

A promotional poster for the NAW Woodworking Event. The background is a light-colored wood grain. On the left is a circular logo with a blue outer ring and a green spiral. The text is centered and reads: "SAVE THE DATE ! NAW WOOD EXPO 25 - 26 May 2024 Burnside Bowling Club, Burnside, Christchurch". Below this, it says: "We are finalising the last details, there will be seven fantastic demonstrators and an excellent Trade Hall. It will be an awesome event, so save the dates! Registrations open soon". In the top right corner, it says "Proudly Sponsored by" above the Carbatec logo, which includes the text "THE HOME OF WOODWORKING".

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The facilities of the Burnside Bowling Club on Avonhead Road have been secured as our venue, giving ample space for the various event activities and plenty of off-street parking close by.

“Spinning Around” with Andrew Potocnik

Over the last weekend in October, the Waitaki Woodturners Guild hosted registered participants from around the country at their annual Spin Around event in Oamaru. As usual, a good sized contingent of members from our Club made the pilgrimage south to get hands-on, embrace the learning opportunities, and enjoy the good company, food, and fellowship these weekends afford.

Spin Around is held at the Guild clubrooms at the Oamaru racecourse, which is well set up for the purpose and enhances the positive atmosphere. Whilst there are a number of Clubs around the country which regularly host weekend events during the year, Spin Around in particular stands out because it is one of the few which features a guest demonstrator/tutor (often from overseas) to run the weekend programme, set projects for those who want to follow along, and provide coaching. In my opinion these occasions are invaluable for learning new techniques and to be inspired by project ideas to put into practice and enhance your own skills.

This year's invited tutor was Andrew Potocnik (<https://www.andrewpotocnik.com/>), an artist and teacher from Melbourne, Australia, and frequent contributor to the UK Woodturning magazine. Andrew had prepared 5 different projects for us to try, and during the course of the weekend demonstrated the techniques we could then put into practice. In the pictures below you can see the audience is fully absorbed in what this master of the art has to say, and then equally focused in reproducing what we'd just heard and seen.



<https://www.woodturning.nz/>

Andrew with one of his completed pods which he showed us how to make



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And a bit of fun – how Patrick secured his lathe overnight.

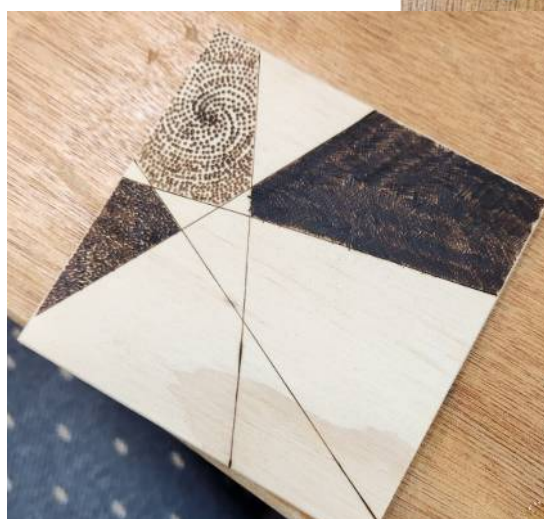


From the internet



1. A bit of poetry by Robert MacFarlane suggested by a member "Would you hew me to the heartwood, cutter?".
[Download the PDF with this link.](#)
2. Impressed by Peter's Hummer (left) on the show table last month? See how it is done
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbC_ulvz2l0

PROJECTS On The Go At PYROGRAPHY



October 21 Introduction Wood turning (Part Two) 10 people on this course.

Dee Morgan: *"Thoroughly enjoyed today. So much learning. I didn't realise there were so many different ways to attach wood to the lathe. Now to put that learning into practice. Thanks Noel, Evan Gow, Boon Lim Tan, and Don Morgan for your tutorage."*

Stephan Heep: *"Another great day for learning new skills and techniques. The instruction is superb and always grateful for the help offered by the team of helpers. It's going to be a great three years!!"*



Dee again: *Working in a stressful profession, it is refreshing to relax in front of my new (second hand) lathe and turn something. For years, I have watched my hubby enjoy his turning and even helping out at the courses run by CWA. So, I thought I'd give it a go. Wow, what an addictive hobby.*

In order to not learn bad habits from the get-go, I decided to register for the Beginner's Woodturning Course, run by the Christchurch Woodturner's Association at their workshop in Auburn Park, Upper Riccarton. Noel Graham is head tutor (master and chief) and runs the classes like clockwork. He is also really strict with Health and Safety.

On my second course day, I made an egg (I am very proud of my size 7 egg), egg cup, and saucer. They look awesome. Now I am making personalised pens for my staff for their Christmas gifts. The turning and personalising of the pens is now complete, and I will learn how to put them together, with hubby's help, of course. There are so many projects you can do. They are only limited by our imagination. I seem to be a little hooked on watching woodturning on You Tube and Facebook. Now, I am moving into my hubby's work-shed. We can spend most of the weekend in "our" work-shed, working on our projects. Makes for an awesome weekend spent with hubby and wood, making wood shavings and pretty turned wooden things, like bowls, pens, eggs, etc.

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.



October Club meeting – report

Peter Clemett gave a presentation on the making of a Buzzy Bee toy. He went into the detail of how he has planned the project, solutions he has found to some of the mechanical elements including the installation a clicking sound when rolling. The intention is that the making of a Buzzy Bee will be a future workshop project. Enthusiasm for this already evident among the members present.

Noel Graham demonstrated the making of a cup and ball game. Believed to have been created in the 14th century, you can check out the history of the cup and ball and similar games on Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cup-and-ball> . Also a traditional toy in Japan where it is known as Kendama, <https://nicejapan.co.nz/education/kendama-the-cup-n-ball-game/>. There is a book published by the Japan Kendama Association that lists 101 different tricks for the toy and there are supposedly tens of thousands of trick variations.



On display at the meeting were a number of wig stands. These are donated to charity and there is always a demand for more. If you want to make some but do not have suitable wood, talk to Noel. There is a plan available on the SAWG website. Don't forget to sign your name on the stand, the recipients do appreciate them and thank you letters sometimes follow.

<https://sawg.org.nz/sawg/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Wig-Stand.pdf>



At the October Meeting – Results from the show table

The editor offers his apologies for the lack of results from the October show table. Once I have the results, I will issue an update. - Ray. Pictures follow.

Show table entries





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.

- **25th November** Christmas decorations

Other events

- **22 November** Final club meeting for the year at Wigram

Club Information

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Woodturning Course

Past Newsletters

Other Clubs' Newsletters

Details and registration, visit <https://www.woodturning.nz/membership/>

For information, visit <https://www.woodturning.nz/courses/>

Can be downloaded from <https://www.woodturning.nz/newsletters/>

Can be viewed online, [here](#)

Regular Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings

Open Workshop

Pen workshop

Pyrography

4th Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Harvard Community Hall

Thursdays 1-4pm, 7-9pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

1st Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

2nd Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

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