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Turning Tomorrow's Treasures

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What is Happening at South Auckland Woodturners?

The 2009 year sees us in our new clubrooms. Through the efforts of Mac Duane, Terry Scott and Don Wood, our sub-committee, we will begin in our revitalized clubrooms.



Over the closedown period of Christmas & New Year members have been hard at work on several working bees. The new space has been transformed into a home for the South Auckland Woodturners. Whilst not everything went smoothly the result is impressive. The driving forces were Mac with his silver tongue and ever present smile cajoling of members, council, and contractors, Terry Scott setting the pace and whipping those present into action and Don Woods casting his experienced eye over the proposals and plans that saw the result achieved.

Individuals contributed in many ways. Shelving for the wood was made off site and fitted like a glove. Modifications and additions were made to make life easier such as Jim Downs seeing the potential, for those that breathe the rarified air, to inflict personal injury and potentially set the sprinklers off. There were also gems such as the banter between Mac and Noel O'Connor. It matched any item at the Comedy Club. There were also the two Terry's (Bennett & Scott) working at a rate that scared the contractors and risked their getting a speeding ticket from any passing law enforcement officer.

All we need now is for the members to turn out and enjoy. Please note that those of us with a height deficiency need to consider the likes of Jim Downs and John Whitmore and become the "back row boys".



Please note the Club AGM will be held May 13th

Club calendar

First Term 2009

All the activities listed here are in our clubrooms in the Papatoetoe Stadium Community Centre, Tavern Lane Papatoetoe.

On our regular Wednesday evenings, the official meeting starts at 7.00pm. The lathes will be available from 5.00pm. Please take advantage of the Library and the shop will be open for those essential supplies. You can seek advice, or simply socialise.

We have a Table Prize for each term. This is your work on display - lessons learned (half-finished, flawed, or failed) to the best you can do, brought to the 'show-and-tell' table each meeting.

Wed 4th Feb - Term 1 Begins

Term Project - Spheres - Terry Scott

Saturday 7th Working Bee - Doors open 8.30am. There are always things to do. This is your chance to put something back into the Club.

Wed 11th Feb Sharpening chisels - Various methods and what to look out for. All members invited to bring 2 chisels

Wed 18th Feb Natural Edge Bowl - Mac Duane

Wed 25th Feb Tim Elder of GemCo Ltd will show us Resins, Adhesives and Putties

Wed 4th Mar Hands On - Spheres

Wed 11th Mar Lindsay Amies - A "Mystery" demonstration by one of our 'up and coming' members.



**The South Auckland
Woodturners Guild**

is a member of the

National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc

and the

American Association of Woodturners



Coming events

2009

28 February 2009 - Fishy's Open Day - SAWG clubrooms. (Details Page 6)

13 to 15 March 2009. Taupo Jamboree.

Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild
Spa Hotel Complex, Upper Spa Road Taupo
Same Venue as last year but in a bigger area, so let's see you all there and help make this the biggest and best yet.

For further details, please contact ;

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For more details on these and other events, nationwide and overseas, check out the latest update on "What's On" in the NAW website -

www.naw.org.nz/whatson.htm

AORAKI CERTIFICATE COURSES - 2009

A full programme of Introductory (Stage 1) and Stages 2 and 3 Courses will run simultaneously from early this year.

Extra Course Assistants will be needed, on an "on-call" basis - Assistants could also enrol for the Course at which they will be assisting.

Editor's Corner

The challenge for me is to ensure the bulletin is timely and accurate. I have finished my employment and will be taking a break until May to travel and trace my family tree. This means I will be drawing on fellow members to support me for the March and April publications.

I have quickly learnt that you cannot please everyone so as long as the majority are happy it should be okay. I welcome input from all quarters as the more I have to draw on the easier the task is.

Put pen to paper, punch out an email or give me a call.

Enjoy,

Bob Yandell, Editor

Club Night Report - I have been given the support of two members whom between them will ensure we have photos, from each week, of the items on the "Show & Tell" table.

Not only will we be able to show those not present what the members are doing but hopefully it will prompt members to bring them back as an entrant in the Life Members Award.

Wednesday 29th November

Pens - multi demo **Phread Thurston and Les Sivewright**

The demonstration was based on the project sheets found in our website www.sawg.org.nz.

The demonstration covered the 2 styles of pens frequently produced. Start with a blank that is at least 190 long and 20 x 20mm.

It is best to hold this in a 25mm chuck with the tail brought up for security. You can hold it in the centre of a larger-chuck, for this make the blank longer. Round it off. Wind the speed up as this wood has a small diameter.

Plain Pens - Phread demonstrated the single piece pen. He had recently made a whole bunch of them for a group of friends that get together and talk of the "good old days".

The following need to be noted:

- Use the dent made by the tailstock to start drilling a 3.5mm hole withdrawing the drill after each 2 or 3 mm.
- Insert the rivet part of a 4mm dia pop rivet in the drilled hole
- Remove but don't lose the pop rivet.

Two Part Pen—Les Sivewright

For sometime Les has been making pens and by visiting the website you can get the details of the steps taken. The following need to be noted:

- Before sawing mark each side of the cut line so the grain if the 2 halves can match
- To ensure a good glue bond, lightly sand the outside of each brass tube.
- Before giving the pen remove the BLUE AIR-TIGHT TIP from the ball point so the pen will write .

Wednesday 3rd December

Duck—Andrew Bright

Whilst in Australia Andrew saw the duck he demonstrated. The demo not only showed us how the duck was made but a means to safely use the band saw to cut a section from a cylinder.

The process required 2 cylinders to be made of 50mm in diameter and approximately 200mm in length. The cylinders were turned between centres and a spigot for a 50mm chuck.

Turn the duck body from 1 cylinder. The body is an egg profile.

The second cylinder is cut vertically using a jig that has a 50mm diameter hole and a lead in cut so band saw blade passes through and cuts the cylinder.



The result is 2 pieces. It does not have to be a quarter as it is to be used to form the beak and will be glued in after the head has been turned.



Turn the duck's head so it is about 2/3rds that of the body.



Glue the 1/4 cut out and it will extend passed the head about the same length as the head.



Re-mount in the chuck and turn the beak. Then blend into the head profile and part off.

The piece left in the chuck is used for the duck's feet.

The eyes can be turned, small eggs, out of a dark timber or timber paint/stain dark. Legs can be dowel or skewers.



Wednesday 10th December—Inventions

Table that sits on the bed of the lathe which allows the accessories to move and always be correctly aligned.



A gauge, for marking spigots, using drills in a piece of industrial Formica. One end is for 50mm chuck and the other for 100mm chuck. One drill is blunt to sit in the centre mark made in the work piece the other is sharpened to a point to mark the circumference



A face plate with a difference. The back has a series of tech screws to which are attached bungee cords to secure the work piece against the closed cell face.



A steady using skateboard wheels to support the spindle work.



Wednesday 17th December - Final Night of 2008.

There were 2 parts to the evening. The first part was the Awards for 2008. Not to be confused with the Oscars or Golden Globe or Bafta Awards. These were the President's Awards recognizing contributions and indiscretions by club members and friends.

THE AWARDS

The Flying Carpet Award went to Terry Scott for his tendency to send pieces of wood flying from the lathe and he topped the year with his exhibition of mobile portaloos riding whist at the Christmas Party on Jim Downs farm.

The Lazy Susan Award went to George Hirst for his tireless effort over the last 9 Christmas Sales in topping the number of Lazy Susan entries.

The Spider Man Award went to Rex Haslip for his efforts in getting the South Auckland Woodturners site at the top of the Google search for Wood turning plus the work Rex does for the NAW.

The Headmistress Award went to Cathy Langley for her organizational skills and drive with the Aoraki Training Programme whilst still Treasurer.

The Low Learners Award went to Mac Duane for attending more Aoraki Training courses than anyone else. Albeit as a goffer, a helper, a student and a tutor.

The Paper Chase Award went to Michael Clausen for ensuring those that do not attend meetings are kept informed of what is happening and what is coming up. Not only did Michael work for our club but has helped other club editors in their quest to build a better newsletter.

The Muffin Maker Award went to Susan Berry. Sadly this was her last year and the quality of the muffins will be hard to match. It is also recognized that many only attended the working bees to have a muffin. If they fail to attend future working bees their motivation will be questioned.

The Motor Man Award went to Jim Downs for his tireless effort to ensure chainsaws were fully operational. He also, with support from Claire, throws a mean party. The live entertainment such as singer, piano players and portaloos racing, make for a memorable time.

The Crumb Counter Award went to Les Siverwright for monitoring the Tea, Coffee & Biscuits with a hawk eye to ensure all have a fair go. Especially appreciated is his work with the shop.

The Ned Kelly Award went to John Smart for his work on the raffles. Raffle money pays the rent. John with his ever present smile and "pleading poor look" milks the hard earned monies from the members each week.

The second part was the wrapping of bowls and toys for **Kidz First** whilst partaking in a shared supper and telling the usual lies. An amazing array of bowls and toys were filled with lollies and wrapped by the members and their partners. The donation of a total of 152 gifts were delivered. President Dick delivered to the grateful management and staff of Middlemore Hospital.



Christmas Sale 2008

What a showcase of the skills of our members. The opening night saw great support from previous customers and it was great to see such a good number of members and partners present.

This year we had an EFPOS terminal and it assisted both customers and the club. The setting up and the preparation went smoothly so the opening night was a great success. Food and drink was arranged by Jim Downs and John Smart.



Jim Downs and partner Claire serving the wine. Note no cardboard box wine at our opening. And no Jim is not sucking his thumb. He is carrying out Quality Checks.



Jason Crowson taking a break with Michelle Pemberton showing her appreciation of the entertainment.

The opening night has become as important as Oscar Night. Members have the opportunity to bring friends and family to join with previous customers in a glass of wine and listen to live entertainment whilst getting first choice of the many splendid items on sale. Make a diary note for 2009 if you want to have your chance to be "at the Oscars".



The items on sale came from 38 members but we also had great support from members not putting items up for sale. The overall support was such that we only were required to be on duty for 3-4 sessions at the most. The support is great as we did not have some members doing well in excess of 6 sessions over several days as we had in the past.



A range of items on sale from cats above the door; to clocks, platters, pepper grinders to walking sticks.



Decisions, decisions. So many things to choose from.



I'm not sure? Why not take both? It is certainly value for money.



Even the young find it difficult to decide.

There were 38 Turners participating

A total of 2,853 items were offered for sale at an average price of \$27.32 and 1,284 sold at an average price of \$22.06

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- Where:** South Auckland Woodturners Clubrooms, Tavern Lane, Papatoetoe, South Auckland
- When:** Saturday 28 Feb 2009 9.00am - 4.00pm. Last time we had a capacity crowd so don't delay
- Bring:** An enthusiastic money spending state of mood; Cash, cheque book, Visa card; Lunch; Exhibition piece; Stuff for the auction; Tools for the sharpening clinic; Trailer to take home all your goodies.

What's Happening? *Demonstrations*

I've got **Shane Hewitt** and **Robbie Graham** demonstrating. They'll each do a demo of about one and a half hours. Two very different styles and interests. Shane was here last year and following all your enthusiastic responses to him I just had to have him back. Robbie is an exceptionally talented artistic turner and frequent prize winner.

Bring along your best piece of recent work. I'm keen to have an **Instant Gallery** of attendees' work with a lucky number prize for entrants. Prize is a *Turning Tools Ltd* voucher for goods to the value of \$100.

Silent Auction

Full proceeds to go to the South Auckland Club. Dick Veitch will organize - thanks Dick. Please bring along anything you'd like to donate for this fundraiser.- - tools, wood, books, magazines, food, preserves, safety gear, anything you think somebody else might like. Let's make this a real boomer. Please, please think about this now, sort out what you'd like to contribute, bring it along on the club night of Feb 25 or on the Open Day Saturday 28.

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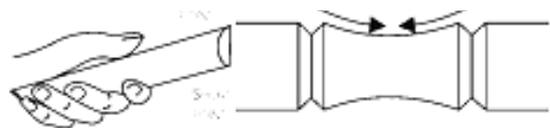
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