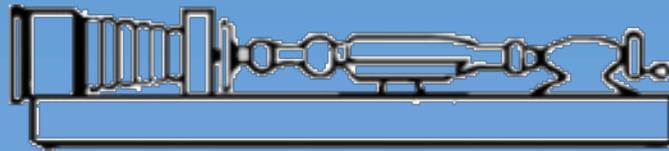


NORTH SHORE WOODTURNING GUILD



# SHAVINGS & RAVINGS



December 2018

Term 4

Theme for the term is "Christmas"

# WEEK 1

DEMONSTRATOR Julie Gannaway / Ian Fish

WRITE UP BY Allan Cox

Julie introduced the term theme of “Anything Christmas” which was described as a guide only, and left open for members to put their own ideas into it.

The obvious one was Toys for Xmas and Julie went on to describe a variety of Decorations, Gifts, Toys, Bowls

This was followed up by a talk about the timber used not being treated with any chemicals, and also that we comply with the “NZ Standard” in the design and the making of the toys. The “NZ Standard” sets out the specifications in the following age groups:

1. under three year olds
2. over three year olds.

She then described the safe sizes for parts of toys etc to comply with the standard.

Julie asked Ian Fish to discuss the finishes used on the toys, and how only food safe finishes should be used. He then discussed the toxicity of finishes and the definition of toxicity in relation to finishes and also wood etc.

The safety aspect of the design for any items made for children was also discussed, and the need to avoid sharp edges, items that could come loose and be swallowed etc,

Basically the club needs to comply with “NZ Standards” as near as possible with any items being made ( for Health and Safety Reasons ) even if they are not being sold.

Julie then proceeded to turn a Christmas bell decoration on the lathe, which looked great.

Thanks Julie and Ian for a really thoughtful and informative demo.



## WEEK 2

DEMONSTRATOR Ian Outshoorn

WRITE UP BY Andrew Corston

Ian showed us a heavy duty carving mallet which by the way is not the subject of this report. He then quickly turned a spinning top out of pine I believe for a bit of practice and a warm up. Quite a good idea although I will not be doing it.

With a series of peeling cuts a piece of Kauri was turned or roughed to the round and cleaned up with the skew. Cleaned up nicely because of the very straight grain. By the way Ian is turning an auctioneers gavel. We are starting with the handle. The length of the handle is approx 240mm. The end is turned first then the bead in the middle, then the long cove of the handle and a bead is turned by the gavel tenon. Peeling cuts are made to reduce the end tenon to 10mm. Suggest sand and finish after this and then cut off your end spigots. ( Sorry all but the writer affected by the length of the day apologises for the lack of clarity of the process described .I hope you get some idea anyway.)

It must be noted that this demonstration was quite affected by something the president said in his regular evening address about verbal going on during the demonstration. Unusually gone was all the heckling (still allowed though) from the back row and I kid you not the main perpetrators were all there .Some comments were made by a certain old fella from Helensville.

Anyway that said we turn our attention to the head of the gavel. Centre holes are marked, and the blank mounted between centres and then turned to the round. Some thought is given to mounting of the handle and the matching up of the grain. Mark out the head working out from the centre. Ian ended up with lots of lines which he admitted was very easy to get confused. The middle is turned down to approx 45mm. Then a ½ round bead is turned at each end of the centre divide. Coves are turned and butt the ½ round beads. Beads are turned to butt the outer edge of the coves. Fillets are tidied up. End caps are marked and turned with Ian at correct feet position driving into the cut under total control. Then hand saw off the ends. The gavel head was then mounted in extended jaws equipped with a liner so that the end spigots can be removed and the ends sanded. And then (my notes dry up at this point) from memory the head is placed in a V block for final work and fitting of the handle.

After final words of "Thankyou all for staying awake" Ian presented to the guild a very nice gavel made from pohutukawa that fell in Northcote to replace the one that got broken by the person that shall not be named.



# WEEK 3

DEMONSTRATOR David Dornie



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## WEEK 4

DEMONSTRATOR Dave Anderson

WRITE UP BY Holm Miehlsbradt



Dave showed us some approachable small projects that could make nice gifts for the upcoming holidays.

The first item was a baby rattle with 2 captured rings. The rings were turned first in the middle of the rattle. Then the shaft holding the rings was finished. Finally 2 large beads were formed at each end to contain the rings. The wood and finishing needs to be chosen carefully.

A honey dipper was the second project. Dave showed how to turn this efficiently. He highlighted that the parting tool needs to be freshly sharpened to get a clean cut for the grooves into the dipper.

A picture frame came third. This requires some planning to make sure the dimensions are correct so that the glass and the backing fit into the frame properly. First the backside is turned including the rebate which will receive the picture. The frame is then turned around and the face is finished. A

backing plate to increase the stability can be used if the frame gets to thin and starts to vibrate.

Finally Dave showed how to make a keyring. He just made it look very easy to do...

Thanks Dave for sharing some of your professional experience and show us how to set up and work more efficiently.



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# WEEK 5

DEMONSTRATOR Holm Miehlsbradt



## WEEK 6

DEMONSTRATOR Trefor Roberts

WRITE UP BY Ian Outshoorn



Because Trefor was the demonstrator, I made a special effort to come into the Guild.

Tref's demo's are always entertaining but not always because he plans them that way.

He's been overseas at the AAW big symposium and then attended the South Auckland Symposium. He learnt lots of things by watching other turners and showed us many photo's of some amazing work.

So for his demo he showed us 3 different types of trees that you can make.

While making the first Tref show us the difference between forward and reverse spirals using a felt pen. Tip, standing on the other side of the lathe is not the same as putting it in reverse, guess that's the last time he listens to one of my suggestions J

The second tree used a spindle gouge to make sloped steps, which were then decorated with glitter paint, quite effective.

The third tree was done with offset turning to create dramatic curves. An Angel with a copper wire halo completed the decoration.

As per usual, Tref kept his cool while under some heavy fire from the savages. Thanks Trefor for an entertaining evening.



# WEEK 7

DEMONSTRATOR Lesley Whity

WRITE UP BY Holm Miehlsbradt



Les showed us how to make several small Christmas ornaments and decorations. From a simple "carrot" shaped pendant which highlights the features of the wood (just the grain or the effects of laminating) to a Christmas tree with a star on top (the points of the star were turned and then the sides were sanded off to make the star flat). Other items were light bulb with a turned "thread" and painted and a snowman pendant.

All projects seemed easy enough for everyone to try them out. At least that is what Les' experienced turning made it look like.

Thanks Les for the inspiration to take up small projects for the holiday season.



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# WEEK 8

DEMONSTRATOR Terry Scott

WRITE UP BY Allan Cox

Terry gave an inspirational talk on the Christmas theme, plus ideas for gifts and projects.

He suggested the following ideas for gifts for family etc at Christmas:

Wine Stoppers, Pens, boxes, Rolling Pins, French Rolling Pins

Terry commenced with a blank of hard wood 150mm in length, long enough to get three wine cork tops out of it.

He explained how there was a shortage of cork trees recently resulting in the Wine makers switching to the screw top bottles. However as time has passed the Wine makers found that wine kept better in cork top bottles and also developed a synthetic cork which allowed the Wine makers to switch back the cork topped wine bottles. And therefore there is now a market for Wine bottle stoppers to seal the bottles, if you don't finish them in one go!



Terry mounted the blank in a 50mm chuck and turned it down to a cylinder around 30mm in diameter. Then tapered the end to 22mm ( the size of the stopper) These rubber and Stainless stoppers can be purchased from spotlight and have an 8mm threaded mandrel attached.

Terry drilled out the cylinder to be a tight fit on the mandrel and turned the top for the stopper while mounted on the mandrel. The piece was shaped, sanded, finished and decorated before being parted off to length and unscrewed from the mandrel. The finished item was then screwed onto tapered stopper. Terry also showed how he made some resin filled tops for the bottle stoppers, which were polished and finished. He also showed how he mounted a rebated coin on the top of the stopper then polished it up on the Beall Buff. Texture was also added to finish off the top and the side of the stopper.



The next item that Terry demonstrated was a box measuring around 120 mm by 60mm high. He showed how to turn it to a cylinder then add a spigot on each end, before parting off the lid at 1/3 of the length and setting it aside. The inside lip of the box was decorated using a metal bangle that was rebated into the rim of the box. The base was the shaped and hollowed, Terry explained that either a gouge, cup tool or hollowing tool could be used for this. The inside of the box was finished with a scrapper so very little sanding was required. Terry showed how the base and top were held so they could be completely finished on the lathe and sanded. He also showed how a coin was fitted to the inside of the base for decoration.

Thanks again Terry for a great demo



# WEEK 10

## END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS BARBEQUE & COMPETITION

The weather gods favoured us with a mild rain free evening. Around 80+ members, families and children enjoyed a great evening.

Special guests were:- Anne-Elise Smithson – Starship Foundation

Lorraine Brook – Salvation Army

Grant and Jacqui Oxenbridge – Carbatec

Anne-Elise and Lorraine were really blown away when presented with the 1500+ toys and tops the Guild members and their families had made, embellished and knitted. Subsequent feedback from the children receiving the toys and tops has been very heartwarming and most encouraging.

The term 4 challenge was “Something Christmassy” with a very diverse range of entries judged by all the attendees.

Novice – Chris Bulkeley “Inverted turned Xmas decoration”

Intermediate – Holm Miehlsbradt “Urchins”

Senior – Andrew Corston “Vino Trembleur”

Thanks to Julie and her team for preparing and plating the food.

Doug and Leader products for the yummy patties.

Terry for a sterling job manning the barbeques.

All the members (wives) who provided the scrumptious desserts.

David Dernie who set up the games for the children.

Kevin who attempted to set fire to the building with his marshmallow roast pit.



Chris Bulkeley  
Novicesection winner



Holm Miehlsbradt  
Intermediate section winner



Andrew Corston  
Senior section winner



Anne-Elise Smithson – Starship Foundation  
Lorraine Brook – Salvation Army



Patricia Wright—Certificate  
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Danae McPhee—Certificate  
for Beginners Course

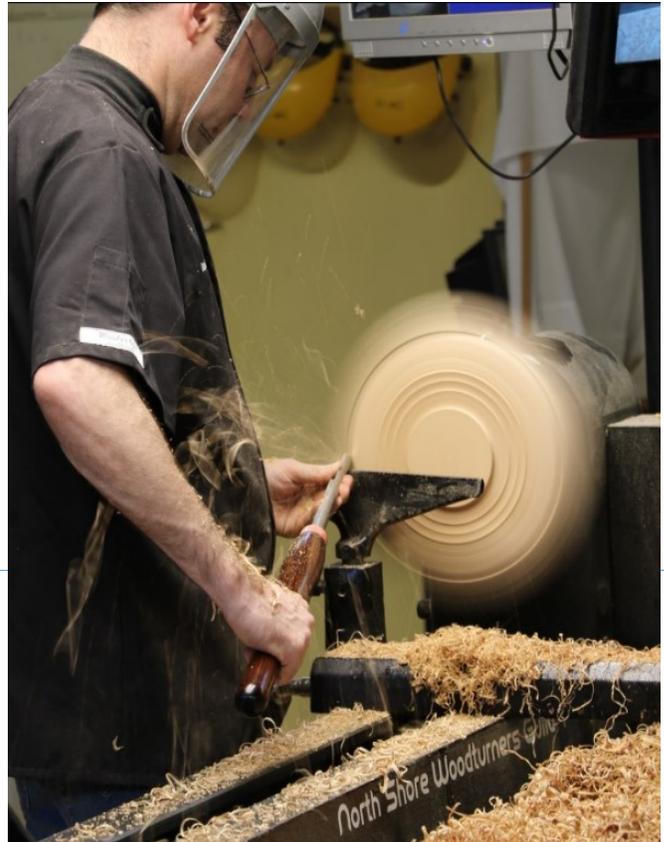
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The following members are available to help new members or anyone having woodturning problems:

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Ian Outshoorn 443 1066 Kevin Hodder 478 8646  
Pierre Bonny 479 4031

## WHEN ARE WE OPEN?



### Monday Club

Guild open from 9.00am

### Tuesday Club Night

Guild open from 6.00pm

### Thursday Beginners Course

Guild open from 7.00pm

Saturdays open from 9.00am



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12 Feb	NAW SGM/ Cam Cosford
19 Feb	David Browne
26 Feb	Holm Miehlabrad
05 Mar	Pierre Bonny
12 Mar	Andrew Corston
19 Mar	David Dernie
26 Mar	Bruce Wood
02 Apr	Julie Gannaway
09 Apr	End of Term

Community Adult Training Course

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Thur 14 Feb Making Shavings
Thur 21 Feb Beads & Coves
Thur 28 Feb Door Stop
Thur 07 Mar Spinning Tops
Thur 14 Mar Egg Cup
Thur 21 Mar Tea Lights
Thur 28 Mar Small bowl
Thurs 4 Apr Small bowl
Tues 15 Apr Social End of Term

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