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News from your President, Clinton Luckock

2021 has been a very busy year with interesting speakers at meetings, great events, workshop visits, sharing of skills and knowledge through demonstrations, special interest groups, show and tell and general discussions amongst members. These included demonstrations of sharpening, wood identification, wood screws & uses, walking stick making, CNC routing, 3D printing, laser engraving, woodturning, router tips & tricks, etc.

The monthly highlights of 2021 were:

January

- BBQ at Crawleighwood Gardens, Nicholls Rivulet
- Receipt of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) grant for \$4,962

February

- Purchase of two new wood lathes, additional turning tools and a dust air filter with funds provided by the TMSA grant.
- Safe Operating Procedures introduced for the Guild equipment

March

- A visit to VOS Constructions Kingston workshop to see their 5 axis CNC router in operation on 18th March.
- A visit to Murray Jessup's home workshop at Sandy Bay followed by a meal at Dr Syntax Hotel on 23rd March
- Guild members operated a demonstration stand at the Vintage Machinery Society Heritage Farming Expo at Cambridge on 27th and 28th March

April

- A visit to the Denman Marine workshop at Kettering on Saturday 17th April, a very interesting display of Tasmania's boat building skills.

May

- A visit to Duncan Meerding's workshop in North Hobart on 27th May at which Simeon Dux from Melbourne spoke about skills development for the visually impaired. Simeon was judged as the 2020 Maker of the Year by the Australian Wood Review.

June

- A visit to Michael Gaskell's workshop and the Broadmarsh Fire Brigade Station on 5th June
- The first member Health & Safety inductions and sign off on the use of Guild equipment on 12th June 2021.
- Commencement of the first woodturning class 17th June conducted by John Penprase.

July

- Gosgrove High School signed a short lease with the Guild for our Club room until 31 March 2022.
- Routers and jigs with tips and tricks described or demonstrated by members

August

- A display of members work was organised and arranged by Trevor Semmens at the Rosny Library display from 2nd to 27th August
- The Guild Annual General Meeting was held on the 10th August
- President Clinton attended the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association AGM on 19th August at Longford.
- Second woodturning class commenced on 26th August

September

- A visit to the Veterans Workshop at Dowsing Point on 14th September

October

- Guild members conducted a very popular activity helping children to make about 600 'Boats & Planes' at the shortened Royal Hobart Show from 21st to 23rd October.
- Third woodturning class commenced on 28th October
- An application submitted to the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association for their 2022 club grants

November

- A visit to Brian Ridler's workshop and BBQ on 23rd November
- The Health & Safety Sub-committee renewed the Guild Safety Policy, Workshop Safety Procedure, Incident Reporting form and a Guild Induction Procedure.

December

- President Clinton attended the Cosgrove High School final assembly on 10th December to present a student prize on behalf of the Guild
- Christmas Dinner at the Black Buffalo 14th December

Late News

The Guild was successful in its application to the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) Grants Program 2021-22 and will receive funding of \$3 645 for tools and equipment. These funds will be spent on a Laguna C-Flux mobile cyclone dust extraction unit and a second Carbatec dust filter, which could be very useful resources if our Club room lease is not renewed.

What can Guild members expect in 2022?

The major issue is uncertainty about the renewal of the lease for our Club room. Your Committee is working to resolve some options if the lease is not renewed so we hope it will not be an 'interesting' year!

Thanks for all Committee and Guild members for your help, work and support during this very busy year!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022!

Clinton Luckock, President.

Royal Hobart Show Report -Oct. 2021

This year the Show was changed at short notice from a four day to a three day event, due to Covid 19 restrictions. A maximum of 10,000 people a day were allowed on site so the numbers of children were down. Despite these restrictions Guild members assisted children to assemble more than 600 boats and planes over the three days.

Thanks to members of the Special Interest Group who made the kits on many Saturday mornings in the previous year (no Show in 2020) : John Grubb, Brian Ridler, Ken Dowling, Graeme Clark ,Clinton Luckock, John Sheppard and Murray Jessup.

In addition to the members above Scott McKenzie, Brian Weeding, and Coralee Williams also helped on "The assembly Line" at the show.

Once again Guild members received many complimentary remarks from parents, carers and visitors for our work and for assisting the children. This year the Guild also won the award and sash for the "Best Childrens Exhibit" from the Show Society.

I would like to thank all the Guild members involved who helped to make this activity so successful again.

John Penprase, Events Coordinator.

Wood Turning Classes

During 2021 John Penprase conducted three x eight week classes Guild members to learn the basics of spindle and bowl turning. A total of twelve students completed these short courses and we hope to build our membership numbers by attracting new members interested in learning woodcraft skills.

Australian Wood Review - 2021 Maker of the Year Awards, presented by Carbatec

Ray Collins entry *The Old Boot*, carved in Huon pine of course and first shown to members at a Guild meeting, received a Commended award in the Art & Objects category.

The *Wood Review's* Maker of the Year Awards are Australia and New Zealand's largest competition showcasing the art of fine woodworking. The 2021 awards were judged by leading woodworkers and educators Michael Fortune, David Haig, Leslie Webb, Phoebe Everill, Melissa Ward and Simeon Dux.

Congratulations Ray, a very well deserved honour! The story and vision of your work has spread far and wide due to its front page of Tasmania's #28 of Shed News and the video clip of your entry being featured in the AWR newsletters and website.

Can we find another entrant from the Guild for their 2022 Award?

Mark your calendar, diary and mobile planner for 2022

January BBQ at Crawleighwood Gardens, Nichols Rivulet from about 11.30 am on Sunday 22.

February Guild Meeting - will commence at 7 pm on Tuesday 8th; the speaker will be Michael Gaskell with a demonstration of 'how to prepare and glue-up panels'.

COVID 19 Safety (Omicron this time)

If you feel unwell or have possible COVID symptoms please do not attend any Guild activity.

Please note, all members attending meetings, Special Interest Group activities, workshop must sign in at the QR tracing code on the door or manually sign in to an attendance book.

Please continue to regularly sanitise hands and feel free to wear a mask during meetings, if you wish - many Guild members have birth dates with dangerous numbers!!.

Suggestions for visits - speakers - demonstrations - activities

Any suggestions would be gratefully accepted by your Committee to help it's planning work to deliver interesting meetings, visits or activities, during 2022. Please talk to a Committee member or email your suggestion to: woodguildtas@gmail.com

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[woodsmith tip 282 Revolving Workstation .pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

[woodsmith tip 287 Smart Box Joint Jig Helper.01.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

[woodsmith tip 289 Carving Tools Caddy.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

[woodsmith tip 291 Easy Spline Trimming.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

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Guild meetings: second Tuesday of each month from 7.00 pm to 8.30 - 9.00 pm at Cosgrove High School, Main Road, Derwent Park. Enter by **Felicity Lane**, which is adjacent to the Z o o p e r / Motors used car yard in Main Road. Telephone any Committee member for more specific details.

Contributions for the Newsletter and Website please!

Please email images of your work or interesting items, web links to useful projects or tips whenever you can.

Enjoy happy days in your workshop, Murray Jessup, Newsletter Editor.



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spinning tops by Ken Dowling



Nice work Simon!



Simon and Ken sharing tech ideas.



Duncan Meerding and Simeon Dux at Duncan's workshop



at the Defence and Veterans Workshop visit





demonstration of walking stick making by John Penprase, routing jig

