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WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD of WOODCARVERS Inc

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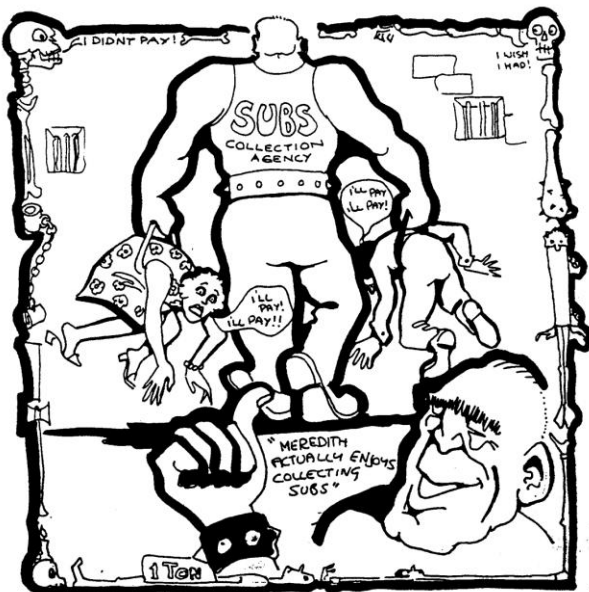
Dear Woodhackers

The new Committee is getting into the run of things. We hope we can come up with an interesting program for the next year.

We are very pleased that Beauchamp Paine has agreed to come down to Wandi to give us the benefit of his vast expertise. He will also be bringing some of his work for you to fantasize over. Everybody would enjoy seeing his work, but this is especially so for newer members.

I make the usual pleas. First we would really appreciate you sharing your skills with other members. So please consider giving a demonstration/workshop. Secondly lets us know of any type of work you would be interested in. If enough people are also interested we might be able to organize an event.

## Subscriptions-friendly reminder



Quite a few of you have paid your subscription, but there are still some outstanding. You can pay by cash or cheque to the Treasurer, and also on-line per the instructions in the last issue of Chips. At the last General Meeting the committee was instructed to set a deadline for payment of 31 May. After that if you haven't paid you would be unfinancial –that is you would cease to be a member. We don't want that to happen.

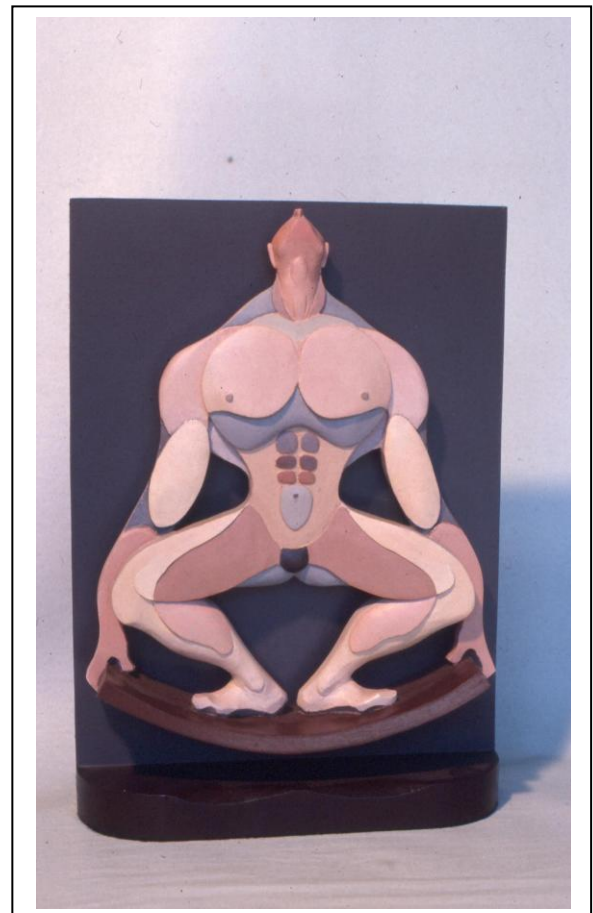
Remember you have to be a member to submit entries to the Wood show. Chips is sent to members only

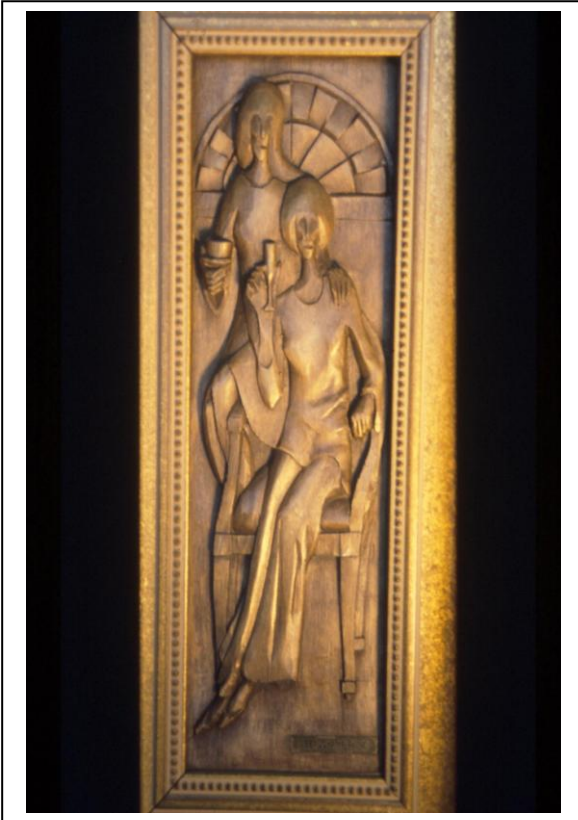
**WORKSHOP Saturday 30 May From 9.30am until mid afternoon**

The subject of this workshop is a caricature head similar to these.



To start with Beauchamp will give general instructions to get you started. He will then show you some of his work like this. It would be worthwhile just to hear Beauchamp, even if you do not want to stay for the rest of the day.





Then Bob Svendsen will take over to get you on your way with your work, until you have had enough, by say mid afternoon, so bring some lunch for a day of fellowship and fun. Cost \$5 for blank-collected on day  
 Please let me know by 11 May if you wish to attend so that the required number of blanks can be made. Communication details in box below.

**Other workshops**

Unfortunately the Warwick Backhouse workshop fell through – not enough takers. Don't know why. Your feedback would be welcome for further reference  
 We plan to hold a Saturday workshop in late August for a chip carving project by Jim van Brink, and one in early October by Bob Svendsen for a Christmas type item. Watch this space.

These are examples of what we have in mind.



These are intarsia, but readily adaptable to carving with very simple tools

Maybe less elaborate than this.

## **Wood supply**

An order has been placed for a goodly supply of Basswood. Thanks to Jim Van Brink and Patrick Pierce for making this happen. The slightly not so good news is that the wood is still in the USA (might still be in the form of a tree), and delivery will be 4 to 5 months-no guarantees. That probably means just this side of Christmas. Don't hold your breath. Could be a good Chrissie present to you from your loved ones.

On Jim van Brink's advice we decided not to go ahead with the purchase of any Sugar Pine.

In the meantime here is a list of stuff we have in stock at Wandi

Poplar 13 pcs 200x 100 \$10-16 per piece

Huon Pine 3 pcs 180x100 \$20 per piece

Black Walnut 1 pc 125x 30 x .6 \$25

Huon Pine 100x 30x.9 \$45

Ditto 100x30x.6 \$30

Ditto 75x50x.9 \$50

Jelutong

2 pcs 125x50x1.1 \$40 per pc      1 pc 125x75 x1,0 \$45      4 pcs 50x50x.9 \$25 per pc

1 pc 50x40x.9 \$20      150x45x1.5 \$55

Open to offers

## **WANDI**

Most things about the club seem to center on Wandi. I wish it wasn't so. I would welcome news from other centers. The committee would like to visit other centers, and even hold a General meeting or two there.

In the meantime here is some news about Wandi. The building to house the wood turners and scrollers is taking shape - walls up and roof on. It looks like the planned completion date of October is comfortably achievable. The lucky occupants can move in at about that time.

We will be exchanging premises with the boxing club. They get the shed we currently occupy, and we get the two rooms they use in what used to be the old school. Several members have seen what we will get. I haven't heard too many gasps of dismay so I assume we will be accommodated satisfactorily. When the changeover takes place you need to do one of two things. You need to go to the right place, or you need to take your boxing gloves and gum shield with you just in case.

Both buildings will have some modifications, so maybe there will be a couple of weeks or so when there is a little inconvenience-please be patient.

Patrick Pierce volunteered, just like that, to coordinate our move. No doubt he will be looking for a band of helpers later this year.

On a related issue we are planning to have our Christmas lunch in the new building on Sunday 6 Dec. Immediately after last year's lunch we went to book the old hall only to find the Cravanners had beaten us to the punch. The new building will be quite OK, if a little industrial.

## A useful tool

Patrick Pierce has made a work station as shown here



He said he made it from bits of wood he had lying around. Being a very organized person he has full working drawings of this apparatus. So if you have got some wood lying around I am sure he would be more than willing to help you create a similar workplace. Isn't the internet an amazing thing. Whatever did some of us do without it. Here is another workplace that shows that great minds think alike-this variation for shaving spokes etc



This is not Patrick

## Sausage sizzle

Last October we had a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Cockburn Central. It was quite a decent little earner so we plan to have another one on Oct 10. We have to be there for quite a few hours so this event does rely on having a decent group of volunteers. Bunnings don't charge us, and are also very helpful with equipment. Please put a note in your diary to help out.

Incidentally every year we ask a number of Bunnings stores for a donation. There is a set protocol-you have to be in right area. For example the Warwick group comes under Balcatta, not Whitfords. We have already received a donation from Bunnings Melville and have high hopes that Balcatta and Cockburn Central will cough up as well, as well as Masters Bibra Lake.

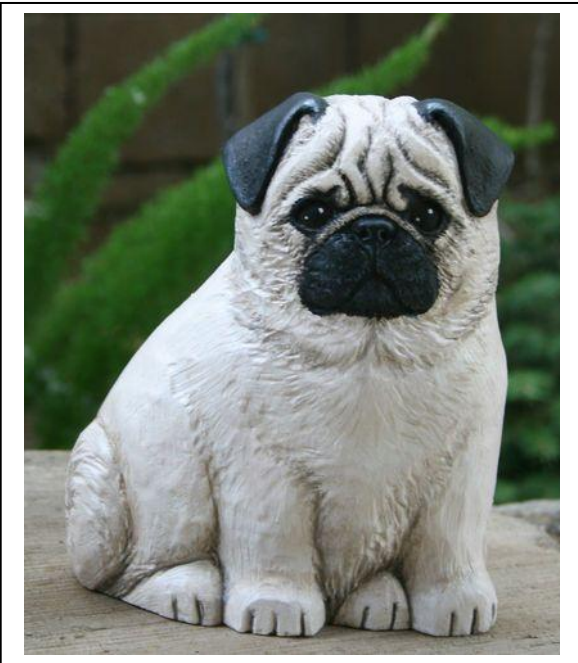
It follows that we ask you in turn to support those who support us.

## Wood Show

The show is on the 7, 8 and 9 August. We haven't yet been contacted by the organizer. However I have spoken to the lady and she is keen for us to participate, even though I didn't get a direct answer to my request for more space than last year. Once again we rely on a small army of volunteers-open your diary again.

## So cute etc

I have previously mentioned a number of websites I like to trawl through. One such is Pinterest. They have lots of gorgeous photos of wood carvings, and anything else you can think of. The down side is that once in their orbit you will receive frequent emails from them. At least the adverts are not so in your face. I thought this one was very cute. My Mrs won't let me have a dog (she thinks one smelly, noisy animal around the place is quite enough), so a picture of a carving of a dog will have to do. I don't think this little carving is as easy as it first appears.



Here's an easier project of small animals that I know some of our carvers really like

Only 240 days to Christmas. How about having a go at this "little" project?



When I was on my trip last October there was a man in the group with an unusual CV. He was a Zoroastrian from the Punjab in India. Top of his bucket list was to see the Aurora Borealis. To do so he planned to journey from his hothouse home to the icy wastes of northern Norway in the dead of winter on the off chance that the phenomenon occurs. I will settle for a photo - looks unreal.



### **Words of wisdom**

From Groucho Marx

The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that you've got it made.

This is from the book "Three men in a boat" by Jerome K Jerome-not a book much read nowadays. I read this type of book mainly because I can get them off the internet for free-anything published before 1923, and therefore out of copyright in the USA. The main character had been reading a medical text book and came to the conclusion he had every ailment from A to Z except Housemaids Knee. This is the prescription provided by his doctor:

"1 lb of beefsteak with 1 pint of bitter beer every 6 hours  
1 ten mile walk every morning  
To bed at 11pm sharp every night  
And don't stuff your head with things you don't understand"

### **Diary Dates of Guild Events for 2015**

May 18 General meeting  
May 30 Workshop with Beauchamp Paine and Bob Svendsen  
June 15 General meeting  
July 13 General meeting  
August 7,8 & 9 Wood Show Claremont  
August 22 General meeting and Presentation of Awards from Wood Show  
August 29 Chip carving workshop Wandí  
Sep 14 General meeting  
Oct 10 Sausage sizzle  
Oct 12 General meeting  
Nov 16 General meeting  
Dec 6 Christmas lunch Wandí

General meetings will be at Wandí except we would like to hold at least one meeting at Warwick and Applecross, in which case the date would have to match the venue

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Bob

### **Carving Groups**

#### **Applecross Area:**

Meet Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00pm  
 Applecross SHS, East Entrance  
 37 Ardessie Street, Ardross  
 Contact: Ron Green 9330 2623

#### **Rockingham Area: (55+ Syear olds)**

Meet Tuesday 9:00am to Noon  
 Rockingham Autumn Centre  
 McNicholl Street, Rockingham  
 Contact: Karel Groeneweg 95281187

#### **Wandi/Anketell/Canningvale/Kwinana**

Meet Monday 9:00am - Noon  
 Wandie clubrooms  
 302 De Haer Road Wandie  
 Contact Not sure-watch this space

#### **Warwick Area:**

Meet Friday 3:00 –5:00pm  
 Warwick Senior High School  
 355 Erindale Road (North End)  
 Contact: Vicki Nicholson 9309 2652

#### **Stoneville Area**

Meet Monday starting 7pm  
 7 Tassell Place Stoneville  
 Contact Bill Marshall 9295 0915



