

West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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Club Meeting May 11th, 2019.

The end of the Spring Meeting Season was nigh... Our final speaker before our Summer holiday was club member David Hey. An eagerly awaited talk, David took us from his early interest in Marquetry to the making a stunning pair of Zodiac themed marquetry side tables.



Starting with marquetry kits, where all materials were provided along with a simple pattern to follow and mark out the veneers to be cut, David clearly took to the process. David explained the differences between the related veneering disciplines of Marquetry (Illustrative Designs), Parquetry (Geometric Designs) and Inlay (Furniture Veneer Decoration). Kits can be purchased from several on-line retailers. David recommended www.marquetry.org – the Marquetry Society website and www.artveneers.co.uk as good sources of information and supplies.

David shared with us his early attempts at marquetry and his progression through flat panels with an impressive range of subjects to his mastering of the process. On the way he discussed the methods, tools and materials needed. It would be fair to say that David's modesty belies his skill as he went on to show and talk through the designing and making the two side tables.

The first table was an exploration of the Western Zodiac with twelve segments, one for each star sign, the associated months of the year, the planets and constellations.

The second table completed later shows the Chinese Zodiac with similar related signs and symbols to compliment his previous project.

David has now run up against an old problem – space. He confided that “I like to do marquetry on things like tables, but we have more tables than we can use.”

I'm sure the members present couldn't fail to be impressed by David's skill in producing these two amazing pieces of craft.

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Next Meeting; Saturday 14th Sept at Shepley Methodist Church Hall;

We kick off the Autumn / Winter Season with a full day session with our new Patron and Master Carver Mike Painter. It is a very welcome return for Mike and I'm sure members will get a lot out his morning demonstration. Mike will be demonstrating carving architectural reliefs based on the acanthus leaf in the morning and offering a carving surgery in the afternoon. Can as many of you as possible bring along your carvings to both display before the meeting and any carvings that you want expert input on from Mike.

There will be a Pie and Pea lunch between the two sessions.

As this is a full day session with lunch there will be the usual charge of £5.

Website Galleries;

Another good reason to bring along your carvings is that we will photograph them and upload to the club website creating a gallery in name if you don't already have one.

Showing the breadth of our output is a great encouragement to would be members so it is good for the club to have an active presence on the web – you help would be greatly appreciated.

Up Coming Speakers;

12th October: Malcolm Cooke. Formally a member of the Club and intrepid Sky Diver, Malcolm will be known to a great many members. Malcolm will be talking us through the craft of stick making. If you have seen any of Malcolm's sticks, you'll know that he is a great exponent of this art. Malcolm has previously made a stick for the club to present to our former patron Dame Ingrid's husband, Marshall. A real master of animal head carving and painting I'm sure Malcolm will be an inspiration!

9th November: Peter Walker of Carnivorous Plant Nursery, Wack's Wicked Plants. Peter has been breeding and cultivating carnivorous plants for years and his business has grown to being recognised for excellence. I've lost count of the number of Royal Horticultural Society Gold Medals he has won for his amazing displays at shows across the country this year. Along with a talk on where these fascinating plants grow and thrive, I hope Peter will be bringing along plants to buy.

Other News;

Wakefield Hospice's Panel is back with us. The hospice is undergoing a major renovation, so we have taken the opportunity to remove the panel to the safe keeping of "Pam's Garage" to also undergo a thorough inspection and have any necessary maintenance carried out. This is quite opportune time for us to have the panel back as it means we will be able to make it our show piece at the Harrogate Show in November.

Speaking of Harrogate, the club will be exhibiting once again at The North of England Woodworking Show from the 15th to the 17th November. This is major undertaking and usually means we inspire at least a few people to become new members of the club. It does take a lot of work by what is becoming a smaller group of members to get it set up and manned for the three days. We really do need more people to get involved so we will have a sign-up sheet available at Shepley on 14th Sept. There are free entry badges for any club member who man's the stand for a session – save yourself money and help the club at the same time. If you can help get the stand packed up and taken to Harrogate on the Thursday or returned on Sunday afternoon, your help would be very much appreciated. Stewarding the stand is from 10 to 1 and 1 to 4 on each of the days. If you can do one of the sessions, you would be really helping. Come along chat to the fellow woodworkers and then do your annual tool shop! What could be better?