



It's a wrap – our first Carbatec CrushGrind competition is finished & the winners can be announced.

But first, I would like to thank all those creative woodworkers out there who submitted entries. It was great to see what is possible with a CrushGrind grinder. I hope this will be the first of many competitions and others will join in!

By now I hope you have seen all the entries on Carbatec's Facebook and Instagram posts – and I thank those of you who voted for People's Choice.

A huge thanks to Neil Joynt for judging all our competition entries.

The formal judging was based on 6 criteria with scores added to get the total:

1. Wow Factor
2. Design
3. Form
4. Techniques/Skill
5. Suitability
6. Finish



As you know, the winner of the Carbatec CrushGrind competition will be entered, as a finalist, in the international CrushGrind Awards 2024.

And now to the winners!

1st place went to John Chester's salt & pepper grinders

Congratulations John – we will be in contact to organise your \$200 Carbatec voucher !

In addition, this entry will be sent (by email) to our CrushGrind friends in Denmark and will be posted on Instagram with their 4 finalists for voting on the overall CrushGrind Awards.

Online voting happens between 2 December and 15 December – if you want to vote - search for CrushGrind Woodturners on Facebook or crushgrind_woodturner on Instagram.



Timbers used by John were largely cutting board project offcuts & include Rewarewa, Walnut, Tawa, Black Maire, Purpleheart, Maple, Jarrah, Tasmanian Oak & Totara. The salt grinder has a European Beech top, and the pepper has a Merbau top.

Constructed with glue, clamps a jointer, thicknesser and bandsaw then drilled with Forstner bits - there was NO lathe work involved.

Grinders are sealed with Cabot's Benchtop Clear satin to ensure durability, heat & stain resistance to keep them looking great during daily use.

Our runner up goes to Trefor Robert's Snowman.

Congratulations Tref – we will drop off your \$50 voucher and CrushGrind prize at NSWG party - then you will have no excuse not to make more CrushGrind grinders – maybe Mrs Snowman!



A whimsical, natural wood Christmas Pepper grinder with Attitude!

The body, moveable arms & hat are made of Banksia, eyes are Ebony, nose is Maple, handsome bow tie is Magnolia while the buttons & arm pins are American Oak.

Inspired by a NorthShore Woodturners Club event making Christmas Decorations & Gifts.

Merit - Worthy of Mention - Richard Jackson's shaftless peppermill and Keith Hake's Chilli Grinder.

Congratulations Richard and Keith – you have both won CrushGrind spot prizes! We will be in touch to work out how to get these to you.



Richard's pepper grinder is made of Rimu with black cord & akeake buttons.

Peppercorns are set in resin on the top and the carved rings are finished with green metallic paint.



Keith's chilli grinder is made of Totara dug up from the man-made Pegasus lakes in Christchurch.

Green resin was vacuumed into the voids to represent pounamu.

The top is made of ultra clear resin with imitation chillis, and leaves and the entire grinder has multiple coats of resin to finish.

People's Choice Winner is:

Keith Hake's Chilli Grinder followed by Keith Hake's Maple set with pink Himalayan salt & Black peppercorns in resin.

Well done Keith, must be all the practice making CrushGrind Grinders so you have a good appreciation for what your customers want!

We have another CrushGrind spot prize for you!



It has been a huge amount of fun running this competition. Thanks to George Randle, our Manager in Christchurch for the idea.

I look forward to next year's entries. Remember, 4 photos with 1 showing the CrushGrind mechanism. Grinder must be no more than 12 months old so you can start thinking and making your entry now 😊

From all of us at Carbatec, thanks for your participation.