



**Carbatec New Zealand is proud to be the Major Sponsor of the upcoming 2025 Wood Expo which will be held this year on Saturday 24 May and Sunday 25 May at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club.**

If you are interested in Wood Art, woodworking – including turning, embellishing, scroll saw work – then you should join us for the weekend.

The event is a lot of fun with a large trade hall, morning & afternoon tea, lunches and a “Gala Dinner” on Saturday night (complete with Crazy Smocks) along with live woodworking demonstrations from well known New Zealand, and an Australian, Woodworkers.

The opportunity to talk with fellow-minded delegates should not be undervalued.

Entry into the Trade Hall is free for everyone. Here you will find Carbatec, Timberly, TreeWorkx Sandpapers & Wood Grain NZ have trade stands.

In addition, we anticipate a large display of Wood Art.

If you are a delegate you are invited to bring a piece of your Wood Art for display and, if you wish, critique from Neil Turner.

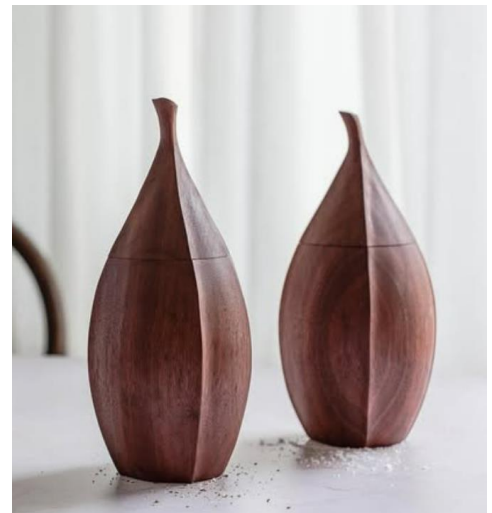
### **A quick profile of the demonstrators:**

**Neil Turner** is a highly regarded woodturner, sculptor & furniture maker from Australia.

This is a recently handcrafted CrushGrind salt & pepper grinder set made of Western Australian timber.

Drawing inspiration from the elegant organic forms of seed pods found in nature, Neil seamlessly merges sculptural beauty with practicality.

Neil will be turning and demonstrating a micro motor machine for carving.





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**Rolly Munro** has been sculpting wood since the early 1980's.

During this time Rolly has created his own turning and carving tools.

This piece, Fractals & Feathers was displayed at the American Association of Woodworkers in 2024.

It is turned, carved and coloured pohutakawa wood.

Rolly will be covering design, embellishment & hollowing.



**Emma James-Ries** could be said to be relatively new to woodwork with only 6 years' experience however Emma has a background in Fine Arts and makes stunning Wood Art pieces – including a few in my collection!

Emma is continually exploring different embellishment techniques using her turned pieces as a canvas for her art.

These tea lights are turned by Emma then embellished with pyrography and water dyes.

Emma will be demonstrating pyrography & colour in Wood Art.



**Kerry Snell** has been a member of the North Shore Woodturning Guild for 30 years and has a passion for scroll saw work, veneers, inlay and Marquetry.

Marquetry is defined as the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to form decorative designs.

Kerry will be demonstrating scroll saw work to incorporate Marquetry in his Wood Art.





**Rene Baxalle** began his woodworking career in south-west France whittling small figurines with a pocketknife from the age of 7!

Rene prefers to master a technique and then move on to a new challenge, so his demonstration subject is unknown!

This piece was a prize winner in the 2024 Art of Wood competition – totally different from the bowl with flax weaving that won the year before!

Rene will be demonstrating the use of a ring tool.



**Peter Clemett** has been woodturning for over 2 decades – last year he was a judge in the Art of Wood Competition.

Peter has demonstrated at Wood Expos in the past – one demonstration was on a pull along bee toy – sharing with us many options for finishing the toy.

An earlier demonstration was on acorn inspired lidded boxes demonstrating both carving and decoration.

This year Peter will be demonstrating multi-axis turning.



So, in the esteemed words of Trefor Roberts, NAW President:

**Book your place now – it's going to be awesome!**

<https://naw.org.nz/form/nation-wood-expo-2025>

Jacqui, Wood Art Collector 😊