

Centre for Fine Woodworking



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Steve Anderson left here over last weekend and encountered snow as he crossed over Lewis Pass on his way back to Christchurch. He thought that this was a good environment for the display of his snow-white Sycamore jewellery box.



Bernie Stokes has been teaching our students drawing techniques for four hours a week. And John Towse gave us an intensive introduction to SketchUp - Google's free surface-modeling CAD program.

As we write, the dinghy-building course is well under way. Nigel has returned to the fold but will disappear across the ditch again after the course is over. The students have fabricated the stem, keel and transom and are in the process of fairing the forms before laying the planks. The workshop is eerily quiet as this is mostly hand work.

Dave Haig kicks off Module 2 with his popular course in bending solid wood. Most of the Module 1 students will return for it. They will be joined by several students who have completed other courses earlier this year.

John has written two articles recently for The Shed, one on dovetailing and one on building a small Kauri china cabinet. They are worth having a look at.

We have fixed the dates for this year's exhibition of student work. The exhibition will be at the Refinery Gallery again this year and will open on 3 December and close on 9 January 2009.

We have entered a fund-raising phase in an effort to allow us to keep student fees low. We are preparing proposals to various granting agencies to support student scholarships and to help cover the overhead and administrative expense of running the school. We would like to hear from anyone who can offer us advice and suggestions about potential benefactors - either trusts or individuals.

We have been working diligently to present our calendar for 2009. We have repeatedly heard from our students over the past 18 months that it was difficult for many of them to finish their projects by the end of the course. To that end we are going to lengthen courses in order to allow students to complete their work without compromising quality.

As a result, Modules 1 and 2 expand from 12 to 14 weeks. Module 3 expands to 12 weeks.

We have also decided to drop the weekend courses from the schedule. Unfortunately they have been poorly subscribed and we have had to cancel some while having to consolidate others. We would like the readers of this newsletter to provide us with feedback about what weekend courses they would like to - and make a commitment to - attend. If we can get critical mass, we would be glad to resume teaching them.

The 2009 curriculum will start off with a two week course in veneering taught by Darryl Kiel. See the web site, <http://www.cfw.co.nz> for more details. We have 2 two-week slots, one in January and one in December that are not yet filled, but we're working on some ideas. If you have suggestions, please let us know. Keep watching these newsletters and our web site to find out what we have been able to put together.

Please look at the schedule on the next page. Note that prices for each course and for each module, when the whole module is paid for at one time, are listed in the calendar. Other discounts for multiple courses paid for at one time are described on our home page. Unfortunately we have had to raise our prices slightly. However to those of you who sign up before 15 December 2008 for courses which are the same length in 2009 as they were in 2008 (Beginning Cabinet Making, Open Cabinet Making and Bending Solid Wood), we can offer them to you at 2008 prices. To see the amount of deposit required, see the individual course pages.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the web site: <http://www.cfw.co.nz> should be updated but there will perhaps be some confusion because course lengths and fees change in 2009, yet there may still be people who are interested in signing up for courses in 2008. All courses which will not run

again in 2008 will show next year's data. All courses that will run in the balance of 2008 will show 2008 information. Sorry for any possible confusion.

Be aware of the Breakout programme of the Funding Information Service which can help to students needing funding to find funding agencies which offer scholarships, awards and grants. You can get information on the programme by visiting www.allaboutfunding.org.nz, but if you do your searches there, you will have to pay for the service. However if you visit almost any library in New Zealand you can have access to this large database of potential funding agencies free of charge.

We look forward to your comments and feedback.

Cheers,

John, Dave, Larry and Helen

2009 Calendar

5 Jan 12 Jan	Veneering \$1625	
19 Jan 26 Jan	TBA	
2 Feb 9 Feb	Beginning Cabinet Making \$1375	Module 1 \$8730
16 Feb 23 Feb 2 Mar 9 Mar 16 Mar	Dovetail Cabinet & Carcase \$3475	
23 Mar 30 Mar 6 Apr	Frame & Panel \$2075	
13 Apr 20 Apr 27 Apr 4 May	Open Cabinet Making \$2775	
11 May 18 May	Beginning Cabinet Making \$1375	
25 May 1 Jun	Bending Solid Wood \$1625	Module 2 \$9337.50
8 Jun 15 Jun 22 Jun 29 Jun 6 Jul 13 Jul	Chair Making \$4475	
20 Jul 27 Jul 3 Aug 10 Aug 17 Aug 24 Aug	Furniture Making for a Client \$4225	
31 Aug 7 Sep	Beginning Cabinet Making \$1375	
14 Sep 21 Sep 28 Sep 5 Oct 12 Oct 19 Oct 26 Oct 2 Nov 9 Nov 16 Nov 23 Nov 30 Nov	Internship \$6575	Module 3 \$6575
7 Dec 14 Dec	TBA	