



WOODGROUP SA INC

DON FREEMAN MEMORIAL AWARD – 2010

ALAN FRAZER – Sculptor & Carver

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Alan first started carving in New Zealand (his home country). After exhaustive sessions as a medical practitioner he relaxed by carving Maori designs shown to him by several Maori men. At that stage he had only two improvised carving tools – one being a sharpened screwdriver. Because of his enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to sculpture and woodcarving he became so proficient at Maori carving that he taught Maoris the craft. In the same vein this willingness to use his expertise to help and mentor others found him teaching the craft to Maori Youth in the North island of New Zealand thus enabling them to continue the tradition of tribal carving.

Alan works creatively not only in wood but in clay, various metals and in stone. He often painstakingly inlays his work with shells and gemstones. In fact such is the quality of his work that some of his large Maori carvings (particularly one inlaid with Paua shell) has been on loan to the AUCKLAND MUSEUM for display. His fellow members of the Sculptors & Carvers Club state that his carvings are always of the highest standard and he is a regular contributor to Woodgroup SA Exhibitions as well exhibiting his work externally.

Alan produces outstanding carvings with consistency and flair. His professionalism and knowledge of his craft, combined with a high work ethic has been demonstrated over many years. Another of his qualities is the invaluable contribution he makes as a club member in regularly mentoring, demonstrating and sharing his creative carving solutions with other members of the Sculptor & Carvers Club of which he has been a member for the last 7-8 years. It is not unusual for Alan to show an improvised tool he has shaped to reach a desired effect in his carving.

Alan is the second wood carver to receive Woodgroup SA's most prestigious award, The Don Freeman Award for Excellence in Woodcraft. Alan is in the company of another of our most respected craftsman, Jack Nitschke, a fellow carver among our network of affiliates.

Congratulations Alan your award is well deserved.