

Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild General Membership Meeting June 15, 2010- 1900 Hours

June 15th Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild general membership meeting was the annual 2x4 Challenge. This year the event was combined with a wine & cheese party which was held at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay. Spouses and guests were invited to this years event, 29 gents and 24 ladies were in attendance.

No formal meeting took place, the group mingled, sampled the great assortments of cheese, crackers, veggies, fruits, desserts and beverages of their choice. It was iterated by many that the evening was a very successful and enjoyable 2x4 Challenge / wine & cheese party. A special thank you was extended to all the ladies and guys that came early to do the food preparations, setups and stayed late for the clean-up. And of course, as usual, there was a very impressive display of workmanship, ingenuity and artistic talents.

2x4 Challenge:

Dave Beauchesne, Vice President and chairman of the 2x4 Challenge thanked the 19 entries and reviewed the format of the of the event and names of sponsors of gifts donated for prizes.

Members of the Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild put their ingenuity, creativity and skills to the test in response to the challenge, "What can you make from a 2x4, 8 feet long?". The answer might surprise you. The bar had certainly been raised again with the quality and number of this years entries. There was a diverse range of non- conventional projects that we had not seen in previous years. The high quality of workmanship, ideas and skill level was something to witness, an ah-inspiring evening. Some pictures have numbers on them, this was used to identify the entry for the vote. By vote, this years winners were:

- Best of show- Jef Keighley. Presented a tall Grand Emperor Japanese floor lamp with an elaborate detailed delicate wooden frame, opaque white, matte finished, styrene panel inserts. This one-of-a-kind handmade lamp emitting a warm and peaceful mood will be a wonderful addition to any home. Prize, cordless orbital jigsaw, donated by Canadian Tire, Wilson Creek
- Honorable mention- Dave Beauchesne. Showed a Japanese paper light (Asago- English interpretation of the Japanese word, "morning glory"). Cypress wood, skilfully hand shaped upper dome, decorative mulberry paper panels. Function combined with delicacy resulting in a unique and beautiful furniture piece. Prize, \$100 gift card from Rona Home Centre, Madeira Park.
- Honorable mention- Heinz Tigges. Built a unique, humorous cartoon face designed "gumball machine". The wooden cowboy hat concealed the gumball dispenser jar, pinch and twist the exaggerated nose, a gumball rolls out from the mouth, a sure hit with the kids, young and old. Prize, \$50 gift card, Paul's Paintin' Place.

Other prize winners, (by draw), were:

- Roy Mitton- Showed a trebuchet (a medieval military catapult for hurling missiles with great force) (this guy is still a kid at heart). Prize, trivet (for use under a hot dish at the table). Donated by an anonymous sponsor, made with wine corks arranged laying on their sides, with a hand-painted ceramic tile center, enclosed in a wood frame.
- Tom Hourigan- Wooden wine rack for storing four bottles and four glasses with a cork screw opener storing shelf. Prize, extra-long sanding drum kit, in a wood storage box, donated by an anonymous sponsor (Tom donated the prize back since he already has an oscillating spindle sander).

- Norm Ross- Patio table, low profile. Prize, \$50 gift certificate donated by Rent-It! Canada.
- Keith Tracey- Wood storage box for a 10 piece bit set for forstner bits. Prize, Backpack and key chain, donated by Howe Sound Pulp & Paper.
- Doug Currie- Scroll sawn "Nativity Scene", 100 year old plus pattern from Germany. Prize, two (2) "Home Maintenance" hard cover books, donated by Ed White.
- Keith Stevens- Bird house (sort of like "Fable Cottage" in appearance). Prize, Golf shirt and golf balls, anonymous donor.
- Michael Miller- Wall display cabinet with two box joint storage drawers. Prize, His & Her's wood watches, donated by Sunshine Coast Home Building Centre.
- Dave Bell- Native Style wood carving. Prize, Fleece sweater, donated by Howe Sound Pulp & Paper.
- Doug Ives- Memory and Keepsake Box made from Cypress wood. Prize, extra-long sanding drum kit, in a wood storage box, donated by an anonymous sponsor.
- Owen Pallet- Carpenter's bowl (v.s. turner's bowl) with compound mitered corners creating splayed sides. Prize, Makita random orbital sander, donated by Gibsons Building Supply.
- Dale Harvey- Patio table, hexagon shaped top. Prize, blue jean shirt, and canvas bag, donated by Howe Sound Pulp & Paper.

Other projects submitted:

- Ken Goddard- Cedar storage box with hinged top.
- Ken Walker- Toy mobile tower crane, independent ascending / descending main beam & hook, rotating tower structure.
- Lars Larsson- Scandinavian parlor clock that can be wall hung or free standing.
- Guy Lautard- Wooden ball, approximately 9 inches in diameter.
- Ken Karaloff- Ming style display table with 3-way mitered mortise-and-tenon joinery.

For more photos of the 2010, 2x4 Challenge check our Guild's website www.suncoastwoodcraftersguild.com

A door prize for the ladies in attendance, a hanging flower basket, was won by Debbie Vachon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Septmeber 21, 2010 with guest speaker James Whiteside who is going to do a presentation on intrasia.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Ken Karaloff
Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild



Jef Keighley, Best of Show, Grand Emperor Japanese Floor Lamp



Dave Beachesne's Japanese Agaso- Morning Glory Paper Light



Heinz Tigges with his Cowboy Gumball Machine



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