

Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild General Membership Meeting February, 16, 2010- 1900 Hours

February 16th, 2010 Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild general membership meeting was held at Sechelt Chatelech Secondary School, attended by 23 members. The meeting was called to order by President Heinz Tigges who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Financial Report:

- Tom Hourigan reported on behalf of Barb Bell, Treasurer who was away on vacation. Tom reported the Guilds financial statement being, (summary of report):

Income	\$	945.00
Expenses		854.39
Assets (Total)		3,984.49

Membership:

- Tom Hourigan reminded us that membership renewals are now due for 2010. Due to some corporate funding cut-backs and to support the Guild's Christmas "Toys for Kids" project, the executive had decided to raise single membership dues from \$35 to \$40 and family dues from \$45 to \$50. Contact Tom for your new 2010 membership card.

Education Program:

- Peter Bogardus, Program Director, informed us the next few meetings planned are:
 - March - Handplane basics- Dave Beauchesne & Michael Miller. (Dave will talk about metal planes, Michael's presentation will be on wooden planes). Members are requested to bring their handplanes to this meeting for discussion.
 - April - Turning Alabaster- Ed Pretty (Alabaster is a soft delicate stone, almost a transparent marble appearing limestone).
 - May - Dremel Tools demonstration- Peter Cole
 - June - 2x4 Challenge, (combined with a wine & cheese party at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay).
- A new digital projector has been purchased for the Guild for power point presentations at meetings, the cost was \$538.39 At a few previous general membership meetings arrangements had to be made for a digital projector, which wasn't easy to find. The guild now having their own digital projector will help to be less dependent on other organizations. Anyone having a laptop computer that they are not using and would like to donate it to the Guild would be appreciated. The current plan is that the digital projector would not be available for rent, but would be made available for our Guild members use.

Toys for Kids Program:

- Ken Walker invited the membership to start thinking about the 2010 Christmas "Toys for Kids Program". Ken has ordered some kits for building toys that includes plans and materials for those members wishing to take part and are looking for ideas. The guild has some materials available to the membership that may be suitable for some toy building projects, contact Ken Walker, he will be glad to review those details.

2x4 Challenge:

- Dave Beauchesne, Vice President and committee chairman of this project reminded the group this years 2x4 Challenge will be held at the June, 15th, 2010 meeting. The June meeting will be at Coppers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay, spouses are being invited. A wine and cheese social function will be hosted by the Guild that evening.
- Dave encouraged Guild members to start thinking about their 2010 project for the 2x4 Challenge, if they haven't already. We are hopeful there will be many entries this year, many good prizes have been offered in previous years, this year should be no exception. The format for this years 2x4 challenge will be the same as last year. Make a project from a softwood species 2x4, 8 feet long. Wood species being pine, fir, spruce, hemlock, cedar, cypress, (or any other local softwood). Decorative accents of any species can be added, this will be acceptable.
- Matie Laansoo volunteered to co-chair the 2010, 2x4 Challenge with Dave Beauchesne.

Website:

- Dave Bell, Website coordinator, reported about plans for our website. Dave was invited by the executive to a meeting last week for discussions about the website. Dave's plan is to update and streamline the existing data posted and review possible alternatives.
- Meeting minutes and "For Sale" items will be posted for three (3) months, this will keep the website current and give more space for pictures of member's work. For sale items that are not sold in that time frame can be left on longer if so requested. A date will be noted when the for sale item is posted and reviewed after three months, this will help to keep that section more current.
- Input by the membership is invited for their ideas that may help to improve the website.

Spending Limit: (Discretionary Spending):

- Ken Walker proposed that consideration should be given at the next AGM for a proposal that discretionary spending by the Guild's Executive be limited to a maximum of \$500.00 per transaction, otherwise a vote on the matter would be required by the general membership.

Show & Tell :

- Rick Schmidt brought his specially designed long reach, pinch style C-clamp made from purple heart hardwood that incorporated a Jorgensen hand screw mechanism. (I overheard two gentlemen that were examining the clamp, one fellow saying "Very well made, and Oh!, that's too nice to use").
- Dave Beauchesne showed an antique Stanley-Bailey No. 4 smoothing handplane, the thoroughbred of the woodworking shop handplanes.. Dave identified the features on this plane that it was made at the turn of 19th century. This plane is in exceptionally prime condition, complete with rosewood knob & tote. Dave brought a piece of cherry hardwood for the guys to test drive the cutting action. With the plane being finely tuned and a keen edge on the iron that Dave has the reputation for how it's done. The guys made wispy, see-through shaving just over a thou. thick, what a sensation ! Plan on attending next months general meeting, Dave Beauchesne & Michael Miller are going to give a presentation about handplane basics. They will tell you how to tune your handplanes and make you grin every time we use them.

Guest Speaker:

- Peter Bogardus introduced our guest speaker, Rick Schmidt, a Guild member who spoke about Vacuum Press Veneering. Rick has attended several artisan programs at the Inside Passage School Of Fine Woodworking. Built elaborate custom furniture, that most can't figure out how it was made. Installed veneered dash-boards with exotic wood for some members of the local Coaster's Car Club. Rick brought equipment, jigs, took us through the process, had pictures of projects he did, even told us some of his trade secrets. It was a "Gold Medal Presentation", a lot of dialogue, the presentation was enjoyed by everyone present.
- For those members not being to make it this presentation. Vacuum pressing is a simple process. A vacuum is created in a vacuum bag or frame by a vacuum pump, thus the surrounding atmospheric pressure is the working force. Atmospheric pressure is the actual weight of air around us, about 14.7 pounds per square inch (PSI), this equates to about a ton of working pressure per a square foot. The complete system includes a vacuum bag or vacuum frame press that is connected with a hose to a powerful vacuum pump- that's all. To use the system arrange your glue-coated base panel and top layer veneers inside the press, turn on the pump. Within seconds your work will be perfectly vacuum pressed, without any hassle at all.

Your veneer will be pressed uniform, smooth and wrinkle-free every time. The uniform pressure eliminates shifting veneer and air pockets, creating perfectly smooth panel surfaces or bending laminates providing consistently predictable results.

Air is drawn out of the wood's cells, allowing deep glue penetration. This creates thin, even glue lines and an excellent bond with minimum squeeze out. Pressing cycles are reduced to 30- 45 minutes when using PVA glue and working at room temperature or 5-10 minutes if the press is heated.

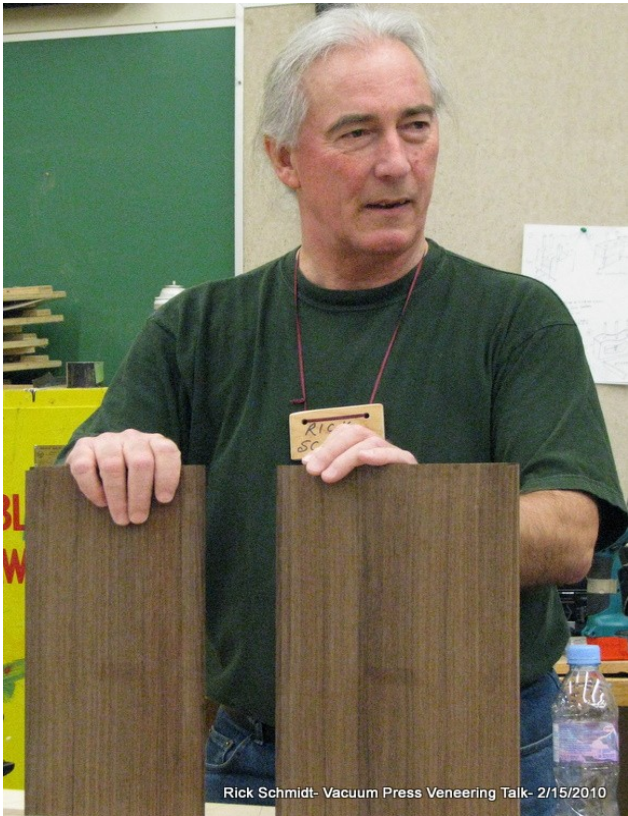
- Dave Beauchesne, on behalf of the attending group thanked Rick for sharing his knowledge, bringing display items and for the most interesting & informative presentation on vacuum press veneering. In appreciation for the presentation, Dave, on behalf of the Guild presented Rick with a bottle of good vintage wine.

Doug Currie won the door prize, an extraordinary handmade, turned, gentleman's wood pen, made by a gentleman, Eldy Gandy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Ken Karaloff

Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild



Rick Schmidt- Vacuum Press Veneering Talk- 2/15/2010



Dave Beachesne Putting His Stanley #4 To Work



Rick Schmidt's Custom Made Pinch Style Hand Clamp