

# Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild General Membership Meeting February, 17, 2009- 19:00 Hours

February's Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild general membership meeting was held at the Sechelt Elementary School, 33 members and guests were in attendance. Meeting was called to order by President Heniz Tiggs, he opened the meeting by welcoming everyone that was in attendance. Guests as prospective members were invited to introduce themselves and tell a bit about their woodworking experiences. Guests attending were:

Ron Breadner - Router	Wade Fitzgerald	- Cabinetry
Dale Hardy - Turner	Dell Cooper	- Furniture
Jef Keighley - Furniture, Guitars	Lorne Byzyna	- General
Bill Quarry - General		

President Heinz Tiggs expressed his appreciation of support by the membership and was looking forward to being president of the guild. The guild executive and directors were introduced, reports were given by:

Peter Bogardus, Education Program Director, reported on proposed presentations at the upcoming general membership meetings:

- March- Wood preservation (presentation 1 of 2), Friedl Brudermann.
- April - Wood preservation (presentation 2 of 2), Friedl Brudermann.
- May - Demo of Vacuum press veneering by guild member Rick Schmidt.

Dave Beauchesne, Vice President, and chairman of the "2x4 Challenge". Dave reviewed the previous years general guide line rules for the 2x4 challenge. Projects for this challenge will be at the June general membership meeting. For the membership to have ample time to work on their project, Dave is planning to have copies of the 2x4 challenge rules at the next general membership meeting.

Eldy Gandy, Shop Crawl Chairman. On behalf of the guild membership Eldy thanked Steve Willgoose and Rick Crook for opening their shops to all the guild members, for a "Shop Crawl" last Saturday, February 14th. Both shop visitations were very interesting, they had projects in progress and everyone there had a good time.

Steve was building a conically shaped laminated constructed, visitor interactive display exhibit module for Science World at Vancouver. Over the years Steve has constructed several projects for Science World. The members visiting Steve at his shop were very impressed with his new shop and the quality of work he does. To see some of the work that Steve had done, check Steve's web page [www.stevewillgoose.com](http://www.stevewillgoose.com)

Rick Crook is building a replica cedar-strip constructed rowboat. This boat, a 14 footer called a "Handliner" which is a part of local history dating back to the 1940's. An original handliner rowboat is on display at the Sunshine Coast Museum at Gibsons. This rowboat was measured and detail drawings were made of this boat by local wood boat builders Larry

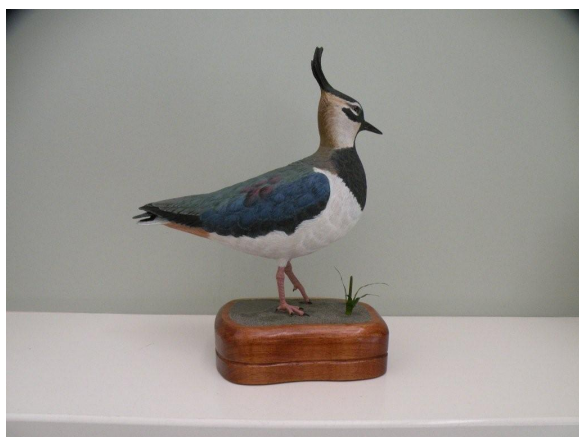
Westlake and Rick Crook. Rick is an old hand at building wood boats (kayaks, canoes), this is his 24<sup>th</sup> project using the technique of strip-building.

These “Shop Crawls” are an excellent event for exchange of ideas, seeing what other folks are doing and as well are great from a social aspect, getting to know your fellow guild members. These visits to member's shops are a great personal motivator to finish a project and/or start on a new challenge in our own shop. Eldy is currently working on arranging for another “Shop Crawl” in the near future which he will keep us posted, these are real good events to attend.

On the “Show & Tell” portion of the meeting; Roy Mitton completed the music sheet stand that he started to make that was part of his presentation to the guild on “Steam Bending Wood”. This music sheet stand is a very graceful design, hand-rubbed furniture finish, with exceptional quality of workmanship, job well done Roy.

Duane Perrett, brought an assembled children's wood toy motorcycle that is about 8 inches long. This is a wood toy kit that was laser cut that assembles with no glue required, the wheels and handle bars turn like on a real motorcycle. No stain, paint, coatings or other chemicals are on this wood, it is completely natural pine wood. These toys are well made and cleverly designed. To check out Duane's other laser cut items see his Internet web page: [woodtoy.etsy.com](http://woodtoy.etsy.com) (toy kits, children wood toys, buttons, engraving).

Allan Poynter showed us his knowledge, passion and skill for carving in the round (decorative



decoys, birds carved from wood). Allan brought two hand carved, blue ribbon, award winning ducks , an American Wigeon and a Hooded Merganser. The decoys were carved in real life size, meticulously detailed, individual feather patterns and realistic life like hand painted finished. I overheard two members talking, “are those birds stuffed, are they the work of a taxidermist ?”. See Member page [http://suncoastwoodcrafters.com/member\\_poynter.html](http://suncoastwoodcrafters.com/member_poynter.html)

Eldy Gandy amazed use again with his wood turning skills. This time he turned a special hollow vase from gnarled, aromatic, pencil cedar. Only a skilled craftsman like Eldy could have made something out of the gnarled material chosen.

A “Get Well” card for Ed Auld, who is recovering at home in Vancouver from surgery was circulated for signing by the attending members.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Dan Philp, technical rep. for Richelieu Hardware was introduced by Peter Bogardus.

Richelieu Hardware is a distributor, importer & manufacturer of over 50,000 specialty hardware and complementary products across Canada & United States. Their products are targeted to a customer base of kitchen and bathroom cabinet, furniture, and window & door manufactures plus the residential and commercial woodworking industry, as well as a large

customer base of hardware retailers. Their web page is [www.ricelieu.com](http://www.ricelieu.com)

Dan Philp showed various samples of cupboard drawers, cabinet hardware, specialty lighting, it was a very informative presentation. Dan brought catalogs and product brochures for those attending the meeting. If Dan had a whole day to speak to us, I am sure he would of not had enough time to cover what he wanted to say.

Brian Lucas thanked Dan Philp for his presentation and for coming to our guild meeting. Brian presented Dan with a Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild certificate of appreciation.

The evening door prize was won by Heinz Tigges.

Meeting adjourned at 21:30.

Ken Karaloff  
Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild