

Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild General Membership Meeting April, 20, 2010- 1900 Hours

April 20th, 2010 Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild general membership meeting was held at Sechelt Chatelech Secondary School, attended by 23 members and 2 guests. The meeting was called to order by President Heinz Tigges who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Guests: Ed & Arlene Pretty (the guest speaker & his wife).

Shop Crawl:

Heinz thanked Eldy Gandy for organizing the "Shop Crawl" on Saturday April 17th "which was attended by 16 members. Michael Miller and Dale Harvey opened their shops for visitation. Tom Hourigan invited the attending to a BBQ at his home. It was a great day, great shops, great food, thank you to Michael, Dale and Tom.

Financial Report:

- Tom Hourigan reported on behalf of Barb Bell, Treasurer, no changes were received to the Guild's financial statement as reported March 16, 2010.

Membership:

- Tom Hourigan reported there were 48, 2010 membership renewals and he is waiting for 8 former members to reply.
- The local Rotary Club invited our group to participate at their Fall event with our "Toys for Kids" project. This offer will be discussed by our executive as to the timing and details of the proposed event before we make a commitment.

Education Program:

- Peter Bogardus, Program Director, informed us the next few month's meetings planned are:
 - May 18 - Dremel Tools demonstration- Peter Cole, from Vancouver.
 - June 15 - 2x4 Challenge, (combined with a BBQ with spouses at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay).

Toys for Kids Program:

- President, Heinz Tigges reported in the absence of Ken Walker. The membership is invited to start thinking about the 2010 Christmas "Toys for Kids Program". Ken has ordered and received materials & plans for those members wishing to take part and are looking for ideas. Materials that are available for free to the membership for toy building projects, include, Baltic birch plywood, dimensional hardwoods, assortment of wooden wheels, doweling, paint. This is the time to start on these projects, contact Ken Walker for materials or ideas, he will be glad to help you.

2x4 Challenge:

- Dave Beauchesne, Vice President and committee chairman of this project reminded the group this year's 2x4 Challenge will be held at the June, 15th, 2010 meeting. The June meeting will be at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay, spouses are being invited. A special BBQ function is being planned for 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 year's 2x4 Challenge will be the same as last year. Make a project from a local 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.
- Dave reminded the group the much awaited Lie Nielsen Handtool Event will be held in Vancouver April 30th & May 1st, Friday, noon till 6, Saturday 10 till 5. reference website <http://www.lie-nielsen.com/?pg=71> Several members indicated their intention of going to this first ever event in Vancouver and car-pooling, were Guy Lautard, Heinz Tigges, Dave Beauchesne, Doug Currie, Ken Karaloff. I'm sure there will be other members that will be going.
- BBQ : Doug Currie volunteered to coordinate arrangements for a special BBQ the evening of the 2x4 Challenge. Doug indicated he will be looking for help with the BBQ arrangements, anyone that would like to help, should give Doug a call.

Website:

- Dave Bell, Website coordinator, and Ken Karaloff reported changes and updates were made to our website.
- Selina Williams, is back from vacation and will update the Guild's "Virtual Library"
- "For Sale" items posted for three (3) months, will be up for review.
- Input by the membership is invited for their ideas that may help to improve the website.

Show & Tell:

- No items were brought to this meeting.

Guest Speaker:

- Peter Bogardus introduced our guest speaker, Ed Pretty. Ed Pretty is a highly sought after instructor / speaker on wood turning lathe work. Ed's passion for wood turning started at the age of nine. He and a few other turners founded the Frazer Valley Wood Turners' Guild in 1988. Ed, a Master Turner / Artisan produces heirloom quality work. Ed is also member of the Greater Vancouver Woodturners' Guild and the American Association of Woodturners.
- Ed demonstrated turning alabaster, a crystalline form of gypsum, which is a soft delicate stone, almost transparent marble appearing that can be in variations of colour and has amazing light transmission qualities. Ed had a slide presentation with examples of finished work. A quality website about turned alabaster can be found on www.MaxKrimmel.com showing Max Krimmel's work, who is regarded as an artist extraordinaire.

- Dave Beauchesne, on behalf of the attending group thanked Ed for sharing his knowledge and for the most interesting & informative presentation on turning alabaster. As mentioned before by Heinz Tigges “if you have never seen turned alabaster, you will be truly be impressed” and this presentation certainly lived up to that. In appreciation for the presentation, Dave presented Ed with a vintage bottle of wine.
- Ed Pretty mentioned the “Greater Vancouver Woodturners” is hosting an international woodturning symposium September 10-12, 2010. This symposium gives the opportunity to expand the knowledge to all levels of turners. Featuring, talks and demonstrations by world renowned professional instructors and authors. For more information visit syminfo@gvwg.ca or www.gvwg.ca/symposium/home.html. This event is hosted in Vancouver only every two years.

Dale Harvey won the door prize, a handy 80 piece assortment kit of screwdriver bits.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Ken Karaloff
Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild



Bombardier Car on Loan From Brussels Germany At Vancouver 2010 Olympics



Brian Lucas & Ed Pretty Turning A Potato To Make Curly Fries

Photo on left, Ed Pretty turning an alabaster bowl

Photo on right, Brian Lucas & Ed Pretty, turning a potato (yes a spud) to make curly fries.

What we saw that night were turnings made from rocks, potatoes to ornate vases.