

Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild General Membership Meeting May, 18, 2010- 1900 Hours

May 18th, 2010 Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild general membership meeting was held at Sechelt Chatelech Secondary School, attended by 28 members and 2 guests. The meeting was called to order by President Heinz Tigges who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Guests: Brandon, (Lars Larsson's nephew). Took "shop" while in school, currently just marvelling at his Uncle Lars, (Brandon's mentor), great woodworking projects.

Keith Taylor, general woodworking, enjoys working with wood and shop talk with the guys.

Financial Report:

- Barb Bell, Treasurer, reported the Guild's financial statement January 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010 being, (summary of report):

Income	\$	1,917.03
Expenses		1,094.92
Assets (Total)		4,216.27

Membership:

- Tom Hourigan reported there were 48 membership renewals for 2010 and he is waiting for 6 former members to reply.

Education Program:

- Peter Bogardus, Program Director, informed us June's meeting planned is:
 - June 15 - 2x4 Challenge, combined with a wine & cheese function with spouses at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay.
- No meetings are planned for July or August, 2010.
- Several speakers are being planned for when meetings resume in September. Details will be made available when they are finalized.
- Conversation and discussion followed from the floor about possible topics for future meetings.

Cutting dovetails with a router, possibly Leigh Tools.

Hand saw sharpening, possibly Randy Benner, local saw sharpener.

Tool sharpening: Guy Lautard offered to demonstrate the use of:

"Lap-Sharp", Variable speed, horizontal rotating abrasive disc, wet or dry.

"Apex Pro", manual hand guided stone, knife sharpening system.

The above suggestions will be taken under advisement by the committee for future presentations.

Toys for Kids Program:

- Ken Walker had copies of plans of easy to build kids toys at the meeting. If someone requires materials for the toy program projects, contact Ken, he has materials that are available for free to the membership. Materials include, Baltic birch plywood, dimensional hardwoods, assortment of wooden wheels, doweling, paint. This is the time to start on these projects, contact Ken 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 meeting. The June meeting will be at Coopers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay, spouses are being invited. A special wine & cheese function is being planned for that evening. Members are requested to bring their wives and friends as guests are also invited. There will be a \$5 charge per person for those attending to offset food & hall costs. Dave Beauchesne, holder of a "serving it right" certificate will look after the liquor license, and purchase of wine & beer. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. No one else is to bring any alcohol beverages to this event because the terms of the licence are very strict, only alcoholic beverages noted on the licence are allowed, the function can be visited by the RCMP for a check of compliance.
- Tickets were sold at the meeting for those wishing to attend. People that did not yet make a commitment or were not at the meeting and would like to attend with their spouses are to advise Heinz Tigges of their intentions before May 31, 2010. This is so appropriate arrangements can be made re. the wine & cheese portion for the event.
- Dave mentioned 17 members signed up they were going to have an entry for the Challenge event. The guideline is to 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.
- 2x4 Challenge judging format for this year, the group will vote for their top three choices on a single ballot. The entry with the most votes would be judged as "Best in Show", the next two highest votes would be judged as "Honourable Mention in Show", these winners can select a prize of their choice. If there is a tie in the number of votes, there would be a coin toss to determine the winner(s). Prizes for the remaining entries (as many prizes there are) will be drawn for by number, corresponding entrant's number can select a prize of their choice.
- Doug Currie & Ken Karaloff volunteered to coordinate the food arrangements for the special wine & cheese event during the evening of the 2x4 Challenge.

Shop Crawls:

- Eldy Gandy noted a special "shop crawl" event with a "Beach Weiner Roast" is being planned for the membership by Heinz & Karen Tigges at their home in early July. The membership will be advised when final details are made.

New Business:

- Heinz Tigges received a notice from the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild that the fee for special seminars will be increased from \$25 to \$30 starting September 2010. Mark Sfirri who is well known for his multi-center turning and his ability as a skilled and engaging demonstrator will be doing a presentation May 29th at Sapperton Pensioners Hall, at the rear of 318 Keary St., New Westminster, B.C. Any one planning attending this session should contact Heinz Tigges for possible car pooling. Some of our members who have attended similar sessions there before, highly recommended them as educational and worth while for those wanting to expand their turning knowledge.
- A request by a Mr. Rees was forwarded to the Guild requesting if he could link his website with

ours, Dave Bell volunteered to follow this up and report back.

Show & Tell:

- Dale Harvey showed three impressive turned bowls, one was made from camphor, wood that Dale brought from Australia, another bowl was turned from maple, the other a great looking (and smelling) bowl was made from wood that had a scent of orange, Dale wasn't sure of the wood species, but it turned and finished nicely.
- Heinz Tigges brought some extra long extensions adapters for ¼" hex head bits (3 piece set) that he purchased from Lee Valley Tools. Heinz found these extra long extension adapters very usefull to get at screws that were recessed deep in an enclosed pocket.
- Bob Milton, talked about a bowl he is turning from soapstone. This project was inspired by our last guest speaker, Ed Pretty from Langley, who demonstrated turning alabaster a crystalline form of gypsum, a soft delicate stone almost transparent marble appearing.

Guest Speaker:

- Dave Beauchesne filled-in, in place of Peter Cole of Dremel Tools from Vancouver due to a family emergency. Dave's presentation was about hand sharpening a handplane iron, the method being applicable to chisels or other woodworking cutting tools. Dave explained the process, had samples of various sharpening jigs, explained the advantages / disadvantages of each, and went through the process of sharpening a 100 year old handplane iron he recently purchased on eBay. Dave completed the sharpening process using his Shapton ceramic on glass stones by which he brought the honed edge to a mirror finish. Then he took wispy curly shavings off a hardwood black ash board with changing grain directions. Dave did a great job explaining and showing to us that a properly tuned handplane will leave a better finish on wood that you are working on than any machine or power tool.
- Brian Lucas, on behalf of the attending group thanked Dave for his inspiration and efforts on a moments notice to do a top notch presentation which was very impressive and appreciated by the group. Our gratitudes were also expressed to Dave for sharing his knowledge and for the most interesting & informative presentation on sharpening, "When you know what to do, what not to do, what to watch for, and have the skills you can make a job look real easy". Dave was presented with a real nice bottle of wine for his presentation he did that evening.

Door Prize:

- Dave Bell won the door prize, a \$25 gift certificate from KMS Tools.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Ken Karaloff
Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild

