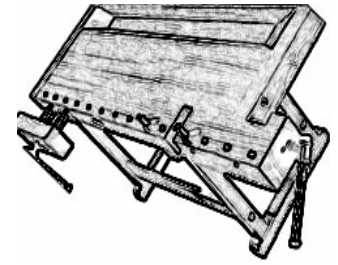


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Newsletter of the Vancouver Island Woodworkers' Guild

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Presidents Report

Winter Around The Shop

Greetings, members, sponsors and interested groups.

Keynote Review – Our Web Site

At the January meeting, Brian Vallee, our volunteer webmaster brought us up to date on www.viwg.com. Interestingly, we saw that many of you have visited the site and thanks to Brian and now some assistance from web coordinators, we have some additional value to provide. Our web site is there for the following reasons:

- As a convenient source of information (and pictures) on the guild for it's members – you
- As a method for our members to obtain answers to their questions
- As a source of information for people, businesses and other guilds who would like to communicate with us
- A marketing door which will connect to our members web sites
- A way to provide recognition and marketing for our valued sponsors
- A tool which will help us plan and deliver our monthly meetings

We won't try to be the most complete woodworking web site, but we will provide links to some of these so you can hop there easily.

Brian told us about the work and requirements for maintaining information on the web site. He sug-

gested that we need a small group of Web Coordinators to look after the content that goes to the web site and manage updates/changes and deletions. Since then, we have thought a little more about that structure and we have our first coordinator – Steve Harvey who will be looking after the Classified section of the site. Thanks to Rob Blondeau, our man on the street photographer, we will have a stream of pictures going to the site. Yes, you can see yourself on a computer near you and so can your friends. We are working on a little task list for the position of coordinator and will need four or five people to handle the job.

If you have ideas about the web site, please let Brian know. We set priorities over the past 18 months and getting the web site in a fully useful state is the number one priority for the next few months. If you would like to take on the task of coordinator for a particular area of the web site let Brian or myself know.

Thanks for looking at the site and stay tuned for more announcements.

Keynote For February – Small Boats, Show Us What You Have

Did you know that approximately six of our members are building boats right now? I didn't either, but John Abercrombie has only been a member of the guild for a little over a year and he knows. Thanks to his initiative, we will have a super program for February. John is a semi-retired high school science teacher who has done some cool things. For starters, he built a 29" strip planked sailboat and in 2000 sail from Victoria to Toronto.

Our subject will be small boat construction and you

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 10th. 7:15 pm

Camosun College-Interurban Campus Carpentry Building

will get a taste of everything from traditional, skin on frame to stitch and glue (epoxy saturation), with models and sample panels to see.

John has asked that you bring in anything nautical that you have made (unfortunately Cam Russell of Camosun College has asked that no vessel exceeding 19,500 pounds or was it tonnes be brought into the shop). Well anyway, we love anything you would like to transport in for show and tell, but smallish boats, paddles, binnacles, corbels and perhaps a 60' spruce spar or two would be super.

John will make the keynote session a round table forum, so we want you to get involved with questions and input.

Show and Tell – What a Show

Our show and tell session for January was stellar and it is amazing to see the work that our members new and old can produce. We went from greenwood chairs to fighting machines, with many stops in between. Show and Tell is one of the highlights of our meetings, because we never know ahead of time what is going to show up – thanks to you it is working! Dave Skinner presented an interesting session on glues – from the comments, a lot of people learned something! And it was great to hear Werner Vogelsang's story on UF109 in the boat building industry, appropriately entitled Sprinkle Lightly and Be Happy. Werner showed us that we are all among friends and coming forward with a story like that was a nice little gift – lots of folks were laughing and as they say that is a good thing too.

Can we do it again in February, sure we can!

P.M.

GUILD EVENTS CALENDER

We present the Guild's educational, and meeting plans. We attempt to provide dates on future events of interest to Guild members. If you have event information, please contact Chico Sakman to arrange for publication.

Explorations In Wood Show May 25 – Aug. 20 2004
 Application Deadline w/ no late charge February 13
 Drop Off Dates May 17 and 18
 Jurying May 19
 Judging May 20
 Grand Opening May 27
 Artists Symposium June 6
 Guild Meeting June 8 (Maltwood Gallery)
 Contact: Show Chairperson Mike Kattler 592-4938

Great Guild Project Wouldn't it be Nice – Send Ideas to Harry Verstraaten

Continuing Meetings (Held Monthly)

Open to any interested guild member. Just call to confirm or to have an item added to the agenda.
 Executive/Committee Chairs Meet - Tuesday week following Guild Meeting
 Contact: Phil Makin 592-4053

Show Committee Meets First Tuesday of the Month
 Contact: Mike Kattler 592-4938

Education Clinics for Members (Times, locations and requirements vary)

Normally held the Saturday following Guild meeting
 Cost Varies \$10. to \$20. per member payable to the instructor
 Next Clinic to be Announced in this Benchmark

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

The new membership due is \$45 per year. (Effective January. 1st/2004) To all members who have not yet paid their dues for 2004, please be reminded that the 60 day grace period ends on February 29th. To ensure that you continue to receive your Benchmark and that you will be listed in our Membership Directory, we ask that you have your payment in before that date. We will be producing an updated Membership Directory in the month of March. Thank you.

Harry Verstraaten

WOOD SALE

WOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

We have some douglas fir, has some sap in it, but otherwise good for construction. There is also some Atlas Cedar, also good for outdoor construction. The cedar is cut various dimensions like 6 x 6, 4x 4, 4 x 6, etc. I also have some pieces of walnut, 3 rounds and one piece 5 foot long by 18 inches in diameter. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these woods. 479 4694 or wgholmes@shaw.ca

Wayne Holmes

TOOL REVIEW

Delta X5 15" Planer By Tony Nesbitt

My review of the **Delta X5 15" planer**. I have had the machine for about 6 weeks and have run just over 100 board feet of oak through it and.....WOW! What a planer it is. It has two feed rates of 16 and 30 feet per minute and at 16 it leaves you with a very smooth finish. The thing I was most impressed with was how quiet and stable it is. The reason I was sold on the machine before I purchased it was the 5 year warranty which I could not find with any other tool like it. The infeed and outfeed tables are rollers that can be adjusted to match the precise elevation of the cutter heads which along with the front and rear lock downs makes for very little and in some cases.....no noticeable SNIPE. While setting the machine up I couldn't help but admire how clear cut and well defined the instructions were.....unlike some other tools I have bought. The only fault I have found is the guide on the right side of the cast iron table is open for a few inches and I have had the odd piece of stock going in on an angle the has jammed up inside. All and all this is a minor problem when compared to all the positive points that this tool offers.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We're waiting to receive REAL LIFE & SHOP tested tool reviews, warnings and/or fine points that can only be discovered by using a tool after some period of time. It doesn't have to be long, very detailed or scientific, just your own experiences. Please e-mail your submissions to "sakman@shaw.ca" address.

We also welcome your requests on specific brand/model tool that you may want to obtain more information about it before you purchase it. This will also make the review writers' job easier. Any tool, any make and model. We would like to hear you! Thanks!

Hikmet C. Sakman

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***** **FOR SALE** *****

Robland X31 Combi. Tablesaw, planer, jointer, mortiser and shaper all in one. Great for small space. Wired 220V. Excellent condition. 3,5 years old. Lots of extras. \$8,000 obo Call **Grant Parker @ 250-738-0111**
parady@pacificcoast.net

WANTED- A bandsaw capable of resawing min. of 6". Call **Gerry Reimer @ 479-4145**

SHOPSMITH MK V w/ ACCESSORIES + the following: 11"Band Saw, plus blade and coupling, 4"Jointer plus spare knives, Moulder and two sets of blade and table insert, Lathe Faceplate and numerous Lathe Chisels, Dado, Retractable Casters, Front table extension, Rubber Bonded Abrasive Wheel, (honing chisels). Extra saw blades 8" and 10", rip, cross-cut, plywood, Extra Arbors, Owner's Manual, Portable metal stand, on casters for band-saw and jointer and Numerous Hands On Plans, (for Shopsmith) Call **Graham @ 388-5804** \$1,500. complete

BOATBUILDING BOOKS for sale. Prices range from \$5-to-\$35. Seven books in total. Other books are also available on sailmaking and cruising. Call **Peter Robin @ 475-0486**

**PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR WHEN YOUR
ITEM IS SOLD OR YOU NO LONGER WISH TO
RUN YOUR AD! THANK YOU.**

Orders will be in for the January meeting. Cash or cheque are accepted.

T-shirts M,L XL	\$ 12.25
T-shirts XXL,XXXL	\$ 14.00
Grey Crew neck M,L,XL	\$41.00
XXL,XXXL	\$43.25
Blue Collared M,L,XL	\$44.25
XXL,XXXL	\$46.75

See Gordon Thompson at the meeting.

- Aarrow Safety Inc.**
- Altech Machining**
- Columbia Fire & Safety LTD.** (10% off Card Required!)
- Island Imports**
- Island Saw & Tool Co.**
- Mother Computers** (See Tony Scott, Card Required!)
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- Reimer Hardwoods LTD.**
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