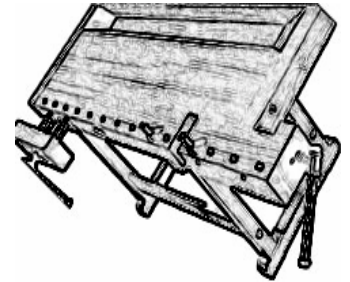


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Presidents Report

A Privilege To Be A Member

As I write this, we are in the throes of a federal election – what fun. The past year or so has been grand and I want to say that it has been my privilege to be a member of the guild and hopefully in a small way to bring about some positive changes.

As members of our guild, I believe you can feel good about the fact that the executive and committee people have simply chosen to make the guild better over the past few years. We are not promising billions for everyone in the future for it is those who contribute who will reap the most rewards. For the first time in a long while, we have been able to run the guild without dipping into financial reserves. We are not getting rich, but we have a stable foundation for future operations and we will provide you with this information at our June meeting.

Joining the guild is not for everyone and unlike politicians who can take care of every problem, the executive can't get everyone on board. Some people would rather stay in their shops and remain unattached. We have always felt that when you joined the guild, you want some guidance, some tools for learning, basic membership support and an ongoing program which meets your needs. Without these basics, there soon won't be a guild. But with 160 members today we are helping more people all the time.

To that end, at the June meeting (Held at the Malt-

wood Gallery at UVic!), we will take a brief look at how we have operated both programwise and fiscally. And we will say thanks to our many valued partners and supporters.

We will be in beautiful surrounding at our Explorations in Wood home at the June meeting. You will feel energized and relaxed at the same time. We will hear from some of our very talented artists who have pieces in the show. The work is truly stunning and the execution of the show by Mike Kattler's Show Committee has been stellar.

Suggestion Box

We can do better at everything we do and our member's ideas are a valued resource. Please take a moment at the meeting to tell us what you would like to see during the coming year or what you did or did not like last year. We think a suggestion box makes sense at every meeting.

Elections

All positions are up for grabs, by constitution we are required to have annual elections. I ask that you consider your role in the evolution of the guild and take a shot at one of these. We are in need of the following positions and here is a brief overview of the requirements. All of this work has it's own challenges, but in general it is inspiring to be involved in helping our members achieve and learn.

President

Key responsibilities include working with the executive to set the overall direction for the guild. Assisting each executive and committee chairperson when

Location change!!! JUNE MEETING Location change!!!

JUNE 8th. 7:15 pm

NOT at our usual Camosun College location.....

Meeting will be held at Uvic University Centre/Maltwood Gallery

ever possible by asking for assistance, providing feedback and making ongoing changes when needed.

Working with supporting organizations such as other guilds, BC Wood Co-op, the president's main tasks are communication, chairing and planning executive meetings and chairing the monthly meetings.

VP Membership

Key responsibilities are to provide support and input for new members, to build membership and to keep current members involved. The VP Membership works with our membership administrator to keep the membership system current and functional. In the future, we know that people value helping guild members directly and we are employing more electronic help to minimize paperwork for the VP Membership and our database administrator. New members will be able to sign up online at viwg.com very soon by accessing an active form (not just printing and mailing the membership form) and this will mean much less work for the VP Membership at guild meetings. This position requires web and email access.

VP Education

Key responsibilities are planning and monitoring the delivery of our now famous monthly clinics. As Show and Tell is seen as a learning opportunity, the VP Education and the Show and Tell coordinator work together. The VP Education would also take a lead role in other activities or partnerships that focus on learning as well as assisting members in understanding other educational opportunities.

Treasurer

Working with the executive to plan and deliver on the annual budget. Work involves receiving bills and statements from authorized members, making payments and recording year to date expenditures, communicating progress of financial plan to the membership.

Bring Your Chairs to the Maltwood in June

The Maltwood Gallery staff has asked that you bring your folding chairs to the June meeting. Our meetings work much better when people can see and are comfortable. Please be careful when you are bringing them into the gallery!

Anyone have any folding chairs that they have built yet?

Web News

Last month, we updated you on the web site. In the future, this tool will be even more useful, but today it is fulfilling a key role in communication for our Explorations in Wood Show and by the time you read this, we will have members joining the guild online. The obvious issue we understand from talking with our members is that we really would rather have the technology do the work if it is easily achievable.

Updating you on our progress and plans will be a brief part of the June meeting. The web site is working for us all in so many ways.

Retail Opportunity for Membership

We have concluded a retail arrangement with Valerie Murray of the Apkazi Gardens. She is accepting small pieces such as turnings, boxes, carvings, etc to sell during the month of August (can you say tourism?) at the retail location in the gardens. You will need to contact Valerie to present her your work and the responsibility for acceptance of any piece is fully with her. Any pieces accepted must be tagged professionally (and according to gardens standards). The gardens will take a 20% commission on the selling price of each piece. This is a consignment situation for the month of August and it would make sense to have backing stock.

In total Valerie has 24 feet for retail shelving to provide to guild members. Any guild member has the right to pursue this opportunity directly with Valerie. Valerie can be contacted in Victoria at 250.598.8096, email val@conservancy.bc.ca. Let's show her that we can provide her with a valuable contribution and make this a yearly event for our members.

Wish you all a happy summer season.

Phil Makin, President

Come and visit Camosun College's year-end show for the Fine Furniture students. See what can be achieved with locally harvested maple (from The Guild's **Wood Recovery Prog.**).

The show will be at "**Gallery on Herald**" 545 Herald St. from **June 19 - June 27 /2004**

New & Seasoned Woodworkers!

Get ahead faster! Check out CAMOSUN COLLEGE'S summer offering of Woodworking courses.

For details check this link: www.camosun.bc.ca/ce/woodworking

Maltwood Show Results

By the time this message is published our show will be Juried, Judged, and open to the public. I will get to the prizes later. Firstly and to me the most important part of this show is the planning, organizing, and the members who made it all happen, your show committee. These members went to meetings once a month for 18 months. They formed sub committees to distribute the many tasks required to make up a great and well organized exhibition of fine woodworking. There was the funding to be raised, (which exceeded our budget), call for entries to be distributed to publishers all over BC, and the many e-mails to be sent and answered. Jurors and judge (that were non bias) had to be found. Once all the entries were in letters of confirmation and receipts with UVIC maps and bios were sent to all 63 entries. After all of this work the committee members spent 5 days at the Maltwood Gallery loading and unloading pieces as well as assisting the jurors and the judges. The following are your show committee;

Len Barnes co-chair - advertising - media
 Bill Morley advertising - media
 John Davoren juror/judges rules
 Tom Dempsey sponsors
 Steve Harvey Finances-symposium
 Ted Rowley Sponsors/advertising/humor
 Ray Franklin symposium/work ethics
 Gord Thompson set up /volunteers for manning
 Wayne Holmes until he took over wood recovery
 Scott Reid Photography posters etc.

At the meeting on the 8th of June when you see one of these hard working members say "Thank You", they really put in a lot of hours to make this show work.

As th chair of this fine group I would like to thank all of them for their excellent work and co-operation, how ever there are some special people to thank; "The Boys from Sydney" as they are known, Ted, Gord, and Ray. They are the most reliable people I know, if you ask them to be there at a fixed time they are always there early and prepared to go to work. Scott Reid who worked diligently on all the printed items and spent 2 full days photographing every piece in the show. (250 plus photos) Finally Len Barnes especially for putting up with my ranting and for all his work with the media.

I will add to this thank you list at the June meeting , but for now its the show committee as a team for the Guild that deserves your thanks

Here are the prize winners;

Artistic Merit Vern Smith From Gabriola Island
Technical Merit James Esworthy from Vancouver
Best in show our very own **Ray Franklin**

Congatulations to all and don't forget the "**Peers Choice award**" **at the next meeting.**

Michael J Kattler

CLASSIFIEDS

Freud router table w/fence \$200
Call **Jason Good @ 882-5100**

WESTERN MAPLE for sale 2x8, 2x10 from Guild wood recovery (2001), about 250 FBM @\$1 per board foot.
Call **John Dennison @595-5582**

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Abbeyfield St. Martins is a small, bright non-profit retirement home for twelve alert seniors with limited incomes. Volunteer Board members needed, one to oversee maintenance, another to help with book-keeping.
If interested phone - Anne Schaffter - 370 2840
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Betty McInnes - 383 0783
Could you please send me a copy of your bulletin?
2385 Lyn Crescent, Victoria, V8S 4Y6
Thank you again - Anne Schaffter (chair)

Jointer 16" Oliver with 18" 3 knife cutter on high speed bearings, weighs 1400 lbs, newly machine beds, moving out of province and the heavy tools have to stay. \$3400

Dust collector, single bag up and down, brand new

Casdei Sliding table saw, 10 ft, moving out of province and the heavy tools have to stay. \$10000

Ritter single spindle horizontal boring machine, moving out of province and the heavy tools have to stay. \$450

Lumber storage system, very heavy duty, tree shaped racks will easily hold couple thousand board feet of lumber, moving out of province and the heavy tools have to stay. \$850

Pallet racking 8ft wide by 8 ft tall, \$450 Dave at 391-0006
Shaper, Older model with large table, new bearings, very solid tool, moving out of province and the heavy tools have to stay. \$1050

Various quantities of lumber: pine, fir, yellow cedar. moving out of province and the heavy things have to stay.

Work bench: come to the shop to see it

CALL Dave @ 391-0006

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