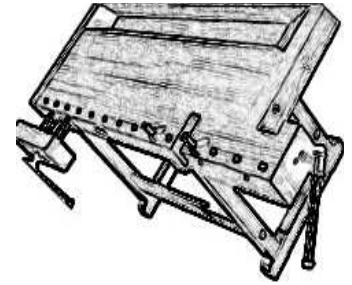


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Presidents Report

Greetings from the Guild executive, and welcome to the 2004/2005 edition of the Vancouver Island Woodworkers Guild! I hope you all had a fun and productive summer. As I write this, my wife and I are sitting in our new digs in North Saanich, surrounded by boxes of our belongings. We sold our Fernwood home and have moved to Deep Cove so that I could be closer to working on a pleasure conversion of our 40 foot salmon troller, the B.C. Belle. As any of you who have moved a shop can attest, moving a home is one thing - moving one's shop is quite another. It seems like twice the work!

New Faces: You are going to see a few new faces on the executive this year, including mine. A big thanks to everyone who put their names forward. This year's executive is:

President - Russ Franson (new)
Treasurer - Phil Cottell (new)
VP Education - Jesse Williams (new)
VP Membership - Jim Barker (new)

The new executive has some large shoes to fill. I feel a little bit of trepidation taking over from Phil Makin, as he has done amazing things for the Guild in the two years at the helm. Phil's strong organizational skills have left the Guild on very solid ground, and will make mine and the executive's jobs that much easier.

Phil Cottell takes over from Steve Harvey who was the treasurer for five years. Steve left us in very good financial shape.

Jesse Williams takes over from Dave Skinner who moved to Ottawa.

Jim Barker take over from Harry Verstraaten who held the VP Membership position for 2 years.

On behalf of this year's executive, I would like to thank all of the past executive for their many years of work on our behalf - THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Upcoming Events and Reminders: this is a brief list of ongoing projects and planned events for the coming year.

The Annual Toy Workshop (November 2004). If each member could make one toy, this would be greatly appreciated. Talk to Doug Watson if you have any questions.

Out of Hand Show (November 2004). We have been invited again to participate in this year's craft show at the Victoria Conference Centre. This show provided many of our members with good exposure. Please talk to Phil or I if you are interested in either showing, or being a project manager for us. We need to respond to their organizing committee asap.

Visions in Wood Show (April 2005). This will be held at the Victoria Arts Council Building. Mike Kattler has proposed that this show could be a "first timers" show for those who have never been in a show before. Watch the newsletter for more infor-

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Sept. 14th. 7:15 pm

Camosun College Carpentry Building

Don't forget to bring your own chair

mation.

As this year starts to unfold, I'd like to wish you all the best in your various woodworking endeavors. I'd also encourage you to contact myself or any of the executive with ideas you might have for guild activities - the more ideas the better.

Russ Franson, President

Past President's Report

I am pleased to have completed two years as President of the best woodworker's guild that I know of! In particular I extend my thanks to the great team of supporters during my tenure. This includes the executive members and the many who do so much to support our valuable projects and committees. During this time, we have more than doubled our membership and put the guild in a better financial position. Our members are really our customers and we want you to come back again and again!

As we go into a new year, we have a good basis for maintaining a thriving guild. There will be many opportunities for every member to contribute to the guild by being a contact person for a show, sale or other project. I ask that you consider donating some of your time - it will make a big difference for yourself, the new executive and the guild as a whole.

It is time for me to fade into the background as your president. I am looking forward to continuing my role as Keynote Speaker committee, so please send me your ideas!

Today, I am really excited about the new executive team led by Russ Franson. As a group, they are skilled woodworker's who believe in bringing our members innovation, information and education. They will need your help and input, but with it we will all be in for a great year.

Phil Makin, Past President

WOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

Over the summer months I had some problems with my email, and as such lost many of the names and addresses that were on my list. Larry Grainger has kindly sent me a list of people that he knows of that want to be part of the program. However, I know there are others that were on my list and I do not have them now.

I sent out an email in early August requesting some help with the milling of a garry oak.

If you did not get this email I would appreciate if you would take a few minutes and email me that you were part of the program. I will then add you to the list again. Thanks for your help here.

Wayne Holmes wgholmes@shaw.ca 479 4694

Chippendale Chair by Matt Ashton, Explorations in Wood Show Summer 2004



KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER

François Mongeau is coming to talk with us and we are delighted to present a very accomplished carver. He has been sculpting in wood, stone and other mediums since 1970. He attended l'École des Beaux-Arts in Montreal but is mostly self-taught. He worked for some months with Robert Davidson, a Haida artist, and became proficient with the native hooked knife and adzes.

Once in our province, the creatures and people of the West Coast brought forth a new vista to be explored. His driftwood sculpture of a Whale and Young was carved from a nine meter (thirty-foot) cedar log, stood as a land mark at French Creek. In 1985 and 1986, he returned to Quebec to study under master carver Roger André Bourgault.

He returned to Vancouver Island and became part of the resident artist community at The Old School House Gallery (T.O.S.H.) in Qualicum Beach. In 1989, François worked with Fabric Artist, Elaine Duncan, to produce a five-meter (sixteen-foot) mural for the Qualicum Beach Civic Center, depicting a family on the beach.

In 1998, he started incorporating his art in furniture, log homes, and doors. He began working in Japan and today his sculptures can be found in private and public collection in Europe, North America and Asia.

Recently, François expanded his horizons mixing wood, glass, and stone and also using 3D software tools. We “found” François through our sponsor Victoria Speciality Hardware whose excellent hardware products are often found in François works.

Phil Makin

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Explorations in Wood Show Summer 2004

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