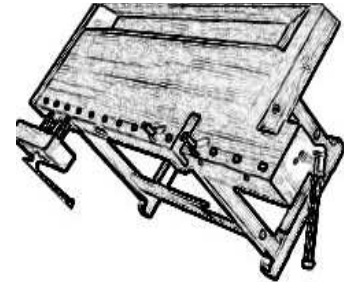


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Newsletter of the Vancouver Island Woodworkers' Guild  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**February Panel Discussion on Chairs:** Last month's meeting on "all things chair" was a resounding success. Each of the five presenters brought their own unique view of chair design, history, construction and repair. They also brought examples of their own work (absolutely beautiful!) to aid in the discussion. For those that were thinking of building a chair, I'm sure the evening left you with a lot of information and direction. The panel format was in essence a mini workshop, and such a success that in the future we will bring you more of these panels on other topics.

**Change of March 8, 2005 Guild Meeting – Slegg Lumber in Sidney:** Due to the continuing lack of availability of Camosun College's carpentry shop, Slegg lumber has kindly agreed to host our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. *They have also arranged to have the doors open early at 6:00 p.m. to allow members to meet their major distributors, and check out all the great stuff that will be on display (meeting still starts at 7:15 p.m.).* The keynote speaker is the very talented model builder, Serge Roberge. Those that attended the Out of Hand Fair in November might remember Serge's work - meticulously detailed, right down to the actual working parts. See you there!

**Membership Renewal:** It has come to my attention that there are still over 80 members who have not yet renewed their membership. If you plan on

continuing to be a member, could you please arrange to pay your dues with Jim Barker? It is already March, so get to it! Thank you for your promptness.

**Website Upgrade:** At last month's executive meeting, we discussed the idea of spending some money on professionally upgrading the Guild's website. The upgrade would help with membership renewal. With a group of our size, it is important to have a website that works for members, potential members and the executive. Since we will be assisting with hosting the 2007 Furniture Society convention, we need to have a site that also supports this initiative. The world's woodworkers will be looking for information on woodworking in Victoria and on Vancouver Island so we need to be ready with a user-friendly and informative site. For members that have ideas on how to approach this upgrade, please talk to any of the executive committee.

**Man on the Street Photos:** Rob Blondeau has informed me that he can no longer be our "Man on the Street" photographer. We need a volunteer who can take a few digital photos at Guild events for our website and newsletter. Thank you Rob for all of your work. We appreciate it. If you are interested in being our photographer, again, please contact anyone on the executive.

That's it for this month and I hope to see you on March 8th at Slegg Lumber!

Russ Franson

## ONCE AGAIN, LOCATION CHANGE...MARCH MEETING

North on Highway 17, turn LEFT on McDonald Park Road (Right is Beacon Avenue), turn right on Malaview W.

Slegg's Construction Materials, (Our host is Wayne Ruffle) 2030 Malaview Avenue West Sidney, BC.

**Special Event!** Tool Representatives in attendance 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (with specials for you our valued members)  
**Meeting starts at 7:15pm**

## Announcement from the New Show Committee Chairman Darren Bertuccio

As mentioned in the October Benchmark 2004 this is a call for sign-ups for the **Visions in Wood 2005** Woodworking Show that will be held at the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria which is located At Sussex Place suite G6-1001 Douglas Street. Show dates are for the opening to be on May 05 and closing will be on May 18.

Priority will be given to those guild members who have never entered a juried show. This would be a great opportunity for novices to have their work critiqued by a panel to be announced later and there is no entry fee so hurry on up!

There will be a sign in sheet available at this months meeting. Again priority will be given to first timers for the next meeting and then it will be open to everyone else if we have to go there.

**Where:** G6-1001 Douglas Street Phone: 250-381-2787 [artscouncil@pacificcoast.net](mailto:artscouncil@pacificcoast.net) [www.pacificcoast.net/~artscouncil](http://www.pacificcoast.net/~artscouncil)

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January 2005

Dear Woodcarvers,

The Vancouver Island Woodcarvers Club welcomes you to join us in the NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE in Parksville B.C. for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Brant Festival Wildlife Woodcarving Competition** and 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Canadian Fish Carving Championships**. We're excited about our new location and increased sponsorship of cash awards!

The enclosed brochure describes all the details, but here are some highlights:

- FIVE skill levels: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Expert
- Five purchase awards: Songbird \$500 (**Windsor Plywood – Nanaimo**), Working Decoy \$500 (**Market on Yates – Victoria**), Smoothie Shorebird \$350 (**W2 Designs – Victoria**), Decorative Flat Bottom Waterfowl \$1,000 (**The Victorian Bird House-Sydney**), and new for 2005, \$1,000 for Best Salt Water Fish (**Market on Yates**)
- Over \$7,000 in cash, ribbons and trophies for Wildlife, Fish and Non-wildlife categories, including Best of Show, People's Choice, Carver's Choice
- Special categories with cash awards: Best Brant in show (from **Wildfowl Carving Magazine**), Best Seabird (Gull, Tern, Skimmer, Skua, or Jaeger), Best Salmonid, Carving on Turnings, Working Decoy, Creativity Award, Native Style, Interpretive, and more!
- **Featured judges** – Bob Lavender (SK), Jason Lucio (ON), Jeff Whiting (BC)
- **Pre-Show Seminars** (see enclosed leaflet).
- Discount entry fee for early registration - \$5, to a maximum of \$25 for 5 or more carvings. Also a **draw prize** for early registration. Please pre-register to save time at check-in!
- **SALES TABLES**: Bring carvings that you want to sell (see enclosed leaflet).
- Woodcarving and painting supplies on sale by **Chip Bin, Island Woodcraft, Preferred Edge Carving Knives, Shavings, Wood Tools and Supplies, and Woodchips Carving Supplies**. (Plus award sponsorships).
- **Free Barbeque** social for carvers and guest, free seminars and free carver's draws.

There will be a lot happening at the carving show to keep you busy, but don't forget there are also many other events in the Parksville-Qualicum area for the **Brant Wildlife Festival** – including the annual migratory return of the Brant sea geese in the thousands! Check out our WEBSITE for more information: [www.brantfestival.bc.ca](http://www.brantfestival.bc.ca)

So, mark April 9-10th, 2005 on your calendar and join us. See you at the show!

Jack Vincent, Show Chair  
Vancouver Island Woodcarvers Club

**WOOD RECOVERY**

We have **Planchonia** (like mahogany) and **Black Walnut** (sand colour) from South East Asia

Wood is available (stored at Wayne's house) for you to purchase. Contact Wayne Holmes at 479-4694 or [wgholmes@shaw.ca](mailto:wgholmes@shaw.ca) if you would like to have some.

**In Memoriam**

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of John Jarvis on Feb 13. John was President of the Vancouver Island Woodcarver's Club and our keynote speaker in the fall of last year. Remember him, from birds to violins, he could do it all. He stayed overnight at my house and in the morning, my wife and I sat with him looking at one of his ducks. John's duck sat on the floor in the kitchen with the morning light on it and I just knew it would surely move and quack.

Phil Makin

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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

### **February Meeting Theme – Chairs**

The big theme for February was chairs and our contributors really did a wonderful job of presenting their thoughts on the world of chair design, building and restoration. Each panel member spend considerable time getting their thoughts and the structure for their presentations together. There was also a number of shop visits discussing how each presentation could work the the next – the result of all of this expertise was a treat for us all.

Since the meeting, we have heard a number of comments congratulating the panel for their presentations. We have heard from a few who said this meeting was their all time favorite. Wow.

We had approximately 110 years worth of chair experience on our stage and it really showed. From Windsor Chairs and their early origins to Arts and Crafts Chairs and how designs evolve, we received a real tutorial. We also had Wayne show us the basic methods for restoring a spindle chair – not an easy thing to demonstrate. Each member of our panel will receive their guild membership paid in full for 2005 as a token of our appreciation. Thanks again to each member of our panel: Wayne Anaka, Ted Hodson, Michael Moore, Jim Watson and Richard Wroot.

Did you get the other point of the evening? The panel was super encouraging – they say go out and build a chair! Great advice from a great group!

### **Keynote for March – Serge Roberge**

Good things come in small packages – an old saying but one that fits the bill for March. Serge Roberge is a very accomplished model maker who recently joined our guild. Some of you may have seen his models at the Out of Hand Show – they are truly amazing – and they all work! Serge lives in Courteney and will be coming down to show us some of the concepts in model making including some current work, design and drawing ideas and tools and techniques.

He began building wood models over twenty years ago while working as logger and on his days off he exercised his artistic side by painting, sculpting and working with wood. From pretty basic designs his work has evolved into higher complexity and functionality. Soon Serge's work was being commissioned by private industry and individuals. His replicas are perfect as retirement gifts, office display pieces and home decoration.

We are looking forward to hearing from him. If you would like to find out more about Serge and his work, go to [www.robergereplicasinwood.ca](http://www.robergereplicasinwood.ca).

Phil Makin