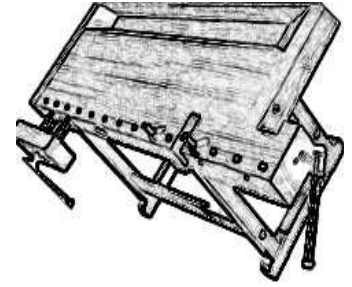


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2005/2006 edition of the Vancouver Island Woodworker's Guild. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with interesting activities and some lazy days here and there. I started off last September's address by telling you that I had moved from Victoria to North Saanich. Well, we've moved again. This time we've just moved from the west side of North Saanich to the east! Every time I have to move my tools and wood, I can't help but wonder, how did I end up collecting all this "stuff"? That's just the curse we woodworkers all seem to have in common. Lots of "stuff". My goal is to finish some of the old projects that I uncovered. "We'll see" says my wife!

**Guild Executive and Committees:** Thank you again to Jim Barker for his past work as VP of Membership. He has stepped down and passed the helm over to Lauren Vanden Dungen. David Muir will be our new show and tell man so welcome to both Lauren and David. If you have anything for show and tell, please talk to David before the meeting. *We are also in need of a guild photographer* so if any of you are keen shutterbugs, we could use your help for meetings and other guild events. These photos would also be used in the newsletter and on the website. Please contact any of the guild executive if you are interested. Thank you also to all the executive and committee members who have agreed to stay on this year.

**Thank You to Our Sponsors:** While it now seems like the distant past, I would like to thank all of the sponsors who made our June meeting such a great success. Thank you also for the support you offer our members throughout the year with both high quality door prizes and discounts on your products and services.

**New Guild Website:** On the topic of websites, the new website that Colin Knecht's company, E-State Media Group, has been developing for us is ready to launch. The executive was given a sneak preview the other night and it is very impressive. Even for a non-computerite like me, it is very easy to navigate and will bring a whole new dimension to the Guild.

To encourage members to renew their membership online this year, anyone who renews online by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a draw for a Stanley #5 Type 17 (1940s) hand plane. I cannot do justice in explaining this incredible site, therefore I will leave it to Colin who will give us all a demo of how to navigate it at an upcoming meeting.

**Upcoming Events:** Here are a few things that are coming up this fall:

**September Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, September 13 at Camosun College. Without giving away the first meeting's agenda, I will say that it has been inspired by the now famous "chair meeting" which occurred last winter. To hear more, please read Phil Makin's article.

**Canwest Woodworking Show:** this annual show will be back again in Victoria October 14-16 at Pearkes Arena. To find out more details, check out the website at <http://www.canwestshows.com/woodshow/>.

**Toy Workshop:** this annual workshop is planned for November. We can always use help with this. If you are willing and able, please contact Doug Watson for more information.

**Out of Hand Show:** the Guild will again look at being involved in this event that usually occurs around Remembrance Day in mid-November. Please watch the newsletter for more details on how to get involved.

Well, that's just a brief summary of what's coming up this fall. We've got many more exciting things planned for the next year, so I hope this inspires you to get out to our first meeting to hear more. I look forward to seeing you.

Russ Franson,  
President

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Camosun College - Carpentry Building**  
**Tuesday, September 13th. 7:15 PM**

## **AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GUILD EXECUTIVE**

### *Our NEW On-Line Membership Program*

As of September 2005 the Guild has implemented a new On-Line Membership Sign-up feature on our new website. The Guild executive encourages **EVERYONE** who has a computer connected to the Internet to please begin using this feature.

The guild executive believes it represents the next step in modernizing our guild for the benefit of all members. We thank Jim Barker our outgoing VP Membership for his support of this program and Lauren Vanden Dungen your new VP Membership is looking forward to working with all of you this year on this initiative.

The new Online Sign-up will streamline our membership operation and will solve many of the challenges we have had in the past. Your cooperation and help are required to make this happen. Our online membership system is really simple to use and it gives us very easy access for mailings will also promote better communications and financial management.

The new On-Line Sign up section uses a banking institution called Pay-Pal as our payment gateway. Pay-Pal is a secure banking business with over 78 million customers in 50 countries. Many of you already are familiar with Pay-Pal if you have been an eBay buyer or seller.

Here's how it works. Go to the guild's website at <http://www.viwig.com>. In the left column you will see an area called "Members Login". If this is your first time, you will need to Sign Up, you do that by clicking the "Sign Up Here" text and fill out the information on the page that comes up.

If you are not a Pay-Pal member, the system will automatically take you to where you sign-up to Pay-Pal. Like any other banking institution they will require geographical information from you, as well as your credit card information. Remember, this is a secure website, so information you provide should be kept private to yourself.

As a Pay-Pal member, the transaction of taking your guild membership fee from your credit card via the Pay-Pal account and depositing the money in the Pay-Pal account of the Guild will happen behind the scenes. Your next credit card statement will show a withdrawal from Pay-Pal on it just as any other purchase would be presented.

Once you are signed up online, you can easily keep your information up to date – and you can do it anytime you need to. One year after joining the Guild On-Line, you

will receive an email that says your membership with the Guild has expired, and will ask you to renew your membership! It really is easy, you'll see. Lots of benefits here – timely information, no paper and trees being wasted and no additional volunteer time being consumed.

If you do NOT have a computer or credit card, don't worry, we will continue to take a cheque for payment and your "member's information" will manually be added into the On-Line Guild Member database. We are hoping to provide this service for our members right at future meetings!

Also, stay tuned for contest details at our September meeting for members renewing online. If you have any concerns or questions about the new Sign-up area, please email them to [Knecht@shaw.ca](mailto:Knecht@shaw.ca) and thanks for helping to make the Guild both a progressive organization and a great place to meet talented people.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **MID-ISLAND SCROLLERS CLUB**

Scroll Saw / Intarsia Competition

#### Vancouver Island Wood Show

Pearkes Arena  
Victoria BC  
October 14, 2005

For more information and competition rules please call Ruth Wilken at 250- 729-7167 or email [dukewew@shaw.ca](mailto:dukewew@shaw.ca)

#### **Scroll Saw Competition Rules:**

1. Item to be entered MUST be made entirely by the person entering the competition.
2. Only one item can be entered per person.
3. Items entered cannot be the same items used as entries in previous competitions.
4. All items must be entered into the competition by the end of the first day of the wood show (October 14, 2005)

#### **Categories will be as follows:**

- Junior – 17 years of age & under
- Beginner – Less than 1 year experience
- Intermediate – More than 1 year but less than 3 years experience
- Advanced – More than 3 years of scrolling experience.
- Intarsia category is open to all

## Call For Submissions from "Two Rivers Gallery"

The Two Rivers Gallery is staging an exhibition that explores the theme "Wood". Artists from BC are invited to make a submission of up to three of their works.

**Context:** Wood is at the heart of the economy of the Central Interior of BC and at the heart of many of the people who live and work here. Wood is a commodity, a fuel, a resource, a medium and a diverse material with remarkable aesthetic qualities. It shelters and even cradles us.

Transformed into paper it is material we use to express ourselves. We have strong memories of the way wood smells: freshly cut; lining a special chest; on fire. Artists are challenged to explore this broad theme in imaginative ways in any medium. The Two Rivers Gallery will explore this theme using artwork by BC artists working in any medium, through a group exhibition to open in March, 2006.

**Guidelines:** BC Visual artists can submit up to three of their works that explore the theme "Wood". A statement outlining its relationship to the theme must accompany each work.

Work must have been produced within the last three years and should not have been previously exhibited in Prince George. Work for exhibition will be selected by committee. The Gallery will pay artist's fees to artists selected for exhibition.

**What to Send:** A package clearly marked "Wood Exhibition" containing the following:  
 Slides, or good quality photographs, labeled with artist's name, title of work and dimensions.  
 A slide list including titles, date of production, medium and size.  
 A statement linking the work with the exhibition theme.  
 A current résumé, curriculum vitae or short statement about yourself.  
 A self addressed, sufficiently stamped envelope if you wish your submission to be returned.  
 A completed and signed entry form (to obtain one please contact the address below.)  
 Packages that do not include the above may be deemed incomplete and disqualified.

**Deadlines:** All submissions should be delivered to the Two Rivers Gallery no later than noon, 13 January, 2006. Original art will not be accepted at this point, please send clearly labeled slides or good quality photographs. Exhibition date is 30 March to 23 June, 2006. Subject to change.

**Contact:**

George Harris — Two Rivers Gallery, 725 Civic Plaza, Prince George, BC. V2L 5T1  
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## Wood Recovery

This summer has been somewhat slow for wood recovery. We had a couple of cedar logs and some small maples in June. Tim Soutar was kind enough to look after the program while I was in Alberta – thanks Tim. Tim looked at some garry oak, arbutus and dogwood. The garry oak was not possible due to its difficult location, the arbutus is a possibility and the dogwood is available for turners. We hope more wood will be available in the fall.

Wayne Holmes

We are seeking for proven shop tips, tool reviews (your personal opinion, not in a scientific format!), your questions and the problems you may have encountered in your woodworking shop. Please don't be shy and come forward with whatever you have in hand or mind.

Hikmet C. Sakman,  
 Editor

## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE

Cyclone dust collector and  
some 4" pipe - \$300

2 pieces of 4" X 8" thermal skylights -  
\$50 each

Call Keith Evans, 592-3102

### FOR SALE

Shopsmith, Delta 10" Table saw and  
6" Jointer

Call Ken Wright 592 0943

### WANTED

Arbutus  
(8/4 thickness)

Western Maple  
(8/4 thickness, does not have to be figured at all.)

Call Chico @ 661-7535 or sakman@shaw.ca

### FOR SALE

Vintage Delta Milwaukee 6" Jointer w/new  
knives and 3/4 hp Doerr motor. Precise machine  
\$375

Call Nicole Ronald-Jones (250) 661-7279

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**Camosun College** – To Be Determined  
**Belmont High** - Brad Tikk 391-1992  
**Other High Schools**—To Be Determined

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one week prior to the guild meeting.