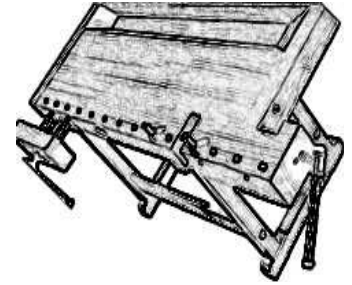


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September Guild Meeting Highlights: September's meeting marked the start of a new season of Guild meetings and activities. The meeting was very well attended (approximately 100 members). The meeting started off with me trying to describe our new website and all its benefits, notably the ability to renew one's membership online. Since I am not a computerite, and was not doing the new site justice, Colin Knecht came up and gave us all a complete and proper explanation of the website's powers and abilities (thank you Colin!). And as I mentioned in the September newsletter, *we are having a contest for those of you that renew their membership online before November 31*. Your name will be entered into a draw for a Stanley #5 Type 17 (1940s) hand plane, so get the mouse a clicking.

The rest of the September meeting was a great big Show and Tell on Jigs. I would like to thank all of you who participated (sorry if I missed anyone and apologies, I am not great with last names):

Rob; old school hockey game
Len; drill press jig
Sherman; router rabbit-jig
Marcus; resaw fence
Bob; stool
Phil; mitre box jig and tapering jig
Graham; router jig and table saw jig
Brian; finger joint jig

And remember, if you have anything for Show and Tell, please see David Muir before the meeting starts so that he can fit you on to the slate.

Ken Guenther and Michael Moore's critique of HC "Chico" Sakman's table topped off the evening. Please see Phil Makin's article for more details. Thank you to Ken, Mike and Chico for such an informative session.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Canwest Woodworking Show, October 14-16: This show is an annual event and will be held at Pearkes Arena. To find out more details, check out the website at <http://www.canwestshows.com/woodshow/>.

Toy's for Kids Workshop, 12 November: this annual workshop will be held at Camosun College in the Fine Furniture workshop. If you are able to assist, please contact Doug Watson at 477-0701.

Out of Hand Christmas Fair, November 24 – 27: The fair is held annually at the Victoria Conference Centre. Phil Makin has agreed to organize this again. If you are interested in showing your work, or can volunteer to demonstrate on Sunday, November 27, please contact Phil. For more information about the fair, please visit <http://www.outofhand.ca/xmas.htm>

Executive Meetings: Guild Executive meetings are always held at 7:15 p.m. at the Waddling Dog Pub, on the Monday following a guild meeting. If you'd like more information, please contact me at 656-8724.

Monthly Clinic Coordinator Vacancy: we need a coordinator. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any of the executive members.

Man on the Street Photographer: thank you to Peter Robin for stepping up to fill this position.

New Guild Meeting Location – Camosun Fine Furniture Program's Workshop:

Some of you might not have been aware, but the September meeting was probably our last meeting in the carpentry shop. There are two reasons. Camosun has started to run night classes for carpentry apprentices due to the high demand and, the Fine Furniture Program has moved over to a new shop that was vacated by the diesel mechanic program. This new shop has been totally revamped for the furniture program. Thanks to the gener

OCTOBER MEETING

Camosun College - Fine Furniture Program Building
Tuesday, October 11th. 7:15 PM

osity of Cam Russell and Camosun College, we are welcome to meet in the new space. Although this space is much smaller than the previous workshop, we are still going to test the new shop out for the October meeting. I think that the smaller space may actually work better for lectures and speaking. It will be easier for both the hard of hearing (most of us would probably qualify!) and those of us at the back that can't see or hear the speaker very well! The new shop is only 100 metres away from the old, therefore, come through the gate and follow the signs.

In closing, I would like to thank Cam Russell for his tireless support of the Guild. In addition to making arrangements so that we can have the college shop as a venue for our meetings, he is always there when I arrive for our monthly meetings. I know its probably the last place he wants to be since he has been hanging out there all day. Thank you Cam.

Russ Franson,
President

September Meeting Review

Our first meeting was a great start to our year.

Critique Corner – Led by Ken Guenter and Michael Moore we were first introduced to the concept of a “professional” critique. A number of members were interested in this type of interchange and the reaction to the inaugural critique was very positive. Ken told us what a critique really consisted of and in a sentence it is a constructive discourse between the maker/artist and the person giving the critique. What was interesting about this is that a critique doesn't have to come from an expert, we all have the ability to look and react to form, function, style, finishes and so on. Also, we learned that the maker needs to put forward their intentions with the piece. In other words they answer the question about what exactly were they trying to accomplish.

Michael then did our first critique of a table by Chico Sakman. Michael really followed the methodology laid out by Ken and his critique had a load of practical information and input for Chico. It was a great learning experience for everyone. Thanks Chico for letting us use your piece for our first critique.

Ken and Michael are very good communicators and they proved again that communication is key. We thank them both for making the guild a richer experience!

The next question is how do we keep the critique process alive. We are working on that.

Show and Tell – Aably led by our new Show and Tell coordinator, David Muir, we had a good session with several interesting items as varied as hockey games and several good jigs. As Russ

said in his remarks – just get good at making and designing jigs if you want to do repeatable work. As hockey is high on Russ's list of activities, it was a perfect night! We want to make Show and Tell a highlight every meeting – you can help by bringing in your finished or in progress work, questions, problems, etc.

October Meeting Preview

Our October meeting has the theme of Finishing Wars. You will see and possibly be part of a team approach to finishing. Each team will have a box of supplies and a standard wooden panel to “finish” by the end of the meeting. Each team will appoint a spokesperson to review their strategy and approach to the task. We will all have a chance to see their progress and review the final product before the end of the meeting. In addition, we are hoping to see a demo of one of the most basic professional tasks – that of cleaning a piece that is to be refinished. Finishing will be part of our themes this year and we will move on to stains, grain fillers and dyes in later meetings.

Our Show and Tell will be open, with an emphasis on how the piece was finished.

Hope to see you there.

P.M.

Guild Program 2005-2006

The feedback received from our members in May was invaluable in putting together our program for the new year. We thank you for your ideas. First a couple of general ideas which came through clearly:

Guild Library – Our library managed by Ed Krakowski was rated highly by members. Suggestions included having the phone number added to the checkout sheet and purchasing more DVD/video formatted material for the coming year plus limiting time on loans.

Meeting Themes – Several suggested having meetings work on a theme (similar to last year's chair meeting). Also suggested was demos and concurrent sessions at the meetings if necessary to make the time allotted.

Overall Content – In order to involved more people in our educational program, we will be calling on the members of our special interest groups to deliver a meeting program this year. With input from the executive we see several meeting themes such as:

- Veneering and Marquetry
- Finishing and Surface Decoration
- Design, Proportion and Wood Movement

- Turning
- Furniture Theme – eg Tables

President's Project

If you would like to be the group organizer for one of these meetings, please give Phil Makin a call at 592-4053. In between, we will continue to have keynote speakers to complete the year.

Show and Tell – Thanks to David Muir for taking on the Show and Tell coordinator task for the year. We hope to match our Show and Tell sessions to the meeting theme. Thanks David.

Weekend Clinics – We need a weekend clinic coordinator, so call Russ Franson if you are interested in helping us line up these sessions.

Volunteers – We received several specific offers from our May session which we are following up on including doing a bio of a guild member for the Benchmark, clinic instructors and others. We appreciate your kind offers!!

September Meeting

For the kickoff meeting our theme is Show Made Jigs and Tools. The format is an open house session. We ask you to bring a jig or two that you have found particularly useful. We will choose several to present in Show and Tell fashion and will have time for mixing and lots of questions and answers.

Second Theme is Classifieds – If you have anything to sell, give away or trade after your summer deliberations, bring it in for some action.

Critique – We received several comments about critiques as part of our program. We will do a small session on how to do a critique and will have a demonstration critique for you to see. Critical discourse is part of exchanging ideas and helps the maker develop an understanding of how others view their work. This is always meant to be a positive experience for the maker.

The executive is planning a dynamic and involving educational program this year and with your help we can have a rewarding environment for everyone.

Phil Makin – Meeting Program Coordinator

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

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