

BENCHMARK



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This note covers the two months since there were no Benchmark in November and December. I trust everyone had a productive holiday and got few things done in the shop. Doug Watson was successful in collecting a number of toys and distributed them to Santa's Anonymous prior to the December deadline. Thanks for the effort Doug. We will be looking for a new representative for the coordination of the toy workshop in 2008, so if you have been involved in this in the past, or if you enjoy making toys, this is an easily coordinated job which is centered on the late November-December time slot.

Daren Bertuccio has regrettably had to step down from the Show Chairman's position due to his travel schedule which takes him away from Victoria far more often than he had originally contemplated. Since we have not been able to get the Maltwood space for a show in 2008, I propose to leave this position vacant until the June elections at which time it can be filled with the new executive slate.

There have been a few changes to the roster of tasks for the guild which have kept the executive busy for the last two months. Here is a brief rundown of the changes including some details relative to the new directions for these functions.

We lost David Muir to the oil sands and therefore had some time to reflect on the raffle and the processes used by the guild to keeping touch with our group of twenty or so sponsors. We had been getting feedback that members wanted to see a better quality of items on the raffle table, and perhaps not coincidentally, Gordon Thompson in his role as Treasurer, did an assessment of the cost/benefit of the raffle for the past two years. His assessment confirmed that changes should be implemented, so in November we were able to draft Ted Rowley into the role of sponsor liaison and raffle coordinator-Thanks Ted! The new directions we have provided to Ted include a budget which will allow him to purchase items in a timely fashion, with an eye for quality, safety and educational themes. We have also changed the cost structure for tickets somewhat and will usually do the raffle right after the coffee break instead of at the end of the meeting. Please continue to give us feedback on the raffle as the year goes on if you see something that needs attention.

When the Program function transferred from Karen and Keith to Graham we lost the extra person to coordinate Saturday workshops and tours which had become a popular feature of the 2006 program offered by the guild. The hands on aspect of the sharpening sessions by Brent, the marquetry workshop by Karen and the wood plane construction workshops confirmed the desire of members to participate in this sort of event.

JANUARY MEETING

Camosun College - Fine Furniture Program Building

Tuesday, January 8th. 7:15 PM

We are indeed fortunate to have Paul Starita take on this role as of December and at the executive meeting this month we worked hard on how and what to present to members this year. A broad range of suggestions came forth and Paul will be pursuing some of these actively starting immediately. More details should be available by the Dec 11th meeting.

Saturday events will continue to be linked to the monthly program where possible and will also include field trips, shop tours and some special construction projects if we can make the necessary arrangements with Camosun.

The possibility of a show this year has been dampened by the Maltwood rejection of our proposal to hold a show there, so Darren is looking of another suitable site.

I hope you had a constructive and safe holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thanks, J. Bryan Kemper
President, VIWG.

DOOR PRIZE

These planes can be used to plow grooves, cut dados & brads make rabbets, tongue & grooves or as a sash plane & slitting plane. These planes do have some missing parts but still perform. Finding a missing part can even be a good experience.

One of the door prizes at the December meeting was a Stanley 45 plane donated by Paul Starita. There will be another one in the January draw & more will be donated in the coming months, all donated by Paul Starita.

Those of you who frequent collectible shows, antique stores etc. will realize that these planes are valuable prizes. They also have a value beyond dollars & cents. Unplugging the power, removing the face shield, ear muffs, & dust mask & plowing some grooves with a plane in a clean quiet shop can be a rewarding experience.

Win one of these planes & give it a try.

As Russ Franson pointed out in the December meeting, doing something different can be fun.

Gordon Thompson

SHORT NEWS

FELDER Store will be opening in Nanaimo, beside Midland Tools.

Lee Valley is also coming this September (or later in 2009) Behind the Subaru dealer on Old Island Highway.

GALLERY

We invite our members to share their projects with other members by simply sending digital image(s) of your work. (See 4th. Page) I am starting the first one. Have a very happy new year!

Editor



Above, a full size mock-up made with MDF



Partners' Bench & A Pair of Oval End Tables

Teak and African Blackwood

B. Dimensions: 99"x 36"x 34"

T. Dimensions: 22"x 26"x 24"

Maker: Hikmet C. Sakman (Chico)



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OUR SPONSORS

FOR SALE

Shopsmith DC 3300 Dust collector 330 CFM - \$190
 Shopsmith 12" Planer on stand with casters \$290
 Incra Miter3000SE miter gauge new in box - \$190
 Call Harvey Brooks [920-0636](tel:920-0636)

FOR SALE

Benchtop drillpress \$30
 Call Kory Larsen @ [888-5256](tel:888-5256)

Wood Recovery - Sale

We still have lots of wood in inventory. If you would like to purchase some garry oak, red oak, london plane or maple, please contact me, Wayne Holmes, at wgholmes@shaw.ca or, if you just want to enquire about the wood, call Wayne at [479 4694](tel:479-4694)

FOR SALE

12" Delta benchtop planer, good condition. \$75 obo
 Call Harry at [479-7717](tel:479-7717), or harryv@bullockbaur.ca

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