

# BENCHMARK

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have had a good response to our request for guest speakers from surrounding states and provinces that we are now working on a few possible speakers for this spring and fall. We are always willing to listen to new suggestions so keep them coming.

Wayne Holmes and Claude Murry are going to do the distribution of wood to the high schools and organize a showing of the resulting work in mid June, consistent with the approach taken in the last couple of years. Wayne also report that he has western maple, Gary oak and red oak available to all guild members, so if you would like to acquire some nice material for future project please give Wayne a call. We have slowed the pace of accepting logs for the wood recovery program due to declining sales-likely be cause we have filled up the storage areas of most of the key participants!

It has been suggested that the guild might want to consider stocking furniture and other plans in the library to allow members access to good quality plans. While this has some merit, the sheer number of plans available and the abuse they tend to suffer while being used, might be limitations. An alternate idea might be to have a list of the better sources of plans made available to members on the web site. Such a list could include many of the better books which either have design ideas of actual sets of plans within their pages. So we are soliciting ideas from the membership on this topic.

Lastly, due to the cost of postal service and handling we have had to suspend sending the Benchmark out by mail.

Thanks, J. Bryan Kemper  
President, VIWG.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Camosun College - Fine Furniture Program Building  
**Tuesday, February 12th. 7:15 PM**

FOR SALE

Claro walnut from California brought to here 20 years ago. There are about 2 1/2 to 3 MBF in the lot that I am offering for sale for \$ 6 # (= \$ 20 BF @ 40 # CF) for the complete lot of about:

75 pieces planks and slabs 8/4 and 12/4 inch thick X 12 to 24 inch wide and 3 to 8 feet long

20 pieces crotch slabs 8/4 and 12/4 inch thick X 18 to 38 inches wide up to 70 inches long

65 pieces 2 X 4 inch X 4 1/2 feet long

Will Malloff willmalloff@cablerocket.com (250)974-2312



**The "bridge".**  
**Tall hall table. Materials:**  
**Western Maple**  
**legs & Yew top. Dimensions:**  
**36" tall X 36" long X 12" wide.**

**Peter Walsh**  
**New Heritage Fine Furniture**



**GALLERY**

**This design based on the shape of a whale's jawbone. Three legged table with round glass top. Material: African walnut.**

**Dimensions: 30" tall X 30" diameter**



# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

400 board feet of spalted western maple for \$400...!  
Mostly 4/4 stock at approx. 8' long, also some 8/4 boards.

Call Scott Kingham (250) 704-1111

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