November Newsletter

November Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be 7:15 pm November 14th at Lee Valley Tools in Colwood. The presenter will be Illtyd Perkins. Come early and do some shopping.

Guest Speaker Profile:

Illtyd Perkins came to Victoria from England many years ago to teach English at UVic. But then he bought a boat and discovered a passion for sailing and wood working. So he went back to England to train as a woodworker, then returned and settled on Salt Spring Island. You've probably passed his shop on the road from Fulford Harbour to Ganges.

For some decades, Illtyd built fine furniture, but in recent years he has focussed his attention on making the wooden tools used by book binders, among whom he enjoys considerable reputation. One of the techniques that he has perfected in his tool-building is that required to make the wooden screws used in presses. He will demonstrate screw-making as part of his talk, and bring examples of the tools that he makes. He also makes his own beeswax polish which you will find for sale at West Wind Hardwoods. His

website is well worth a visit:
www.illtydperkinswoodworking.ca

Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction at the meeting. The item to be auctioned is a dust collector, a Steel City 1-hp Model #65110. It's rated at 87 decibels and 700 cfm. The manual can be found here. The proceeds from the sale of the dust collector will go to the Guild.

Milling Session

Volunteers Needed

Rein has found us a bunch of logs and Larry is hoping for good weather Sat and Sun, Nov 18-19 for a milling session. He thinks it will take two full days, maybe more.

Larry Dorosh, 6101 Castlebank Rd, (off Durrance Rd.) 9am - noon, 1pm - 4pm.

So could you please let Mick Harvey know if and when you could help and he will come up with a schedule.

Bring boots, gloves and hearing protection. mharvey1@shaw.ca

Coming in December!

Tribute to Cam Russell and Ken Guenter

Last June Cam and Ken retired from the Fine Furniture Program at Camosun College. The Vancouver Island Woodworkers Guild would like to recognize the many years (decades) of participation and support that Cam and Ken have given to woodworking and in particular, support for the Guild. The December meeting of the Guild will be a special night where Ken and Cam will be honoured. The Guild would like to invite all of the former Fine Furniture Program students to attend this meeting and join the Guild members in celebrating Cam and Ken's amazing contribution to woodworking. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on December 12th.

The Solstice Challenge

A reminder about the Fall/Winter challenge. Prepare a lighted project to be ready for the December meeting. The details are here!

Other Updates and News

Wood Sale

The wood sale was a tremendous success. Over 670 board feet of arbutis and elm where sold. The money is a much needed boost to the Wood for Schools Program. Once

again, thank you to all the members who came out to help and purchase wood.

Wookshops and Tours

Another visit to Clearwater Industries provided an excellent morning of learning about veneer. All participants went home with a wealth of new knowledge and a beautifully veneered project! Coming up will be a tour of the Aviation Museum and Craigdarroch Castle. There are two workshops planned, one on Routers and another on SketchUp, both Beginners and Intermediate.

Spring Wood Show

Final arrangements are being made at the Cedar Hill Centre for a Guild Wood Show this Spring. It is time to start planning for projects to be included in this non-juried show. More details will be forecoming soon.

Regards,

Neil Bosdet

President, VIWG