

September 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back!!! I hope you've all had a fabulous, and not too smoky, summer. Time to turn on the lights and get back in the shop.

Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 11th - 7:15 PM at Lee Valley Tools. Remember: the store stays open for us so bring your LV shopping lists and pick up what you need when you're at the meeting.

Have you ever thought "How can I enhance my woodworking projects? What can I add to them?" With practice, an effective technique is carving. Relief carving and chip carving are the standard styles of enhancing.

Scott Reid will demonstrate the technique of chip carving. He will explain free form carving as well as traditional triangular carving. The beauty of chip carving is you only need two knives. (He is still using the first carving knife he bought from Lee Valley 35 odd years ago.) He will cover the various knives most commonly used, tools needed for layout, pattern transfer and sharpening.

Scott will demonstrate carving on a panel to go into a box lid, carved Christmas ornaments (a hit every year for his family) and a simple coaster idea that works great as a practice piece. It is possible to enhance an entire piece or just add little accents.

The great thing with chip carving as well is you can pretty much do it anywhere. You don't make a lot of mess. Throw a towel onto your lap and let the chips fall where they want. Any that make it onto the floor, it is easy to sweep them up.

Two knives, a few layout tools (which you probably already have) a strop and some patience is all you need.

Scott is a long time Guild member and is in charge of the seminars at Lee Valley Tools where he regularly teaches a chip-carving seminar.

"Pop-Up Gallery"

The Guild has put a "pop-up gallery" installation in a high traffic location at the Saanich Municipal Hall. Members displaying/selling their work include: Jim Barker, Graham Dragushan, Eric Gesinger, Mick Harvey, Bruce Hodgson, Rick Lloyd, Phil Makin and John Tucker.

In addition to the work, we have two information pieces discussing the Guild and promoting the Guild's many services to Members. We invite the public to our next Guild meeting and inform them of our community activities such as Wood Recovery. The month-long show ends September 24th with take down the following day.

We were offered this opportunity by the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill. Your Show Committee said yes, not knowing what the response would be from our Membership, but it came together nicely.

The gallery is located at the main entrance to Saanich Municipal Hall. Please take the opportunity to have a look. These opportunities will benefit the Guild in the future.

From the Show Committee, Frank Letchford and Phil Makin

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