

When Last We Met

by Steve Hansen

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, Nov. 18th

Phil Laliberte welcomed six visitors to start off the meeting. We talked a bit about the Wood show (now history). **Stuart McKenzie** graciously volunteered to help out as the Entertainment Chairman, taking over from **Bill Ophoff**. Thank you, Stuart. Bill has done a great job bringing in some excellent speakers - I certainly enjoyed them! I bet Stuart would appreciate your input for lining up future speakers.

Denis Reid gave the Christmas Toy Workshop report. As a reminder there is one more workshop on NOVEMBER 22, 10:00-2:00 at Bill Fox's shop. Be there for a good and worthy time.

We talked briefly about applying for membership in the *Wood Co-op* <http://www.woodco-op.org>, on Granville Island. An application is being prepared and will be submitted shortly. Currently, 15 organizations are members of the Co-op with about 130 contributing woodworkers. Please stay tuned.

Our meeting entertainment fell through in October so we were challenged to entertain ourselves - wasn't too hard! Some interesting points came to light. . . We talked about battery packs and charging. A couple of sources are *Princess Auto & Battery World*. **John Wier** has parts for a Unimac Lathe. **Paulin Laberge** mentioned the *2x4 Challenge* - time to think about it. I think it was Phil who mentioned that toys have traditionally been made from beech wood because it's been determined (by somebody) that beech is the least toxic/allergenic of all timbers. Bill Fox auctioned off a wooden desk and the highest bidder was Rudy.

For show and tell, **Paul Blatter** brought in a wonderful Spears (not Sears!) infill plane, from about the late 19th century. An infill plane is made with a metal soul and sides and inserted with hard and heavy wood to

add heft. The weight helps keep the plane true to the surface being dressed. Paul wanted to clean and tune the plane. According to **Wally Sommerfeld**, a collector's plane such as this example, required no tune up and just a cleaning with fresh linseed oil and a rag to remove a little bit of grime. Wally made a number of very important points regarding antiques and collectables. Most notably, never use any abrasives or harsh cleansers on old tools, otherwise the collectability and wonderful patina will be seriously compromised. Steve Hansen displayed a couple of ornaments - could be used on a Christmas tree or for any other purpose, maybe even a lamp pull! For the **President's Challenge** - jigs was the theme! **Marco Berera** showed one of his special turning jigs which allows the turning of smaller rings on the outside of a sphere - quite the apparatus! **Lou Hafer** brought in his favourite and most simple of jigs - a miter gauge that clamped to the work piece and guided his chisels to cut a perfect 45 degrees. **Dan Lamire** showed us a marking jig to layout European cabinet hinges. Phil showed us a *Longworth chuck* - used to grip the rim of a bowl, using a self centering rotating ring with little rubber bumpers, so that the turner can finish the bottom of their masterpiece. Don McLean has offered pine off-cuts to anyone that wants them.

Christmas Toy Workshops

Saturday, November 22nd at **Bill Fox's** workshop - 10 am until 2 pm. To make and assemble toys to be given to the Christmas Bureau. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and the goodies while helping a worthwhile cause. We also welcome donations from members who make toys in their home workshops.



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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, November 18th starting at 7:15pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

Guest Speaker— Mary Chinni. Mary has worked in the wooden boat industry for many years and has trained quite a few people in her topic of applying a varnish finish. She feels an hour will be long enough to brush the surface of the topic and would consider a saw-dust huddle session if there is sufficient interest.

President's Challenge—?.

The Wood Co-Op

For your interest, the Wood Co-op has one storefront on Granville Island and plans to open another store, somewhere in B.C., as well as expand into the wholesale market. Steve Hansen is currently working as the contact between the Co-op and the Guild. Please contact Steve if you are interested in marketing your work through the Co-op.

Calendar Of Events

- **November 18, 2003**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild November meeting.
- **November 22, 2003**—Christmas Toy Workshop
- **December 16, 2003**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild December meeting.
- **January 20, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild January meeting.
- **February 17, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **March 16, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild March meeting.
- **April 20, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild April meeting.
- **May 2004**—Richmond Carver's Show
- **May 18, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild May meeting.
- **June 15, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild June meeting.
- **August 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Picnic
- **September 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **October 19, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild October meeting.
- **October 2004**—Cloverdale Wood & Woodworking Show.

