

When Last We Met

by Gordon Bednard

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, Oct. 21st

The pre meeting display of wooden toys was impressive - from the simple toys for pre-toddlers, to the amazingly detailed construction models for the child in all of us. Most at the meeting were really hoping some of these may make it into the nightly raffle, but alas, it was not to be.

The actual meeting commenced at 7:15 with the introduction of visitors, which didn't take long as there were none at this meeting.

Hugh reported on the progress of the Guild's involvement in the Cloverdale wood show. Some terrific prizes have been arranged for the woodworking contest with cash/merchandise donations from Lee Valley, Windsor and the like. Prizes will be in the \$200-\$500 range in the open and novice categories, with the grand prize being a lathe.

Setup for the show will be on Thursday from 3-9 and volunteers were called for. Show times are Friday October 31 from 12noon-9 pm, Saturday November 1 from 10am-6pm and Sunday November 1, from 10am-5pm. Again, volunteers are needed for the booth, in 2 to 4 hour shifts throughout the weekend. Volunteers who register beforehand will gain free admittance to the show on that day - register with **Kelly McClay**. Entry forms for the contest will be on the website.

A "Heads-Up" for the meeting - next month a "guy" (no one seemed to know his name) would be at the meeting looking for finishers for a series of Arts and Crafts houses he is building. These will be 1910 era cottages of around 100 square feet. This would be a paying job (and don't we all love that) and may also be an opportunity to interest this person in some A&C furniture.

Dennis Reid was on hand to plug the toy

workshop on September 20 from 10-2. Workers are to bring personal protection gear, some portable finishing tools to make the work go faster, and scrap wood (pine and spruce). The workshop would start with graders already roughed out. The final workshop will be set for after the November meeting. Denis also reported that while we had entered the Minwax craftsmen award program for our participation with the Christmas Bureau, we failed to win a prize.

Phil Laliberte reported that there was an urgent need for assistance for the Guild in the field of entertainment coordinator - a sort of "who and when" person. If such a person exists, or if several persons wish to share the position, please contact Phil.

Al Rogers showed off some jigs made from plans found in the latest Wood Magazine - a taper cutting jig, a hold-down clamp for the chop saw, and a step block for repeat-cutting narrow strips safely on the table saw. All were well made and admired by the members.

Steve Hansen had raffle tickets available - "take and sell some"!! Steve also demonstrated the approve technique for re-constituting (?) a fire extinguisher - a sharp rap or two on the bottom every 6 months or so to help the settled chemicals unsettle. Steve also reminded all that the extinguisher should read "charged", that even a partial discharge means it should be serviced, and that placement of the extinguisher in the shop was all important. A lively discussion over placement then followed with the general consensus being that if you have one, place it by the exit door, but you should get two, and also place one at the far end of the room.

Cookies and coffee were then enjoyed by

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, October 21st starting at 7:15pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

Guest Speaker— ?

President's Challenge—Jigs, either made, bought or wanted.



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all, the meeting recommencing at 8:15 with **Guy Lautard** showing off a fancy, albeit pricey, push pad for the table saw and jointer. Retail \$50-70 US.

And now the highlight of the evening rolled around. The Guest Speaker - **Carl Vanderpol** - whose company "Toys and Joys" sells plans for toys and truck/machinery replicas. These were the items that many in the guild were enthused about at the beginning of the meeting.

Toys and Joys has grown over the last 23 years from the manufacture of "bubble toys" (big tires - cartoon like autos) to providing patterns for advanced woodworkers. The company employs 6 persons full time, and yet is still run out of the home of the founder. The company sells 90 patterns currently with new releases averaging 3 per year. These patterns are 2-9 pages of full size drawings at 1/16th scale which require a band saw for cutting. Tight grain woods such as maple or walnut work best.

The patterns can be purchased from a number of retail outlets including Lee Valley, or are available from the website at "toysandjoys.com". Kits of parts (wheels and other turned items) are also available, or you can make your own using the patterns. Decals are also available to make the models more realistic. Simple projects can be put together in very short order, but the more complex designs may take an experienced woodworker from 40-60 hours to complete. These finished models can retail

for \$250-1000 depending on the complexity and the level of fine finishing.

Carl was heartily thanked for his presentation, for the display of models he brought, and for the catalogues he distributed.

Show and Tell

Gerry showed some examples of the toys for the upcoming workshop, and also showed two examples of large cement trucks he had made which took him about 100 hours to complete.

Bill showed off a well executed "monster truck" as well as some pull toys, a periscope, and a doll cradle.

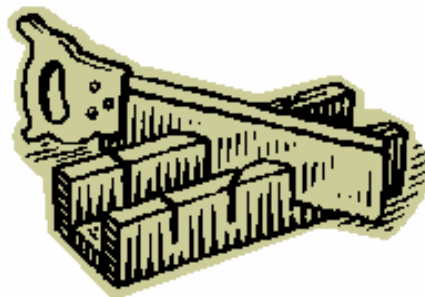
Rob Prinse ended the show with a lovely slab of display wood intended to grace the booth at the wood show. "...it was just too nice to cut up for firewood..."

The next Challenge is JIGS - either made, bought or wanted.

The raffle prize was a flashlight.

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.



Cloverdale Woodworking Show

Members, please bring in any 2x4 Challenge projects or any other pieces that you would like to show off during the woodworking show. You can bring them direct to the Tuesday meeting at Bill's and they will be transported to/from the show. You can also bring stuff direct to the Cloverdale show grounds on Thursday evening or Friday prior to Noon. If you want to get your name "out there", you can supply labels and or cards to distribute. As always, our booth is well attended by members to make sure all is safe. Thank you on behalf of the Guild.

Calendar Of Events

- **October 21, 2003**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild October meeting.
- **October 31 to November 2, 2003**—Cloverdale Wood & Woodworking Show.
- **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.

