

## When Last We Met

by Ivan Antoniw

### Next Meeting:

- **2x4 Challenge** –  
Tuesday April 20th  
at 7:30pm. This  
meeting will be held  
at the Sapperton  
Pensioner's Hall,  
318 Keary St., New  
Westminster.

**Phil Laliberte** opened the meeting in the usual way by asking visitors to tell us about themselves. There were three: **Carl Stepanyk**, **Paul Manley** and **Harold Mahood**. Phil then moved on to asking for a volunteer(s) (is it just me or does he seem to ask for a lot of those) to organize pre-meeting demos. **Paul Blatter** stepped forward (or sat, as it were). Phil informed this scribe that since the next meeting is the *2 x 4 Challenge*, that there would not be any pre-meeting demonstrations, however he hoped to get something for the May meeting.

**Steve Hansen** introduced the night's guest speaker, **Ross Garner**, who spoke on marquetry. Ross has been a woodworker since the 50's and has an eclectic resume which

includes building boats, houses and furniture. He outlined a brief history of marquetry, which goes back as far as the Pharaohs time in Egypt, however the heyday of the art was in pre-revolutionary France. After the French, the English broke down the trade into three trades: design trade; lay out and cutting of the marquetry; and finally the cabinet makers who actually built the piece of furniture. It's a wonder they didn't make the whole thing steam powered. He mentioned that around this time there was some mention that one of the veneer saws used was the size or diameter of a horse hair. He stressed that marquetry required patience. The work is slow and meticulous on account that you have to work to zero tolerances. A fair bit of artistic ability is required as well since you have to make up the design as you go. Generally, you start a piece from the centre and work out. He then proceeded to show us the tools which he uses. They consist of a knife, a strait edge or two, a home made veneer hammer, store bought veneer saw (which was not heartily endorsed), a good quality compass, cabinet scrapers, masking tape (in copious quantities), a square, a home made jig (60 degree), and oval patterns.

Handling wrinkly veneer was not a problem since all you have to do is press it flat within a sandwich of wet rags over night and then iron it. Always work from the same side of the veneer since the knife cuts a "V" and you want the side that is down when you are working to be up when you are done so that adjacent pieces butt up tightly. He very quickly demonstrated how to do a "reverse box" pattern using his 60-degree jig and then explained how to tape up the work when getting it ready for  
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Ross Garner



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gluing to a substrate. He then showed us a few examples of finished pieces which included a box and guitar. The upshot of the talk resulted in 18 members signing up for two seminars to be held April 24 and May 1, 9:00 am to 12:30/1:00 pm at Bill Fox's shop. \$25 per head. Ross' talk was met by hearty applause.

**Steve Hansen** then took over and briefly touched on three topics. 1) Did anyone get the mailed out newsletter? 2) Greater Vancouver Woodturning Guild is hosting a turning symposium, September 10-12, \$225 per head, at the Sheraton Guilford more to follow in greater and more precise detail and, 3) Wood Co-op AGM Mar 27, 9:30 am, for those who were interested in attending. Currently we are not eligible to vote but we can and should attend. The venue is the Granville Island Hotel.

Carl (new guy) needed special turning, bow sprit for his boat, got an answer from **Marco Berera**.

**Paulin Laberge** then spoke for the *2x4 Challenge*. He reminded all that it will be held at the Sapperton Pensioners Hall, 317 Keary Street, in New West. For ideas, he suggested a night before entry, and enticed us to bring a friend to the gig. 7:30 pm April 20.

**Paul Blatter** announced that he was putting a Shopsmith up for adoption.

Paulin added some info about Industrial Artefacts and that it is closing shop.

Phil brought up subject of our booth at the wood working show or was it Bob? Can't remember. An ad hoc committee has been stuck of volunteers whose first un-official decision was resolving the dispute of which pub to hold the first committee meeting in. Volunteers include **Kelly McClay, Steve Hansen, Bob Bedier, Marco Berera, Mark** (didn't get the last name) and this, your humble

scribe **Ivan Antoniw**.

There then followed a brief discussion about speaker gifts. For now we stick to the pen and pencils. General feeling is that members should take a month think about it and report back before we break in June - see related article within.

Hugh asked for volunteers (so it's not just Phil) for a shop cleaning detail, or in this case, firewood stacking detail. Mention was made that these cleaning details are a good opportunity for newer members to get to know the ones that have been around for a while.

New guy **Harold Mahood** talked about two boxes that he brought in (see photo) and floated an idea about mass producing them and donating proceeds to cancer society/research. Proposal was made to list them on guild web site.



*Harold Mahood*

## Speaker Gifts

The guild needs a new supplier for guest speaker gifts. Steve Fairbairn has supplied the last year's worth, in the form of custom turned pen sets and that supply has now been exhausted. For this month, we don't need a speaker gift because WE are the speakers. For May & June?, Henry Schultz has stepped up to the plate to make something - thank you Henry!

Okay, now we need a new supplier for next season, starting September. The Guild is looking for gift proposals which are hand made by guild members AND a steady and reliable supply for an extended period - 6 months to a year is ideal. The guild is prepared to pay you for your time and materials. Please consider coming up with an idea and pitching it to Phil prior to our May meeting. Thank you.

## Wood Co-op AGM

A small, but strong, contingent of PWG members attended the AGM of the Wood Co-op. I think I speak for my two attending colleagues, Ivan Antoniw and Stuart MacKenzie, that we were impressed with what we saw. We were greeted warmly by the board and the executive Director. I don't have the list, yet, of the board members, but many of you will recognize Wes Giesbrecht, who represents the Fraser Valley Woodworkers. We were treated to presentations on the progress of the retail outlet (on Granville Island); the financial status and outlook of the organization, as whole, which is strong considering it is only about six years into the

running.

In addition a guest speaker, from the BC Cooperative Association, gave a fascinating and inspiring presentation on the potential of cooperative ventures. He cited the example of Amelia-Romagna, a region of Italy, which produces: Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Parmesan cheese, Balsamic Vinegar, finest Italian shoes and fabrics, and the list goes on. A staggering 3 out of ever 4 workers in this top rated Italian region is employed by a coop. There are 280,000 cooperatives in this region, which is rated 10th out of 110 best producing regions in Europe.

## Woodturning Event

The Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild is pleased to announce the West Coast Roundup, an international woodturning symposium, September 10-12, 2004, in Vancouver, British Columbia. This event will cater to all levels of turning enthusiasts. Your presenters are Richard Raffan, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Jacques Vesery, Michael

Werner, Vernon Leibrant, Joe Fleming and Martin Thorne. Some of the presenters will be conducting classes before or after the symposium. For registration and information please contact Steve Hansen (604 585 0638) or visit us online: [www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2004.htm](http://www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2004.htm).

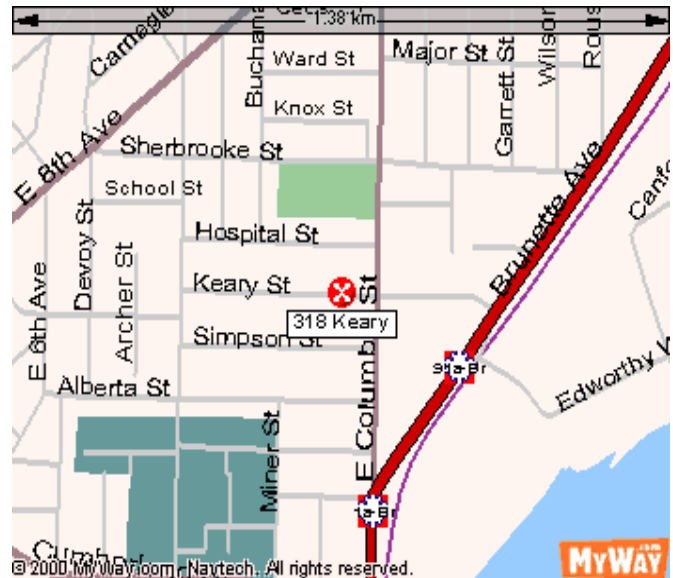


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The guild heartily encourages you to bring along your friends, neighbours and family to join in on the fun of this year's 2x4 Challenge. The venue is **Sapperton Pensioners Hall, 318 Keary Street, New Westminster** (see map at right). Keary runs between Royal Columbian Hospital and Labatts Brewery. The Hall is across the street from RCH and the brewery, just a few paces up Keary. Parking is available mostly along Columbia street and some on Keary. Be mindful of the residents only parking restrictions on Keary. Meters stop at 6 p.m. so that's good. Hope to see you all there with a handful of buddies.

**Note: If you are bringing a project to display or enter, please be at the hall by 6:00 p.m.**



## Unclassifieds

- For sale: 7ft of 12" diameter PVC pipe, 3/8 wall - suitable for making vacuum kiln as per Lynn Diel's article in last May's newsletter. Asking \$30 (pd \$90). Contact Murray MacKinnon at 604-986-5746. Note that the kiln will need laboratory or air conditioner pump to achieve 28 inches of mercury vacuum.
- For sale: Rockwell Beaver wood lathe with 1/2HP motor, stand, spur drive, live centre, machinists chuck & more. Open to offers. Contact Steve Fairbairn at 604-456-5675.

## Calendar Of Events

- **April 20, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild April meeting. **2X4 Challenge**
- **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 10 to 12, 2004**—West Coast Woodturning Symposium. Contact Steve Hansen 604-585-0638 for details.
- **September 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **October 15 to 17, 2004**—BC Woodworking Show—Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Grounds
- **October 19, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **November 16, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
- **December 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild January meeting.
- **January 18, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
- **February 15, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.