

## When Last We Met

by Denis Reid

Chairman **Phil Laliberte** opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with the introduction of 4 guests and 46 people present. The guest speaker on 'wooden boats and varnishing' was unable to attend so the topic for the evening became an open discussion.

**Rob Prinse** presented samples of toys from the *Fraser Valley Woodworkers Guild's* Christmas project which were part of the 500 gifts and toys assembled. The follow-

ing discussion was centered around involvement of other groups, corporate sponsorship and sources of ideas and plans for a wide variety of items. A discussion on our own Toy Workshop ensued. A discussion on liability and insurance introduced the idea of 'creating an alliance' of several clubs in order to gain affordable insurance and examples of costs by other groups were mentioned.

**Steve Hansen** reported on the progress that he was making with the *Woodworkers Co-op* and our club's involvement.

'Things That Used to Be Made of Wood' is the theme that **Paulin Laberge** is following for the **2x4 Challenge** to be held in April. Paulin suggested that this is more of a 'Historical Theme' for the novice, intermediate or masters' levels and this notice is to remind everyone to get started on their projects. He would like an indication of the number of entries in this challenge at the next meeting. Members were reminded that they can use one material (wood- 2x4, eight feet long by two inches by four inches, rough size or milled to 1 ½" x 3 ½" x 8"), and a finish of their choice. Some categories may use one other material such as glass for a mirror or hinges for a top or bottom.

A mystery piece of wood was passed around during the meeting for identification. It remained a mystery until Leigh put an end to our varied guesses by identifying it as 'Merbau' and described its sources, either from Brazil or South Asia. It rates 1900 on the Janka scale of hardness.

After the 8:15 coffee break, Phil Laliberte introduced the President's Challenge of the

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### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, Feb. 17th



**"Cracked"**

By this month's speaker, Judson Beaumont



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The Pacific Woodworkers Guild is a non-profit association of British Columbia Craftspeople dedicated to excellence in woodworking. Guild members meet on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in Richmond, B.C.

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**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, February 17th starting at 7:15pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

**Guest Speaker**—Judson Beaumont from *Straightline Designs*. Jud is a great designer and loves to tell people about his work. Among his work is curved and fantasy-like children's furniture. Many of you will recall the "cracked" dresser at the last *Woodworking Competition*. He has also created a number of public displays.

<http://www.straightlinedesigns.com/>

**President's Challenge**—A Valentine's theme



## Cultural Restoration Tourism Project

*Bob Bedier passed this tidbit along. By the way, this is an excellent example of things you can send the Editor guy once in a while.*

*“The innovative aspect of CRTP is our inclusion of participants from any background in the restoration process”*

I am a carpenter and General Contractor who has been working in the field of traditional techniques and historic restoration for more than 15 years. I am writing you to inform you about the exciting work that the *Cultural Restoration Tourism Project* (CRTP) is doing in preserving traditional carpentry and construction skills. CRTP is a non-profit organization helping communities in Asia preserve cultural buildings, cultural construction techniques and vernacular architecture. The innovative aspect of CRTP is our inclusion of participants from any background in the restoration process. I urge you to look at our website and see how we are helping communities in Mongolia and Nepal restore Buddhist temples with the help of novice participants. ([www.crtp.net](http://www.crtp.net)) I believe that as woodworkers your group would be interested in knowing how they can have the opportunity to participate in a traditional restoration

project. This is a unique chance to really participate in the restoration of an historic structure, living and working with the locals and knowing all proceeds go directly towards the restoration project. In addition, this summer we are offering the chance to learn how to build the traditional round tent of the Mongolian nomad. We will have a Mongolian craftsman work with a small group of participants (room for 5 people only) to teach them how to build the traditional ger (often called a yurt). The participants will learn all aspects of the ger building process from start to finish. This is a unique opportunity to learn the art of ger building in the setting and culture that gave birth to the craft. (Please inquire specifically about the ger building program to get schedules.)

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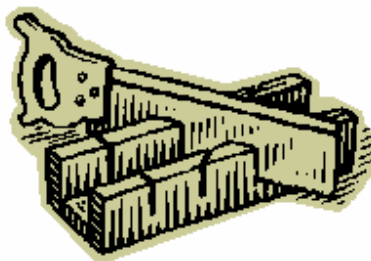
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Month – Something Made of Plywood. **Ted Fromson** presented a small vase made from plywood – quite elegant. Steve Hansen presented his loudspeaker enclosure, an MDF (medium density fibreboard) box which is held together with a dozen internal plywood braces, glue and “clamped” with hundreds of screws. He explained that the thickness of the MDF and the solid construction was to stop sound from escaping through the walls of the speaker. He assured us it was not a better mouse trap nor a maze for pet rabbits. Steve gave us an informed, technical discussion on the need for the linings (asphalt and pink Dacron) to give resistance to the driver cones and to cancel out any standing waves.

**John Weir** presented two segmented bowls, one from his turning class and one from his home workshop. Phil showed a plywood jig for a band saw that would enable one to cut thin, wide materials. Rob presented two candle holders made from plywood by an acquaintance of his.

The evening draw was won by **Hugh MacGillivray** and 6 other prizes were won by lucky ticket holders.

To end the evening Chairman Phil announced that the President's Challenge for the next meeting would be a **Valentine Theme**.



## The Wood Co-op Application

*Message from Robert Stoldt, The Co-op's business manager, received January 27:*

I am pleased to inform you that the Wood Co-op Board has accepted your association's application for membership subject to you providing a participating membership list and a \$100.00 cheque for your membership shares.

Congratulations and welcome to the Co-operative.

We will have an Annual General Meeting coming up at the end of March in Vancouver. Your organization won't be a member long enough to be able to vote at this one, but you may still want to send a representative to attend the meeting.

Regards, Robert

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## Don Fralick

With great sadness, Don Fralick passed away suddenly in December. Don was a great guy with a positive spirit and always ready to lend a hand. Don contributed at many club functions and we will all dearly miss his camaraderie.

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## Poor Man's Publications

They feature u-build plans for the machinist, metal worker, model crafter, do-it-yourselfer, and wood worker. Mostly machine, and power tools right now, but they will be adding both new tool plans and u-build plans for projects around the home and yard, antique furniture, toys, and what we call "off the wall plans." Everything from u-build cars, boats, and unusual items. All designed to save you time, and money, and all plans are fully guaranteed.

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## Calendar Of Events

- **February 17, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild February meeting.
  - **March 16, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild March meeting.
  - **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 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
  - **October, 2004**—Woodworking show
  - **October 19, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
  - **November 16, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild September meeting.
  - **December 21, 2004**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild January meeting.
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