

When Last We Met

By Gord Bednard

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday Jul. 26th.

A low murmur was heard under the noise of traffic and the occasional aircraft landing at YVR. Something wonderful was afoot at the May meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild. Someone had wood. And not just any wood, but wood with fine figure, interesting grain patterns and at reasonable prices (the three touchstones of the woodworker). All assembled for the pre-meeting demo were in rapture (or needed a large brandy and a good lie-down) as **Tyler Deglan** of *MVL Specialty woods* showed off some of the board feet and veneers he had available. Tyler gave the Guild a quick rundown on the wood species (most notably local maple), sizes (small lengths) and quality (wow) of the stock he maintains for sale to the musical instrument makers trade. MVL's shop is located in Port Kells (aka North Surrey) and while they have no retail outlet, Tyler offered to drop by every once in a while to administer an infusion of life-giving quality wood to the members of the guild. The demo adjourned for a trip out back to the truck where the majority of the stock was kept and many a member was seen carting away a piece of wood, not for any particular project, but mostly "just because its so nice and I had to have it". Really, it was like your mother-in-law at an Army and Navy shoe sale – elbows up and every woodworker for themselves.

Members who survived the melee in **Bill Fox's** back yard, returned to the shop with lighter wallets and the meeting commenced with the announcement that there was no guest speaker for the night. Personally, I think they may have stood still too long in the yard and been mistaken for a piece of figured maple and are now sliced and stickered in the wood shed. Unlikely as most woodworkers are too twisted and gnarly to be useful (just ask my wife!).

This being the case we moved on to show and tell and were entertained by the following presenters: **Marco Berera** reprised his presentation from the 2X4 contest for those

who hadn't seen his award winning WUSAK (woodworkers ultimate Swiss army knife). He also showed off some turnings in the shape of dogs. Don't ask me how he does it. **Dave Pye** displayed a train model which was the prototype for a full size (48") toy box he will be working on. The model, which was a great piece in itself, was made from highly figured burl and exotic imported woods. **Peter Ruffini** had made some oven rack push-pull devices, similar in function to table saw push sticks. The idea being to keep delicate hands away from the stuff that will do harm, in this case, hot oven racks. Peter suggested that wax would not be an appropriate finish for these items. He had also made a wool/rope coiler which resembled an ancient boat anchor. Finally, **Klaas Focker** had a turned burl bowl which he explained as a wasabi dish. Very nicely done.

The raffle was then drawn and your scribe was fortunate enough to win some flashlights. Given the number of tickets I have bought over the years, I think these cost about \$75 each. But life, as they say, is a journey, not a destination. In other words, I'll be first in line for tickets next meeting.

Some Guild business was then worked through (go ahead and fall asleep now, I'll wake you for the good bits). A motion was presented and passed to drop the \$10 entry fee for the 2X4 contest reasoning that the presenters were the ones doing the entertaining, so why should they pay to do so. A discussion followed about resurrecting the "Masters" category, or simply raising the standards of our work. No vote was taken, but a call went out for potential themes for next year's challenge. In keeping with the Canadian penchant for forming committees to gain consensus for just about any task, the call went out again (my, it's getting loud in here) for a group of interested individuals to get together to design and construct the box portion of the Guild trailer. **Bob Bedier**

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, July 26th starting at 7:00pm.

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter is June 7th. Please send your submission to the editor: Steve Hansen at urquell@shaw.ca or contact by phone for snail mail address.

Calendar Of Events

- * **July 26, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **August 7, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Summer Picnic
- * **September 20, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **October 18, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting

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proposed a "woody" design to the surprise of absolutely no-one given Bob's penchant for that style of vehicle. Interested members should speak to Bob regarding the trailer project. We will have a booth for the Richmond Carvers show, so display items were requested to be dropped off at the shop by May 25 or 26 and picked up immediately following the show.

Next month's speaker will be demonstrating router jigs, so bring some ear protection.

Hugh MacGillivray bade the Guild a fond farewell. Apparently he is off to 100 Mile

House where he intends to open up a northern chapter of the PWG. At least he will be able to get a reliable supply of SPF 2X4s there. The Guild wished him Godspeed.

Finally, **Mark Schofield** of *Fine Woodworking Magazine* (the magazine where its OK to read the articles and look at the pictures) will be here to meet with and speak to the Guild on July 26 or 27 – more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

That's it. Short meeting. See you all next time

Cheers

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President's Message

The Guild members present at this past June's meeting (Tuesday June 21, 2005) have unanimously decided that we will no longer participate in the organization, coordination and administration of the Woodworking Competition at the annual Cloverdale Woodworking Machinery Show and Sale. A letter of regret has been e-mailed to the Show administration, the text is as follows:

To whom it may concern,

I must regretfully inform you that the Pacific Woodworking Guild will not be able to coordinate the Woodworking Competition at the 2005 Woodworking Machinery, Tool Show and Sale. It was a difficult decision reached after lengthy discussion by the Guild membership.

While the Guild does not wish to sever its ties with the show, the current commitments by many of our members does not allow for sufficient time to prepare for the competition or manpower to staff the competition display. We will however, maintain our presence at this year's Show with our Guild booth and display and as in past years our members will run demos and sell their pieces.

We hope that in future years we may once again increase our participation

with the Show. There is a general feeling within the Guild membership that they would like to return to a more "hands on" type participation such as the kid's toy workshop. This of course would require finding a new corporate sponsor and would have to meet your Show's needs as well.

Again I regret that this has come to pass, especially since it was through entering a piece in the 2003 Show that I got involved with the Guild. I hope that through continuing cooperation and conversation the Guild may maintain the close relationship it has had with the Show.

Yours truly,

*Ivan Antoniw
President
PWWG*

I would like to stress that the Guild will be at this year's show (perhaps with a trailer?). I would like to host a show/executive meeting at my place (449 East 37th Ave, Vancouver) Thursday July 7th at 7:00 pm. I realise that this incredibly short notice, but we have missed some of the deadlines and we need to decide on booth size and get some cheques sent out. Any and all club members who are interested are invited to attend.

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North Thompson Economic Development Committee Weekend.

On the weekend of June 24-26 I had a chance to enjoy the hospitality of Randy Hedlund, North Thompson Valley Economic Development Officer, at Sun Peaks Resort just north of Kamloops. The group was treated to a welcoming reception and dinner followed with short talks by the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands and Kevin Kruger, the local MLA. Randy Hedlund finished the formal part of the evening off with a Power Point presentation highlighting the North Thompson region and reasons for setting up business there.

The following day we were treated to Hummer tours of Tod Mountain and shown industrial development sights in Louis Creek (the burnt out Tolko mill site) and Barrier. The area is recovering well from the forest fires of two years ago and in reality we were there to see if we could be of assistance in aiding in that recovery.

The point of interest to us woodworkers is that one of the things that they are considering in the Louis Creek area is a value added wood manufacturing centre. Although Randy will keep me informed as to the progress of things, if any of our members are interested in opportunities in the North Thompson please feel free to contact Randy directly.

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I also had a chance get some contact information for woodworkers and Guilds out in the area, although unfortunately I didn't get a chance to meet either of them but they are Don Kitt, president of the North Thompson WWG and Daniel Boudreau a woodworker in Clearwater. By the time you read this I will have e-mailed them to say hello.

The people up there are really nice and the area is spectacular. I thank them for their fine hospitality and if I offended anyone, I apologize. Oh and the Bull-o-rama in Barrier was a blast. I tell ya, you'd never get me riding one of those animals. Those guys have got guts and the girls know how to handle a horse. It was my first time at a rodeo and it was great fun.

As a final note or thought following up our June meeting and to leave things on a slightly artsy bent, a quote:

Whoever undertakes to hew wood for the master carpenter rarely escapes injuring his own hands

The Way of Lao-tzu

Pacific Woodworkers Guild Summer Picnic

All members and their families are invited to the **Pacific Woodworkers Guild Summer Picnic**, which will be held on Sunday, August 7th.

There will be a special July Picnic Edition Newsletter sent out with more details about the picnic, activities, driving directions, con-

tact numbers, what to bring, etc.

This year's picnic will be once again held in Steve Fairbairn's spacious backyard in rural East Richmond. The address and directions will be available in the July newsletter. You can also contact Steve at sgfmail@shaw.ca if you have any questions.

Special Meeting—July 26, 2005

Mark Schofield, a Senior Editor at *Fine Woodworking Magazine* will be giving an informal talk and entertaining questions at Bill Fox's shop on the evening of Tuesday July 26, 2005. He hopes to be there around 7 pm. He doesn't need any digital aids or such however a chalk or white board might be handy and rumour has it that he may have some swag from Tauton Press to raffle off. I hope to see you there.

2x4 Challenge Photos Wanted

We're started to collect pictures for the 2004 2x4 Challenge photo gallery on the website. If you have some photos to share please email them to Steve Fairbairn at sgfmail@shaw.ca. Please send them in the original format that came out of your camera without any resizing, cropping or other post processing.

Unclassifieds

4-sale: Porter Cable 690 router with both fixed base and plunge base - \$150; Delta 40-570 scroll saw - \$75; King "portable air cleaner" (dust collector useful for carving or sanding) \$50 - Call Art at 604-939-3843 or email artliestman@shaw.ca.

