



When Last We Met

By Murray Mackinnon

The last meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild was held on October 17, 2000 at Bill Fox's shop in Richmond.

Pre meeting demonstration

Bob Vergette went through the basics of cutting through dovetails by hand. Using an engineer's combination square and Lee Valley dovetail templates, he laid out the tails first, cutting them with a tenon saw, removing the waste with a coping saw and cleaning up with a chisel. Similarly with the pins. Bob noted that the compression of the force fit and the glue swelling give a good finish. Coupled with this, the flexibility of layout with this hand method makes a strong joint. Thanks Bob.

Meeting

In the absence of our president Bob Bedier, Bill Ophoff, our vice president bought the October 17 meeting to order at 7:30. Bill's UK trip, unknown possibly to his wife, was a pilgrimage to Bristol Design, an antique tool house, where he bought a steel/rosewood coffin plane.

Cryderman show - Paul Townsend and Ron McLeod discussed the logistics for the show and Denis Reid those for the Delta Toy workshop. Donated doors wedges to be used as early bird draws.

Xmas toy workshop - Denis Reid reminded us of the fun to be had at this annual event - 2nd workshop on the weekend after the November meeting.

Display trailer for shows - topic deferred until November meeting.

Guest Speaker

Morris Elliot grew up in Alberta with wooden canvas covered canoes. So it was not unnatural for him to form Kanaka Creek Canoes, Maple Ridge (phone 463 6018) to build and restore them. He reminded us that the design was timeless, coming from the First Nation's birch bark canoes. The difference comes with the construction. Traditionally a relief form was scooped in the sand and the cedar framework built inside this.

Today Morris builds inverted forms and steam bends the ribs around it. He then secures the cedar 5/32" planking onto the ribs with brass tacks. His next step is to suspend the upright canoe in a canvas sheet from the roof and use compression struts from the roof to strain the canvas before securing it. Three applications of oil-based/silica mixture complete the fabrication, which takes 6-7 weeks elapsed time in all. Power tools are used predominantly in the woodwork, but Morris likes traditional bent knives for finishing.

Questions kept coming for this interesting speaker, as he passed around 1/6 scale birch bark canoes and showed us various wooden accessories such as carrying yokes, several types of paddles and trug-type equipment boxes. Bob thanked Morris and presented him with the first of our official yo-yos.

Show and Tell

Denis Reid showed us a wooden bench vice (1988 American Woodworking) that he was generously donating as a raffle item. Guy Laurant brought forth some unique gauges for setting the angle on bevel gauges. Finally, Bill Winship got a great round of applause as he demonstrated a toy basketball game he had built.

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Bird Feeder Saw Dust Huddles

Thanks to all who helped (Bill Fox plus his workshop, Marco Berera, Tony Carter, Murray Mackinnon, Jack Nichols, Fred Otte, George Radke, Denis Reid) in kitsetting 50 cedar/per-spex bird feeders - there should be some happy children and birds at Christmas.

Delta Family Workshop

By Paul Townsend

Three days, a dozen woodworkers, and lots of enthusiasm equals many happy kids.

In case you missed it, the Delta Family Workshop was held at the BC Woodworking Show in Cloverdale Oct 20-22, 2000. Once again, the Pacific Woodworkers Guild was there, providing volunteers to guide the workshop participants through their projects.

The three day event saw an average of 50 participants per day, each of which paid \$7 to build a project of their choice. In fact, the workshop has become so popular that a number of people had to be turned away. The workshop raised approximately \$1000 for the Children's Wish Foundation.

If you have not volunteered yet, you don't know what you are missing. It is a very rewarding experience - give it a try next year, you won't be disappointed. Thanks to all of you who volunteered.

Cloverdale Show Revisited

By Ron McLeod

Once again the Cloverdale Show was a success. I can allow myself to look at it like that because it is one of the highlights of my woodworking year. I look forward to talking to the various people we see pass through the booth. I guess in many ways the show is about the same every year but the people make the difference.

Thanks goes to all those who helped out. We could have used a little more help at times but

we weren't too badly off since we had help to spare for other booths. There was lots of help at the set up and take down times. Those two processes went quickly and smoothly.

I have been trying to think of things we could have done better and haven't come up with anything that is screaming for a change. We did have some of the changes wanted from last year fixed up. A big thanks and a tip of the hat goes to Phil Laliberte for providing the new signs. Phil went above and beyond on those.

Bill Fox assures me that the raffle prizes have all been dispensed. I missed the draw so I don't know the names of any of the winners. I was at the Delta Workshop trying to get the last of the junior woodworkers through the workshop.

We could have used some more display items but I think the problem there was we had a larger area this year than last and the display looked more sparse than it really was. I think, too, we tend to rely too much on the same people every year to provide display items. I'll have to work on that myself. That will mean, of course, I'll have to spend more time in the shop. So it goes.

So, for myself, I got to enjoy the show. I got to talk to a lot of fine people about woodworking. I got to play with the woodworker kids. I got to pick out the cordless drill I want to replace the old one with. Just have to let Santa know. Yeah it was a good time for me. Anyone else have fun?

Xmas Toy Workshop Part II

Just a reminder that the Christmas Toy Workshop part II will be held on Saturday November 25th at Bill Fox's shop, from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

The shop has most of the equipment we need, however some items you could bring along include: apron, eye/ear protection, small hand tools, sanders, etc.

Unclassifieds

For Sale - Band Saw - Like new (original blade still in saw) Cabinetmakers series 2 speed 12" Electronic bandsaw. Tilting head for bevel cuts, built-in work light, rip fence, use with sanding belt or saw blade. Work table measures 23 x 26 with large enclosed cabinet under saw for storage. Heavy duty steel base. Owner's manual. Mobile (on wheels). Bonus - Brand New Package of 8 blades (\$80) and new sanding belt included. Asking \$500 (new was \$946.19). Contact Lor at 277-4349.

For Sale - Turning Device - Brand new, still in box. ZYLISS (Switzerland) turning device for longitudinal and transverse turning. High quality metal alloy, can be used permanently fixed in workshop or mobile for installation works. Workpieces 8 3/4 diameter and up to two feet long can be turned. Ball-bearing tailstock tip and adjusting and fixing screw. Drilling machine holder for all standard drills neck 1 3/4. Ideal for small workshop or "apartment woodworker" or great Christmas gift for young woodworker. Asking \$150.00 Contact Lor 277-4349.

Wanted - To have or borrow Issues No. 2 - 6 of WOOD Magazine. If you have Wood magazines you no longer want or have duplicates I could have would also be appreciated. Contact Lor 277-4349.

For Sale - Nova TL1500 woodlathe. 1 1/4 x 8 thread on headstock; outrigger system; (1) 3" faceplate; (1) #2 MT.spur center; (1) #2MT.live centre; manual & heavy steel stand. Asking price \$700 o.b.o. Phone 277-3607 or email: klaas&maryanne@telus.net.

Wanted - An upgrade from my old Rockwell Beaver. Please contact Brian Murphy at (604) 858-8083 or at Bmurphy@dowco.com. Thank you!

My Trip to New England

By Art Liestman

I was fortunate to be awarded an Educational Opportunities Grant for \$800 US from the American Association of Woodturners to take a two day one-on-one course with Jacques Vesery (an exceptional young woodturner) in Damariscotta, Maine. I was able to piggyback this onto a work trip to Boston (which made the travel costs feasible) and Jan was able to accompany me for a bit of a holiday between the two events. Other than to say that it was an amazing and intense learning experience, I won't dwell on the course. More details on that will be written up to appear elsewhere or you can ask me if you really want to know.

On the morning after my course ended, we hopped in our rental car for a drive further up the coast of Maine and then inland to see the brilliant fall colors in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The mix of hardwoods in the forests there combine with their weather to produce the most amazing colors. The hillsides seem to be on fire!

Anyway, we had only been driving for about 1/2 an hour when suddenly I hit the brakes. My skid marks joined those of many earlier travelers just past the entrance to the Lie-Nielsen Toolworks building. A quick turn around brought us to the parking lot of this hallowed shrine. For those who may not know, Lie-Nielsen make exceptionally high-quality planes, plane blades, backsaws, and hand scrapers. They are the Marco of toolmakers.

We entered the sales room which is about 25 foot square with lots of windows and a nice hardwood floor. The room holds only three beautiful workbenches and no other furniture. Each bench held 8 or 10 fabulous Lie-Nielsen tools and had pieces of wood clamped in the vises so that visitors could try the tools. We both tried many of the tools and chatted with the two other customers and the two sales folks.

After a half hour or so, my better half generously gifted me with an early Xmas present - a small low-angle block plane. (Note: it pays to drool.) We then were allowed through the back door into the actual plant where the machining and finishing are done. We had a fascinating tour and admired all of the interesting looking old (and a few new) machines. The workers all seemed to be having fun. This was particularly the case for the folks in the room where the final assembly, polishing, and inspecting is done. These people thrive on searching for faults so that they can send a piece back to the shop.

The playing at the benches and the tour took away an hour or so of our leaf viewing time that day, but it was well worth it. If you should ever have the chance to drive on Highway 1 along the coast of Maine, get your brakes tuned up and be sure to stop at Lie-Nielsen.

A few days later, we were in western Massachusetts and spent several hours at the Shaker Hancock Village where we were able to see lots of old tools and some great Shaker furniture and cabinets. The wood shop there has some wonderful old workbenches and lots of nice tools including an early water turbine driven table saw. The next day was spent at Old Sturbridge Village where we enjoyed watching the sawyers sharpening and changing the blade on an old water powered sawmill, a cooper cooping, and some guys in funky 1830's hats walking a couple of cows through the middle of town.

We had a huge amount of fun and our only regret was that we didn't have more time in New England. I'll bring some pictures to the meeting, for those who are interested.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on November 21, 2000 at the shop of Bill Fox. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM.