



SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD

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SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM Chatelech Secondary School, Woodwork Shop

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Horner, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:

- Muguette MacDonald introduced Adam Kusnir, the young man who made toys with her for the Toy & Gifts for Families Program this past Christmas. Adam described himself more as a metalworker but interested in the evening's presentation.

MEETING PROGRAM:

Presentation; Jim Slakov of Slakov Woodventures <http://www.slakovwoodventures.com/> .
A hands on, step by step demonstration in the school woodwork shop.

Rick Budd introduced Jim Slakov.



Rick described Jim as a very accomplished and creative wood artist and craftsman. Many Guild members met Jim at last fall's Wood Expo at the Seaside Centre in Sechelt where he was displaying one of his Maloof rocking chairs and small rowing/sail boat. An overview of Jim's life of woodworking can be found on his website at <http://www.slakovwoodventures.com/about-slakov-woodventures/>.

Rick explained that Jim graciously accepted our invitation with a preference for a 'hands on' step by step interactive session instead of a classroom slide show type presentation.

The focus of Jim's presentation was how he uses a hand held router fitted with a guide collar to make patterns and templates to cut curved joints and other feature components.



A few of the jigs and templates Jim brought to show and demonstrate how he makes tight fitting curved components

Jim carefully explained the math that is part of his methodology for choosing the router bits to cut his templates and many curved components.

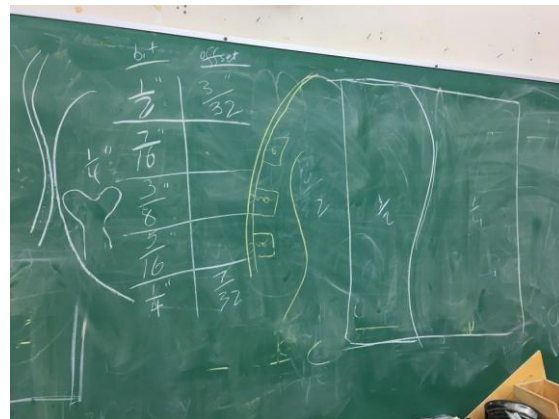
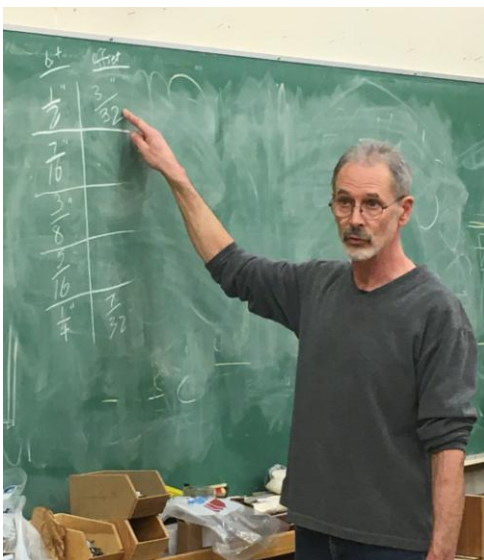


Table of 'off sets' and resulting choice of router cutting bits for each side of the curved component.

Jim makes his templates by first drawing the desired curve on a piece of 1/4" medium density fibreboard (MDF). He then cuts the curve and fairs/finishes it by hand. Lastly he cuts the finished templates, again using 1/4" MDF, with a hand held router and the appropriate bits.



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Securely fastening the templates to the finish material, Jim carefully makes incremental cuts using a plunge router. Using two different size router bits, in this case $\frac{1}{2}$ " on one piece and $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the other he produced a tight joint.



Using a template to cut curve resulting in a very tight accurate joint.

Jim talked about and explained how he creates some of his unique features using routers and templates. The maple live edge waterfall bench (walnut accent at one end) with rabbeted miter joints with a hidden spline were made using a 45 degree chamfer bit and winding template. The quilted maple/walnut hall table was made with a similar router bit and an oval template. The legs were rough band sawed then rounded by hand.



Maple live edge waterfall bench with 'hidden winding' mitered ends, walnut for contrast on one end.



Solid 'beveled edge' quilted maple and walnut table



Sample of aniline dye finishing.

Jim shared some of his favourite recipes for quality finishes that included Sam Maloof 's concoction of equal parts modified tung oil, boiled linseed oil, semi gloss urethane and bees wax. He is also experimenting with the aniline dyes.

Pat Crawford thanked Jim for his most interesting, informative and inspiring presentation. Pat presented Jim with a special turned wood pen and case he made for the occasion.



Receiving the gift of a handmade pen

COFFEE BREAK; Hosted by Rick Budd and Ron Johnson.

BUSINESS MEETING:

AGENDA – Agenda was adopted as circulated.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - There being no errors or omissions noted, it was moved and carried the minutes of February 18, 2020 meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS; **None**



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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

- 2x4 Challenge – Pat Crawford
 - Pat announced Bruce O'Regan is the new co-Chair.

 - Pat reminded everyone tickets are available for sale at \$20 per ticket.
 - Criteria/rules for participation are available.

- Membership & Fundraising– Tom Hourigan;
 - Tom reported there were 41 paid up members so far, he is expecting 10 more to sign up.
 - As report last meeting we received \$750 from the Community Forest which is \$250 more than the \$500 received previously, \$500 from Lehigh and \$500 possibly expected again from SCR.D.

- Education Committee – Rick Budd;
 - Workshops; There are two workshops being considered and the committee is looking for expressions of interest;
 1. Cottonwood bark carving by Denis Gobeil of Gibsons. Still looking for the necessary level of interest. Ideal group size of the workshop is 2-5 people with materials and supplies provided at a cost of \$60 per person. Lunch and liquid not included.
 2. Wooden spoon carving by Ron Johnson and Ken Parker co-instructors. Date is set for March 28 from 10 am – 2 pm at Ken's shop in West Sechelt. Bring lunch and 'treasure' wood. (Detailed notice attached).

NEW BUSINESS and CORRESPONDENCE;

- a. Spring Social; Dan Horner announced the Spring Social / luncheon would be Saturday March 21 at the Blue Ocean Golf Club.
 - This is a casual fellowship event. Come as you are, pay as you leave. No reservations are necessary.

- b. Shop Crawls; Rick Budd asked for suggestions/volunteers for shop crawls.
 - Steve Willgoose's shop and Rick's canoe making shop in Pender were suggested.

- c. April Program; Rick Budd said they were putting together a 'talent' show of sorts of some of the Guild members making approximately fifteen minute presentations.
 - Four members volunteered; Ron Johnson, Ken Walker, Frank Rodgers and Bruce O'Regan.

SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS

Dave Beauchesne



Brazilian Rosewood veneers

Ken Karloff



Silicone baking mat useful as non-skid

Other Tips and Announcements;

- Adam Kusnir's (Mugette's guest) 'tip' was a product he buys at Canadian Tire, trade name "Rust Remover" and "Nevr-Dull". He and his dad experienced "Rust Remover" work well removing and "Nevr-Dull" preventing rust on metal surfaces such as table saws, jointers, thickness planers, etc.
- Pat Crawford announced a Gmail account had been set up in the name of the Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild.
- Rick Crook announced April Tools in Madera Park will be held Saturday April 25.
- Dave Beauchesne announced Don Ewald long time Guild member had passed away early in the new year. His wood hobby was 'Intarsia' (a form of wood inlaying making a picture or mosaic using different coloured wood species).

Attendance Prize Draw – Tom Hourigan

- Dan Chercover won the draw, a \$25 gift certificate for KMS Tools.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7 pm at Chatelech Secondary School, Science Room 117

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild

These minutes have been approved:

Chair

Date