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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Terrace of the Sparling Pavilion
Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens, Sechelt**

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Horner, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: None

MEETING PROGRAM: Project Presentations by the Education Committee

First presenter; Ron Johnson.

Ron presented a folding three legged rotating circular oak table he made a number of years ago.



The design and engineering was original with many challenging details. Spindles from an old oak bed were the genesis of the project. One of the many challenges was to calculate (see drawing) and cut (with a band saw) the top rectangular sections of the spindles for the triangular, three legged configuration.

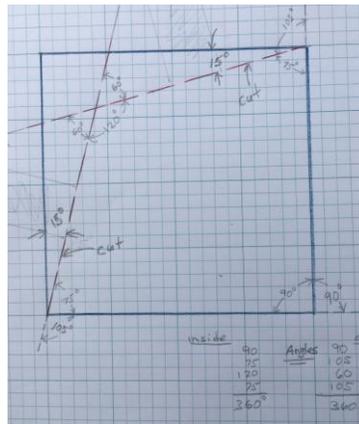


Table components

Leg angle calculation/drawing

The table top started as a glued slab, rounded on the band saw and folding pieces cut with a skill saw. The material removed by the saw cut (kerf) was replaced with walnut accent strips. The turntable mechanism consists of a disc screwed to the underside of the table top with a centering bolt long enough to pass through a false bottom dadoed into the skirt. A wing nut holds the whole apparatus together.



Skirt & legs mortise and tenon together

Folding top with walnut accents



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Hinges are mounted outside the frame triangle. Finish is a varathane.

Despite the many interesting challenges Ron expressed a high level of satisfaction with the end result.

Second presenter; Rick Budd.

Rick started his presentation by taking the audience down memory lane. He told the story of his childhood in his grandfather's workshop that had a number of unique features. Most memorable was the single belt from a 5 hp motor that drove much of the shop equipment. It was in this workshop Rick developed his passion for wood working and the inspiration for his first business venture.

In the summer of 1974 Rick and a buddy started a company they called Pumpkinhead to manufacture wooden toys. The line of toys consisted of three items, a race car, a bus and a train ((consisting of an engine, passenger car and caboose (not shown))).



The story



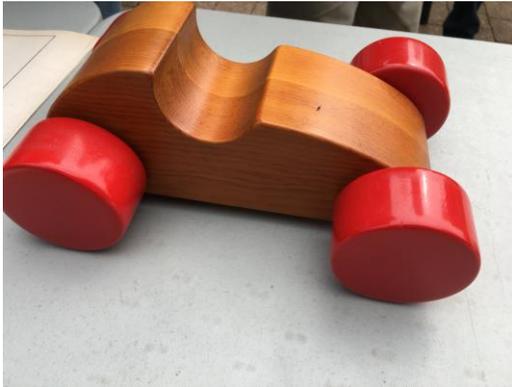
The toys

They produced shop drawings, sourced the necessary materials and set up a production line. The bodies were made of two pieces of white pine glued together, shaped with hole cutters and band saw then sanded by hand and machine.

The wheels were made of eastern maple, cut with a router (grain had to be in the direction of the axles) then heavily hand sanded.

To achieve the high gloss mirror finish the wheels were primed multiple times with high build filler primers then sanded before receiving the final coat of paint. All components were finished with 'Flecto' varathane.

Each piece was individually packed in screen printed burlap bags. After producing 120 pieces Rick and his partner realized the production costs were too high and abandoned the project.

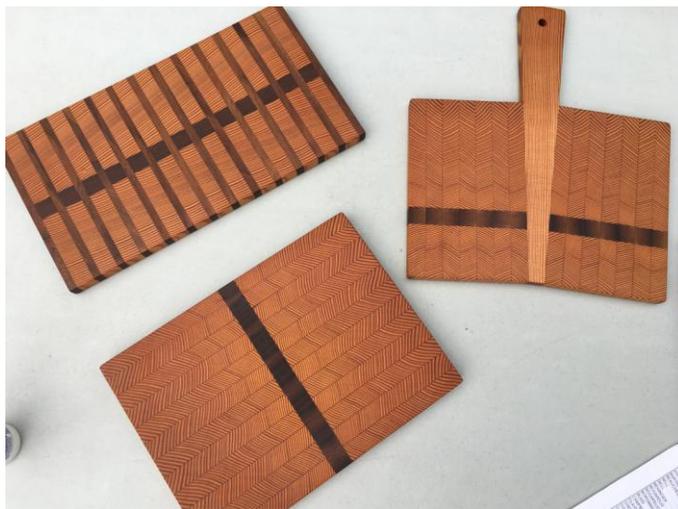


Race car



Bus

Many years later Rick returned to wood working. Initially the products were items such as edge grain cutting boards. With experience and more confidence he started making jewelry. Both accomplished with a lot of manual hand tool work. Most of the material is hand cut, sanded and glued together to create extremely intricate patterns and designs.



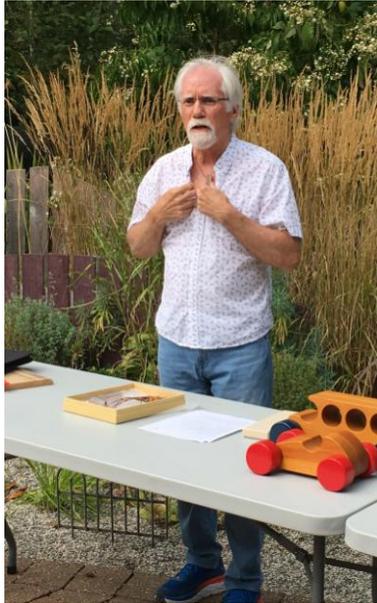
Edge grain fir cutting boards

Rick's jewelry adventure started with neck pendants that lead to necklaces and more recently ear rings. Most of the items are finished with a wax.



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Pendants



Necklaces



Ear rings

Rick ended his presentation with his own Q&A; “how do we learn patience? His own answer was “acknowledging pleasure & creativity are cousins”.

Dan Horner thanked both presenters and encouraged other members to consider sharing their wood working experiences and projects.

COFFEE BREAK

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 March 10, 2020 meeting be accepted.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

- **2x4 Challenge & Party Report** – Pat Crawford



Pat reported a very successful event held on Saturday August 15, 2020 on the terrace of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden in Sechelt. Thirty nine persons attended; there were nine entries of good variety and of the usual high quality. This year due to Covid-19 there was no judging and all participants received a participation medal.

The nine entrants and their entries were as follows;

- Mike Allegretti – serving trays
- Dan Chercover – building blocks sets
- Patrick Crawford – cowboy automata
- Tom Hourigan – lamp
- Ron Johnson – wooden flutes
- Brian Lucas – three-legged step stool
- Bob Murano – plant stand
- Norm Ross – segmented bowl
- Kevin Roy – table

Pat thanked all those who helped make the event a success especially Bruce O’Regan, Dan Horner and Mary Jane and Tom Hourigan.



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- **Wood Expo** – Dan Chercover



Dan reviewed the plans for the upcoming event and the Guild's exhibit. This year's venue is the Rockwood Lodge in Sechelt Saturday September 19. The Guild is sharing a room with Pat Skidd (dye wood sculptures). There is lots of space and Dan encouraged members to provide exhibits including this year's 2x4 entries. Set up is Friday night and Saturday morning staffing of the booth is complete and Covid-19 protocols will be strictly observed.

- **Toys & Gifts for Families** – Dan Chercover

While Dan had the floor he spoke about early planning and the importance of the Toys and Gifts program during the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be an increased need in the community and it's certainly not too early to be planning and building items. The presentation date may well be moved up to ensure proper distribution of the items. Any group gathering, presentation, photo shoot, etc. will be difficult. Maybe something will be organized in the parking lot, weather permitting.

- **Education Committee – Rick Budd**



Rick reported the Committee (Ron Johnson, Kevin Roy and Rick Budd) had met numerous times, researched venues in the Sechelt area (central to the majority of members) where we could meet, receive quality educational presentations and observe Covid-19 protocols. Finding none the committees' recommendations to the Board and membership for the balance of the year are as follows;

- Encourage membership to continue sharing projects, past and present, as has been happening for the last six months via email.
- Include more detail and narrative about the projects.
- Get going on the Toy and Gift items and share with the membership, again via email, what you're doing.
- Don't use 'virtual' meeting platforms because we are not set-up for or experienced in video productions.

Note: Dan Horner stepped in and announced the same lack of an appropriate venue meant we are not going to be able to have regular monthly in-person general meetings until further notice.

In the Q&A exchange that followed it was noted the Committee (with additional member help) will explore virtual platforms and video product that might enable some sort of regular exchange in addition to email to keep the membership engaged.

- **Finance Report – Chuck**

Chuck gave a quick summary on two of the Guild accounts as of September 15, 2020;

- Toy Account \$2450.17
- General Account \$1716.64



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SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS

Len Pakulak;



Len showed his toy truck made of alder with wheels from Lee Valley and finished with wipe on poly.

Ken Walker;



Ken showed his jewelry boxes made of walnut and tiger maple with artwork by Kevin McEvoy.



Ken also showed and demonstrated the adjustability of his 'pusher' that is very ergonomic.

Kevin Roy;



Kevin showed two items bought in Phoenix AZ., both of unique design. The 'egg' design jewelry box is by designer Dean Santener and made of Hawaiian koa.



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Bruce O'Regan;



Bruce demonstrated a jig he made of MDF to hold his planer blades for honing. Different depths of each groove produce the desired angle. He uses a Japanese water stone to achieve the desired sharpness.

Attendance Prize Draw – Tom Hourigan

- There were two draws. Kevin Roy and Tim Dayton each won \$25 gift certificates to KMS Tools.

NEXT MEETING DATE: To be announced.

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting adjourned 3:38 pm

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild

These minutes have been approved:

Chair

Date