



# SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD

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## SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pat Crawford, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** None

**MEETING PROGRAM:** A video produced by Guild Member Rick Crook, his wife Pat Beninger and Ivy Miller of Ivy Leaf Video. The video features Rick Crook and participant of the 2015 'Handler' Row Boat Workshop when they built boat number one for the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society in the Sarah Wray Hall.

Rick Budd, Education Committee Chair introduced Rick Crook and his video.

Rick Crook took a few minutes before showing the video and described the project and row boat.

The row boat is a cedar strip version of the Hubert Evans handliner based on lines drawn by Larry Westlake and obtained from the Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives in Gibsons Landing. In the 1930s there were some 2000 of these row boats on the Coast. They were relatively easy to build and many were built from materials scavenged from the beach. Most of them were used for fishing (handlining). The fisherman would normally row up wind and at the end of the day hoist a small sail and return downwind. Being double ended they were very seaworthy, especially in a following sea.

Rick modified the plans to build the boat in cedar strip, epoxy and fiberglass composite. The following are a few photos taken from workshop records.



The building form (strong back) and the first four strips on each side. Strips half way up



Finished hull with epoxy applied



Rick is preparing the foredeck for installation



Finished boat

The complete video can be viewed at;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o0N\\_4XZHZU&t=678s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o0N_4XZHZU&t=678s)

Workshop photo galley can be viewed at;

<http://www.penderharbourheritage.ca/handliner-course-starting-jan-2015.html>

Rick took questions from the audience some of which covered more of the history of the boat and design, material quantities and cost and how he acquired the skills to build these small row boats. As noted by Rick, an Internet search is a terrific resource.

Rick Budd thanked Rick Crook for a most enjoyable and educational presentation. "It was a thoroughly successful program, showing once again the diverse talent in our group". A healthy round of applause ensued from the attendees.



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### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - There being no errors or omissions noted, it was moved and carried the minutes of the April 20, 2021 General Meeting be accepted.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS;**

- a. **2x4 Challenge** – Pat Crawford
  - Still planning to have the event, no date or venue yet. Depends on what is permitted.
  - Reminder it will be a challenge not a competition and everyone encouraged to participate.
- b. **Half moon Bay School request/project** – Ron Johnson
  - 190 animals cut out of ½” plywood for the students to paint and attach to the fence around the school.
  - 15 Guild members participated.
  - Rona donated 3 of the 4 sheets of plywood.



Patterns of animals.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Lenfesty
  - As Chuck was not in attendance there was no report.
- b. **Membership Report** – Tom Hourigan
  - To date there are 53 paid up members. Approximately the same as last year.
- c. **Education Committee**- Rick Budd
  - **Two workshops are coming up.** (These are for small groups only and for health reasons, the workshops will require everyone to adhere to Covid regulations).  
The first: Spoon Carving Workshop with instructors Ron Johnson and Ken Parker

**Where:** Ken Parker's workshop and/or driveway, depending on the weather. There is a large double garage with opening doors onto a large concrete pad. Address is 6476 Samron Road, Sechelt.

**When:** Saturday, May 29 from 10:00 to 3:00pm.

**Cost:** Free to members. Wood will be supplied.

**To sign up:** Call Ken Parker on his cell phone: 604-989-5138 or email [kenparker9808@gmail.com](mailto:kenparker9808@gmail.com) to get more information and to sign up.

**Size of group:** a maximum of 5 participants, plus instructors Ron and Ken.

**Material:** Jonathan has made some blanks from his maple tree and Ken is offering some cherry wood material. Some carving tools will be provided but if you have your own that will help.

The second: **Cottonwood Bark Carving Workshop** with carving instructor Denis Gobeil.

**Where:** Denis Gobeil's workshop and/or outdoors at his home in Gibsons.

**When:** workshop date to be announced soon – hopefully in June.

**Cost:** To be announced. Bark and carving tools will be supplied.

**To sign up:** send an email to Rick Budd: [purplebird@me.com](mailto:purplebird@me.com) or Ron Johnson: [penron778@gmail.com](mailto:penron778@gmail.com) .

**Size of group:** Four participants are needed to make this workshop go ahead. (Note: Guild member Marcia Cooley has already signed up).

## CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS – None

## SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS:

### Show & Tell theme for May Meeting; Kitchen Utensils

Note per Rick Budd: Members were encouraged to show wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils that they crafted in the past from various species of wood. We would like to see these items and learn how many members have experience with making wooden spoons, ladles, spurtles, spatulas, tongs, forks, salad sets, etc. Also, we'd be interested in seeing wooden utensils that were purchased or received as gifts. Many wooden utensils, whether plain or fancy, are cook's favourite daily tools, and some of them provide many years of service. This theme will hopefully encourage members to participate, while also prompting members to suggest future themes for our monthly Show & Tell sessions.

The following were presented;

#### Pat Crawford;



Welsh 'Love Spoon' made of Basswood as a gift for his wife.



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### **Jonathan Weintraub;**



Snack bowl carved from the green maple burl from Merv Hunter's tree that he gifted to the Guild. The wood was harvested in Gibsons.



A spoon carved from the same tree

### **Ron Johnson;**



Spoon, Spatula and a combination of the two made from Maple. All are strictly utilitarian and used every day.

### **Rick Crook;**

(photo not provided)  
Maple 'toast tongs'

**Ken Parker;**



Top to bottom; potato masher in cherry, couple of funky arbutus spoons and spatulas in cherry and maple.

**Bruce O'Regan;**



Zip-Lock bag 'drying rack'. Bamboo skewers for the uprights with 5/8" beads for the tips fastened into a cedar base.

**ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW - Tom Hourigan**

- Rick Crook won a \$25 gift certificate to KMS Tools.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2021 via Zoom

**ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

**These minutes have been approved:**

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Chair

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Date

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild