



SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD

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SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Pat Crawford, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: None

MEETING PROGRAM: A video presentation featuring Guild Member Dougald MacDonald and his wood carvings

Rick Budd, Education Committee Chair introduced Dougald MacDonald and acknowledged the videographer Tony Bonnici and video director Dan Horner.

The 45-minute video takes place in Dougald's hand-built post and beam house and workshop in Gibsons. Dougald presents many aspects of the carving process, techniques and designs. He includes the various stages of production from wood selection, tool selection, (including making and sharpening tools) and finishing.

Rick described Dougald as a "very talented man ready to tackle anything".

The video can be viewed at; <https://youtu.be/JfQQDNy6rbk> (copy into your Browser if hyperlink is broken)

Following are a few photos of Dougald's workshop and carvings





Rick thanked Dougald for a “wonderful, fascinating and inspiring presentation”. He also thanked Dan and Tony for creating the video.

After a short break the business meeting followed the presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – With two additions (Website/ New Webmaster and Halfmoon Bay School Request/Project) 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 March 16, 2021 General Meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS; None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

- a. **Treasurer’s Report** – Chuck Lenfesty
 - o As Chuck was not in attendance there was no report.
- b. **Membership Report** – Tom Hourigan
 - o To date there are 51 paid up members.
- c. **Education Committee-** Rick Budd
 - o **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. 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 to sign up or to get more information
 - Size of group:** a maximum of 5 participants, plus instructors Ron and Ken



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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: To be announced at the Guild meeting on May 18

Cost: To be announced on May 18. Bark and carving tools will be supplied.

To sign up: Send an email to Ron Johnson: 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.)

- Next month's presentation will be a video previously produced by Rick Crook and his wife about building a small boat. The June meeting presentation will feature Norm Ross.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS - Pat Crawford

- Change of Webmaster;** David Bell has resigned as webmaster because he is leaving the Coast and moving to Nelson, BC.
 - Tom Hourigan thanked David for his many years of service to both the Guild and performing the tasks and taking the responsibility of Webmaster. David was one of the founding members of the Guild back in 2004 and since then has participated in many of the Guilds activities especially the Toy & Gift program.
 - David responded with his expression of appreciation to have been involved with the Guild, its members, programs and the website. David said the website had been a huge learning curve. They have bought 2 ½ acres in Nelson in close proximity to their two sons where they plan to build a 'family' workshop. David and his family have kept their cabin on the 'Inlet' on the Sunshine Coast and hope to return in the summers.
- 2021 2x4 Challenge;**
 - It's time to start thinking about your entry in the annual 2x4 Challenge to be held sometime in July or August. The exact date will be announced at a later date depending on Covid-19 restrictions. Rules for the 2021 Challenge [are attached](#).
 - The main change to the 'Rules' is that there will be no judging, all participants will be recognized not judged, after all it's a 'challenge', not a competition.
- Website/New Webmaster;**
 - With the encouragement of the Board, Bob Marando and his wife have designed a new, easier to maintain website using a newer version of Go Daddy.
 - The URL is still the same - Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild
 - Jonathan Weintraub has agreed to take over the website responsibilities.
- Halfmoon Bay School Request/Project;**
 - The Community Elementary School in Halfmoon Bay has asked if Guild members would cut approx. 200 plywood animal figurines for students to paint that will be attached to the fence around the school yard.
 - Tom Hourigan will be sending out an email in this regard in the next few days.

