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SUNCOAST WOODCRAFTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden 5941 Mason Road, Sechelt

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



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:

- Aden Winter; introduced himself as a finishing carpenter, BCIT grad and newcomer to the Coast.

MEETING PROGRAM: 'The Joy of Hand Tools' presented by Dave Beauchesne

Rick Budd introduced Dave Beauchesne, one of the Guilds founding members, past Presidents, regular contributor and excellent presenter.

Dave started his presentation with an overview of what he was going to cover and the question, "what do hand tools have in common (mostly)"? His answer, "they have a refined cutting edge".



Dave told his story of how he became so passionate about hand tools. It was during his childhood years in northeast Saskatchewan in his grandfather's workshop (dirt floor and all) where he watched and leant to make, sharpen and use hand tools.

Dave spoke of the demise of hand tools during the world wars when electricity became generally available and electric motors quickly improved. The 1940 -1960s was all about electric tools, hand tools were pushed aside. Manufacturers, users and repair people faded away, got old, died and took a lot of the knowledge and experience with them. In the last 20-25 years there has been a resurgence in the interest and use of hand tools facilitated by numerous 'boutique' tool makers.

Dave listed some of the suppliers, resources, periodicals and trade shows for hand tools. (Web search would likely find them all).

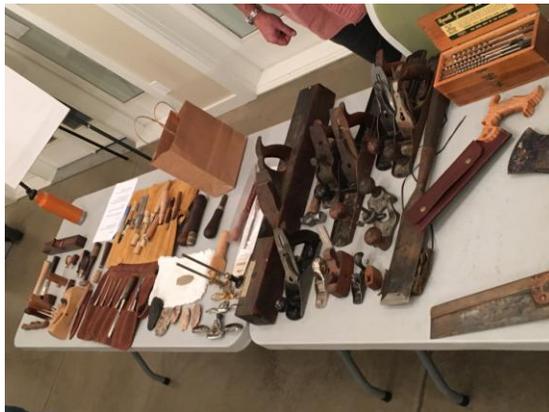
Tool Suppliers: Lee Valley, Lie Nielsen, Bridge City Tools, Blue Spruce Tools, Chris Vesper, Czechs Edge, etc.

Handsaw makers: BAD AXE, Eric Florip, Lie Nielsen, Lee Valley, Rob Cosman, Jared Greene, etc.

Hand planes: Sauer and Steiner, Lie Nielsen, Lee Valley, Paolo Mateo, etc.

Resources: Magazines (eg. Mortise and Tenon Magazine), Websites (eg. Christopher Schwartz). Trade shows (eg. Handworks in the USA).

Dave then described and explained the use (and age) and construction of the many hand tools he has collected over the years. All of them he said are based on one of (or combo of) the three; chisel/knife/axe. For example a hand plane is a chisel in some kind of holder, handsaws are either 'rip' (straight chisels) or 'crosscut' (skew chisels).





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For the balance of his presentation Dave described the history of the design and features of his collection that included things like handle shapes, metal forming and treating, tapered handsaw blades to reduce binding, etc.

Garage sales and junk shops is where he finds a lot of his treasures. Some of his own creations he gives away to young aspiring woodcrafters. Dave's passion/words of wisdom; "passing on knowledge, feeding inspiration, it's never too late to learn"!

In closing Dave noted the Inside Passage School of Fine Cabinetmaking was a casualty of Covid and has moved to acreage on Keats Island and scaled down their enrolment.

Rick Budd thanked Dave for a wonderful enthusiastic knowledgeable presentation that included hauling in all these hand tools. Certainly not a presentation that could have been done over Zoom. As a small token of the Guild's appreciation Rick presented Dave with a pen made of box elder by Pat Crawford.



Pen casing made of box elder

Coffee Break

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 September 21, 2021 General Meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Pat Crawford for Chuck Lenfesty who was not at the meeting.
 - The finances of the Guild are 'healthy' as reported by Chuck at the Board meeting in September.
 - There is a slight increase in the annual insurance premium.

- b. **Membership Report** – Tom Hourigan
 - To date there are 55 paid up members.
 - The School Board has informed us we can expect to be back in Chatelech Secondary School, classroom #117 (our regular room) starting in November.

- c. **Education Committee-** Rick Budd
 - The committee has confirmed presenters for the balance of 2021.
 - They've arranged and/or are working on presenters for the 2022 spring meetings.
 - Suggestions for presenters are always welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Toys and Gifts Program – Dan Chercover**
 - Dan thanked all exhibitors and volunteers that participated in Wood Expo.
 - Dan remains concerned about the level of participation for this year's program. Gifts are due early December leaving only about six week for completion.



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- Reminded everyone Ken Walker has lots of wood, wheels, etc. and suggested a website with lots of gift ideas; <https://www.woodstore.net/>.
- b. Christmas Party – Pat Crawford**
 - December 11, 2021 at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden ‘Pavilion’.
 - Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

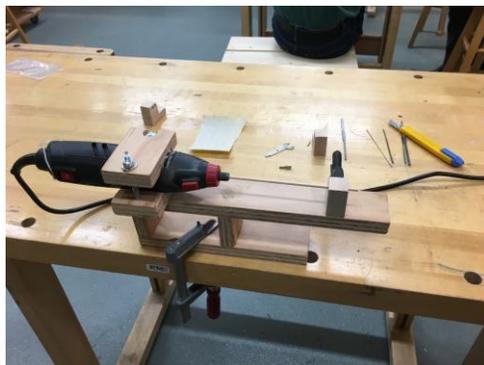
SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS:

Peter Borgmann



Wood bowls made without a lathe (glued and sanded)

Helen Clarke



Examples of micro/miniature/nano woodturning using a Dremel Tool. Items Helen made at a Lee Valley workshop.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW - Tom Hourigan

1. Ken Walker won a 82° chamfering tool made/donated by Dave Beauchesne



2. Dave Beauchesne won a \$25 KMS gift certificate.

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2021 Chatelech Secondary School room # 117

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

These minutes have been approved:

Chair

Date

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild