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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Chatelech Secondary School Library
5904 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, BC.**

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



GUEST (and new member) INTRODUCTIONS:

- Phil Klassen; (New member). Phil introduced himself as a computer software developer with interest in woodworking. He is fond of hand tools, tried making a guitar once and recently built a workbench.
- Blake Allenby; (New member). Blake introduced himself as new to the Coast (1 yr.) with a young family. A few years of woodworking, made bits of furniture to date.
- Peter Rogers; (New member). Peter introduced himself as also relatively new to the Coast (approx. 4 years) and woodworking. Recently he tried his hand at carving cottonwood and currently is making charcuterie boards.

Note: Just before the main feature/meeting program Rick Budd recognized Jonathan Weintraub and his presentation at the last (February) meeting and asked him to come forward and select a 'prized' turned wooden pen (made by Pat Crawford). Jonathan made his selection and graciously accepted the gift.

MEETING PROGRAM: Presentation by Mike Cronk, “working with “pegged joints”, an English cabinet maker’s journey and other furniture projects.

Rick Budd introduced Mike Cronk describing him as a very keen, relatively new Guild member and extremely talented craftsman. Having moved from the UK to the Sunshine Coast Mike brings with him some very interesting and unique woodworking traditions. The subject of the presentation will be about ‘Pegged Joints’ often in oak and used for outdoor applications. ‘Pegged joints’ is a technique used in both green oak framing and furniture making. The principles are the same, even if the scale is different. Mike has made both small green oak framed garden buildings as well as furniture. The presentation will show some of the designs, the challenges and how a very traditional construction technique transposes to furniture.



On that note Mike jumped right into his presentation with a few slides of buildings and furniture that got him interested in ‘green oak’ construction and ‘pegged joint’ technique.

Some of his many building projects included a gazebo, numerous entry ways and porches. He also made furniture, not always of ‘green’ oak but employed the ‘pegged joint’ technique where possible. Projects included a memorial bench, dining table, gun box/cupboard and church alter (in honour of his mother).





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In conclusion Mike answered questions from the audience as follows;

1. Why 'green oak'? Ans: Traditional method and material. Cuts easier when 'green'. Quicker not having to wait for the wood to season. Joints tighten with age making for a very sturdy product. Also makes for very interesting results as the wood twists, splits, etc. with age.
2. What was the machine used to cut the mortises? Ans: a mortiser.
3. Is 'green oak' still available? Ans: yes but mainly imported from elsewhere.

Note: In the absence of a copy or link to Mike's presentation a quick Google search of 'Green Oak Construction' and the likes of this <https://forestry.gov.scot/images/corporate/pdf/green-oak-in-construction-2007.pdf> and many other web pages are available if one wants more information and photos.

Rick thanked Mike for his terrific presentation and commented how interesting the projects were especially that many were buildings and not just furniture. Obviously a man who likes a challenge!

Mike was presented with one of the 'prized' handmade/turned wooden pens (made by Pat Crawford).

COFFEE BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: – The Agenda was modified (two additions) then adopted as circulated.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: - There being no errors or omissions noted, it was moved and carried the minutes of the February 15, 2022 General Meeting be accepted.

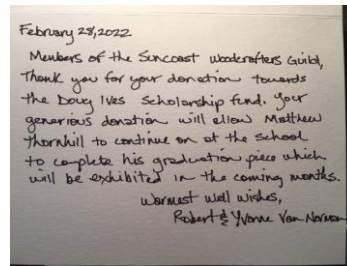
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) 2022 2x4 Challenge – Celebrating Creativity – George McKee
 - o Date is June 21st at Cooper Green Hall.
 - o Open to members and one guest. Tickets are \$20/person and will include sandwiches, beer & wine.
 - o There will be door prizes, project displays and presentations by participants.
 - o This event will not be judged and participants are encouraged to consider entries that can later be used for the Toys & Gifts program in December.
- b) Toys & Gifts Program – Dan Chercover and Tom Hourigan
 - o Per Dan, suggest jointing 'Slack' and sharing with other Guild members.
 - o Per Tom, current funding is \$1500 (\$1000 from Community Forest, \$500 from Lehigh Materials). A Grant application has been filed with SCRD.

- c) Draft Marketing and Communications Plan – Mike Cronk
 - The aim is to promote the Guild
 - Requesting feedback on the Draft. Provide comments to Mike.
 - Submissions/requests have been made to Coast Reporter for inclusion in their weekly calendar section of the newspaper and Coast Arts Calendar has already included the Guild info.
- d) Rick Crook workshop visit/tour – Ron Johnson
 - Good visit, 8-10 people attended.
 - Nice lunch in the Pender area afterwards.
 - Note: ‘Cedar strip/epoxy’ boat course Rick gives is extremely good and worthwhile.
- e) (Addition to Agenda) Inside Passage School of Fine Cabinetmaking (IPSFC) Grant – Dave Beauchesne & Tom Hourigan.
 - Per Dave money was sent and well received.
 - Per Tom they sent a very nice thank you card. Card was circulated.



Card



Message



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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – None
- b. **Membership & Venue Report** – Tom Hourigan
 - To date there are 45 paid up members, hopes to get 2 -3 more. Bit down from previous years.
- c. **Education Committee**- Rick Budd
 - Trying to round up presenters. Considering a ‘banjo’ maker from Gibsons for April meeting.
 - David Cunningham, well known fine furniture maker from Victoria BC. for May meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Gibsons Kiwanis Apartments Garden Raised Bed Frames (Planter Boxes)
 - Community Forest donated the wood
 - Dan Chercover and Ron Johnson built the frames with assistance the second day from Pat Crawford and Peter Rogers.
 - Now Kiwanis wants it fenced to keep the deer out. GBS has committed to supplying the materials, volunteers are welcome to help out.
 - Our Slack channel has this photo of the planter boxes.



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- b. Team for Pender Harbour's 'April Tools' Challenge
 - o There was no expression of interest from the audience.
- c. (Addition to Agenda) Sale of Guild Lathe
 - o Jonathan Weintraub bought the lathe as previously noted for \$450.

SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS:

Ken Parker; Stage Coach Model



Plans from the Internet, winter project in front of the TV.

Heinz Tigges; Cottonwood found on the beach and offered to the attendees for carving

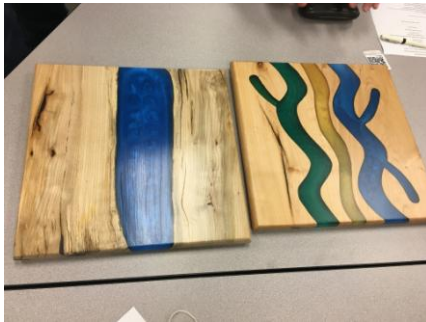


Ron Johnson; Bird carving found by Ron



Likely carved out of lignum vitae

Peter Rogers; Maple charcuterie boards & cottonwood carvings.



Rick Budd; ‘figured’ and ‘quilted’ local big leaf maple.



<https://www.hearnehardwoods.com/maple-big-leaf-lumber-2/>

Found lying in the forest.



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Ken Walker; 1950s vintage Skill belt sander (4 ½”) and handmade counter sink box



ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW - Tom Hourigan

- Ron Johnson won a \$25 KMS gift certificate.

NEXT MEETING: Chatelech Secondary School, April 19, 2022 in the Library

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

These minutes have been approved:

Chair Date

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild