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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 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 INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Jesse Tanaka;** Wilson Creek resident, grown up working with wood. Looking forward to getting back into woodworking and learning from Guild members.
- **Dave Ranger;** Moved to the Sunshine Coast from Eastern Canada where he had a career in horticulture. Loves wood.
- **Ken McAra;** Recently retired, has a few tools and looking forward to learning lots from the Guild membership.

MEETING PROGRAM: Presentation by Shirley Burton titled “Loving Spoonful”.

Rick Budd introduced Shirley Burton as an amazing artist and craftsperson who carves beautiful spoons and other utensils. They met at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens Fall Festival. Rick invited Shirley to present her work and journey to the Guild and much to his surprise she accepted.



Shirley began her presentation with a short history of her adult life and times that started in Mexico in the seventies where she met her husband, a mining engineer. They moved to BC in the eighties, lived on their small sailboat on the Fraser River before moving to Alice Arm, an inlet in the northwest region of BC. In Alice Arm they lived off the land and rebuilt a cabin utilizing some of the woodwork/building skills she'd learnt from her father as a young girl.





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After many years moving around northern BC, living and working in the mining industry, they moved to the Sunshine Coast and settled in Roberts Creek.

Looking for something to do Shirley started making tortilla presses in the small shop her husband built. Soon after she discovered her neighbours were spoon carvers and decided she would try carving. With the help of the internet (Facebook), inspiration from a well-known carver living near 108 Mile House, a few tools and basic machines she started her own business carving spoons and other utensils.



Tortilla press



Gouge tools

To start a carving project Shirley takes a piece of wood or 'blank' and draws the shape. Then gouges out the relief/spoon depression before roughing the shape with either a band saw, hatchet or draw knife. (Sometimes a lathe). If the piece is to be decorated she cuts, chip carves and/or burns in the design (often Māori of origin). Finishing is done with many cutting, filing and sanding implements. Shirley's favorite finishes are tung oil and orange wax.



Sketches on 'blank'



Range of sizes and shapes



Examples of decorated handles



Horse head spoons



Variety of shapes, sizes and decoration treatments.



Ladles



Antler handle on walnut



Tung oil and orange wax

Shirley has been carving for four years and each utensil takes on average three afternoons to make.

Rick thanked Shirley for her terrific presentation and expressed his amazement of what she has accomplished in four short years. He presented her with one of Patrick's handmade wooden pens.

COFFEE BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: – With the addition of item c. 2x4 Challenge under Correspondence and New Business the Agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: - There being no errors or omissions noted, it was moved and carried the minutes of the May 17, 2022 General Meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES or any UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None



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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Lenfesty
 - Chuck not in attendance and therefore no report.

- b. **Membership & Venue Report** – Ron Johnson (for Tom Hourigan who was not in attendance).
 - To date there are 52 paid up members plus the three guests who signed up tonight.
 - Chatelech Secondary School Library is booked for October and November meetings.

- c. **Education Committee**- Rick Budd
 - Check out the article in the 2022 summer edition of Zoom magazine pages 14 -15 featuring our talented Guild member Svetlana (Lana) Sloan. There will be a Shop Crawl of Lana's studio (and George Pratt, stone carver) October 15. (Email notice to follow).
 - October meeting presentation "Wood Finishing" will include a short video and open forum discussion. Bring products and examples of what you use.
 - March 2023 will be 'mallet month', members encouraged to make a mallet and bring it to Show & Tell.

- d. **Toys & Gifts Program** – Dan Chercover
 - Dan Horner has offered to assist with the program this year.
 - Participation encouraged, need more productivity (more gifts and toys)
 - More education (guideline) amendments needed for toy finishes.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Botanical Gardens Fall Festival** – Ron Johnson
 - Approximately 10 members participated with display items and worked the tables.
 - Botanical Gardens personnel were happy with our participation.
- b. **Wood Expo** – Dan Chercover
 - Guild member items filled five tables.
 - Good participation and assistance throughout the day.
- c. **2x4 Challenge** – George McKee
 - Terrific event, 48 attendees, 12 projects presented.
 - Photos of event and projects on the Guild website at; <https://suncoastwoodcrafters.com/2022-2x4-challenge>
 - Raffle winners also on website at; <https://suncoastwoodcrafters.com/2022-raffle-winners>

SHOW & TELL/TIPS & TRICKS:

Ken Walker



Chevron design cutting board

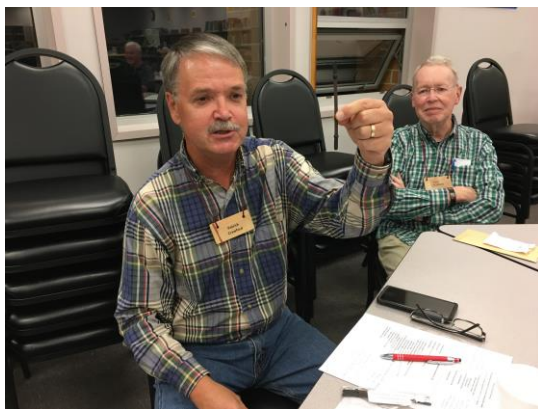
Walnut & eastern maple, finished with mineral oil

Peter Rogers



Left over hardened epoxy,.....anyone want it ?

Pat Crawford



Scroll saw sanding blade. Bought from Bear Woods; <https://www.woodparts.ca/scroll-saws-and-scroll-saw-blades.html>



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ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW – Ron Johnson (for Tom Hourigan)

- Ken McAra won a \$25 gift certificate for KMS Tools

Note: in a separate draw Jesse Tanaka won the tool belt Ron brought in.



NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2022 at Chatelech Secondary School Library

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

These minutes have been approved:

Chair

Date

Tim Dayton, Secretary – Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild