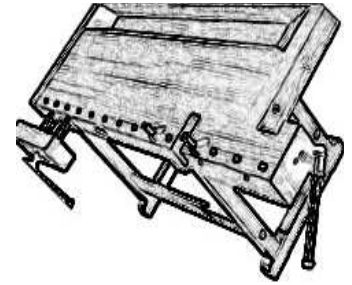


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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I was sorry to have missed the last meeting but I heard through the grapevine that the meeting went very well and carried on to all hours of the night (I was laid up with the flu). Thanks to all that contributed. Well, the Guild has had a very busy and successful fall. As always, we have tried to bring you interesting educational meetings and community events. Here is a summary of the most recent highlights.

**The Toy Workshop** held at Camosun on November 13<sup>th</sup> was well attended. This program is one of our oldest, and arguably our most important community event. Thanks to Doug Watson and the other volunteers, there will be toys for less fortunate kids this Christmas. Also, thank you to those that made toys in their own workshops. If you missed out this year, we can always use more help and volunteers for next year.

**The Out of Hand Christmas Craft Fair at the Convention Centre** was a resounding success. I manned the exhibit on the last day of the fair and am pleased to report there was a very high volume of traffic through our display area. Our exhibit was impressive and of a high quality. The public's response was very positive and some members had strong sales. Checking through the ledger, I noticed that both lower cost and relatively expensive pieces were sold. The public's exposure to this high level of skill cannot be underestimated. It was a great marketing opportunity for the quality of fine woodworking available in greater Victoria. I found myself feeling very proud of our members that participated, and especially proud that our Guild can participate in a show like this with such professionalism.

**Camosun College has acknowledged Sandra Carr and Joseph Gelinias with the Promising Alumni Award.** The award was presented to these two guild members on October 29, 2004 at Camosun College's fall convocation ceremonies. The recipient of this prestigious award is for recent graduates (10 years or less) "who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and service in their field and their community". It is important to note that nominees are from all departments within the college, not just the Fine Woodworking Program! Congratulations to Sandra and Joseph of Gelinias Carr Furniture Makers. For those of us who are familiar with their work, this award is no surprise. To read more about the award and Sandra and Joseph's work, please check out [www.camosun.bc.ca](http://www.camosun.bc.ca) - they made the front page of Camosun's web page. Keep it up guys!

**Due to the large number of missing books from our library,** the executive has decided to institute a more official sign out policy. The growing value of this resource has forced us to take some action. There will be a simple "card system" which should aid us in tracking missing books. Ed has informed me that we now have Rob Cosman's videos on beginning and advanced dovetails, dressing stock and sharpening. We also have two of David Charlesworth's books.

**December's meeting** promises to be another informative night. Ted Rowley will give a demonstration on pyrography and Jesse has promised some other surprises for us. I unfortunately will be unable to attend this meeting as Tracey and I will be flying off to Hawaii that night (I'm starting to sound like Phil Makin!).

Thank you again for all of your interest and involvement in our various Guild activities throughout 2004. I look forward to many more interesting meetings and community events in 2005. On behalf of the Guild executive, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Russ Franson

## DECEMBER MEETING

December 14th. 7:15 pm

**Camosun College Carpentry Building**

*Don't forget to bring your own chair*

## AN INCIDENT FROM THE LAST MEETING

At the November meeting of the guild, I had signed a book out of the library. The title was "Bowl Turning Masterclass Techniques" by Tony Boase. I had put it with my extra P.A. gear. If it weren't with that, it would have been on the front table where the executive is.

I know that it was there until we were asked to go move our vehicles outside the gates. When I started to pack up my stuff (P.A. gear, notes and books), I realized that that book was not there. No biggy, I figured maybe someone else picked it up and signed it out of the library. But upon looking at the library list, I didn't see it signed out by anyone after me. I did a search around, and could not find it anywhere around. Checked through the library to see if it got put back inside, but didn't see it there.

There is a possibility that I did miss it. If so, I will be happy to see it sitting on the shelf when I get to December's meeting. Sorry for the misunderstanding. But, if someone picked it up and didn't sign it out, please return it at the December meeting. Since I signed it out, I am responsible for it. And I would hate to have to pay for a book that I don't even have, or did not lose. If I had misplaced the book, then I would have no problem purchasing a new copy for the guild. But, since I didn't get it out of the building, I'd be upset having to buy a new copy.

Hopefully, I just put it off to the side, and somehow missed it. Then I will feel pretty stupid, and have to hide behind the P.A. all night.

Thank you,

Scott Reid.

Editor's Note: Solution to this problem has been addressed in the "President's Report".

## AS MANY OF YOU HAVE REQUESTED, HERE IS THE RE-CAP OF MIKE'S REFINISHING DEMO

### **Cleaning Mixture**

Equal parts of; White Vinegar, Turpentine, Boiled Linseed Oil  
Apply with 4-O steel wool rubbing with the grain, wipe dry, then if required apply a paste wax. (From Cam Russell's book "Start to Finish" page 9)

### **Second Cleaning Mixture**

Equal parts of; Methyl Hydrate, White Vinegar, Water, Turpentine, Boiled linseed Oil, Calcium Carbonate  
I have not used this mixture because calcium carbonate is hard to find. I understand it is available at McGill and Orme. Especially good on antique furniture.

### **Bleaching Wood**

One tablespoon of oxalic acid in one litre of water, Chlorine (laundry bleach)

Hydrogen peroxide (Again from Cam's book page 19) Apply on surface let dry, sand off, wipe with thinners, repeat or apply stain or finish.

### **3 Part Oil Finish**

Mix equal parts of Raw Tung Oil, Gloss Poly, Boiled Linseed Oil. I will be demonstrating this application at another guild meeting, possibly in Jan 05. Our formula is a variation of Cam's (page 52) by using gloss polyurethane rather than semi-gloss. We will demo the method we use to prepare a piece and the application of this finish. You'll be surprised.

### **Safety**

Safety is the most important when applying finishes. Always wear good quality rubber gloves, apron, and eye protection. Follow the warnings and directions on the products you use and dispose of oily rags in an air tight container or soak them in soap and water before disposing of them. If you any questions, see me at the next meeting.

Michael J. Kattler

## Wood Recovery

The program is going well. We just had a sale and we have some left over cedar and sequoia. If you would like to buy some, please contact **Wayne Holmes** at 479 4694 or wgholmes@shaw.ca

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER RECAP & IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETING.....**

Graham Dragushan (a student in the fine furniture program) demonstrated at dovetail cutting jig to give straight cuts with a chisel.

Charles Waywell showed and talked about antique carved door panels he had acquired in China.

Phil Makin demonstrated a handy bandsaw table extension, resaw fence and curve-cutting jig

Mike Kattler at times was a very good introduction to finishing and cleaning and bleaching. There were several formulas outlined and we will be publishing them in a future edition. Mike has indicated that he would like to do a number of sessions on finishing and make them part of a longer term plan for the guild. Judging by the interest, this would be a real gift to the guild.

John Millar talked about the amazing world of rotary tools. John always has something interesting to say and he is a lot of fun to listen to also. He also gave us a demonstration of the littlest table saw in the woodshop – but the darn thing really works and for some work it would be a dandy. I am hoping John will hit the big time with his invention and that the Dremel folks will recognize Canadian brainpower when they see it. Some of you may know that John was president of the guild a few years ago.

Michael Moore's presentation on finding the radius of an arc: if A= altitude (chord to the arc), B=1/2 the chord length, then radius of the arc, R, is equal to  $(A^2 + B^2) / 2A$ .

Our meeting program has a goal of four out of guild keynote speakers per year – we are half way there, but we need more ideas, so keep them coming. Also a big thanks to Colin Knecht who has provided several leads for speakers. Our March keynote is from one of Colin's ideas.

### **Heard in Passing**

Congratulations to Ken Guenter who has two exhibitions of his work coming up. The first is Dec 2 to Jan 20/05 at the Architectural Institute of British Columbia 100-440 Cambie Street in Vancouver. This is a shared exhibition with several well known artists.

The second is a solo exhibition and sale at Circle Craft Gallery on Granville Island April 8 to May 3. Ken will be exhibiting seven new furniture pieces (I believe a couple are already sold). The name of the event is Curves and Colours. If you get a chance to see them, get in there. Nice going Ken.

Door prize winners included (I missed the first two names): Peter Robin (meas. tape), Graham Cox (meas. tape), Colin Knecht (ear protectors), Raymond Connors (sp?) (dogwood piece), Arnie (sabre saw blades), Ross King (meas. tape), Wayne Holmes (gator grip), Jon Magwood (sanding discs), Mike Kattler (sunglasses), Jim Johnston (meas. tape), Graham Dragushan (holly piece), Gord McLean (yellow cedar burl).

Phil Cottell & Phil Makin

## CLASSIFIEDS

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Back issues of *Fine Woodworking* magazine. 36 is-  
 sues from 1978 to mid 1980's. In good (not pristine)  
 condition. \$4 each or \$100 for the lot. Back issues of  
*Wooden Boat* magazine. 62 issues from #2 to # 146.

Some quite rare and sell for up to \$20 each but I  
 would be happy with \$200 for the lot.

CALL **Marty @ 480 1899 or 888 4889**

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