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Newsletter of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild

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2006 2x4 Challenge

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday May 16th.



This year's 2x4 Challenge Winners

From left: Marco Berera, Kati DeGraaf, Gordon Bednard, Steve Hansen, Henry Schulz

This year's 2x4 Challenge entries were:

Novice Category:

- Ivan Antoniw—Kujenga Game (Quickie project)
- Kati DeGraaf—Kid's Tool Box with tools, aircraft, tumbling fireman & dice—**Best First Time Entry; Novice Winner**
- Bill Fox—Muted Ding-Dong Dumbbells (Quickie project)
- Henry Schulz—Shovel—**Best Craftsmanship**
- Stuart Mackenzie—Wine Glasses & Stand

Intermediate Category:

- Ted Fromson—Garden Tool Box & Tools (Quickie project)
- Steve Hansen—Hand Tools (Quickie project) - **Most Original**
- Gordon Bednard—Stool
- Gordon Bednard—Tall Stool
- Gordon Bednard—Plant Stand (Quickie project) - **Best Quickie Project; Intermediate Winner**

Expert Category:

- Phil Laliberte—"5x36=180 in 235" Blocks
- Marco Berera—Lamp—**Best Use Of 2x4; Expert Winner**

People's Choice:

- Marco Berera—Swiss Army Knife



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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, May 16th starting at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter is June 6th. Please send your submission to the editor: Steve Hansen at urquell@shaw.ca or contact by phone for snail mail address.

Calendar Of Events

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| * May 16, 2006 —Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting | ers Guild Meeting |
| * June 20, 2006 —Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting | * October 20 to 22, 2006 —Cloverdale Woodworking Show |
| * September 19, 2006 —Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting | * November 21, 2006 —Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting |
| * October 17, 2006 —Pacific Woodwork- | * December 19, 2006 —Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting |

President's Message

By Ivan Antoniw



Following another successful *Two by Four Challenge* I'd like to focus on on-going and perhaps future as yet unrealized Guild activities. I'm going to mention them here in the newsletter so that members can consider some solutions in advance of our upcoming meeting Tuesday May 16.

1) Cloverdale woodworking show.

As in past years the Guild will have a presence at the show with its own booth, and it is not too soon to have members prepare stuff for sale. I noticed last year that it was small items that sold, however that does not preclude larger items being sold. In order to make that happen we need to do a few things. We need to renovate our booth display and re-think our layout. We need to provide credit and debit card services in order to facilitate the purchase of larger, more expensive items and conversely we should consider delivery of these larger items to the clients that purchased them. To this end it would make sense to have all items delivered at the end of the show by one carrier. It would be less expensive and it would allow us to keep the pieces at the Guild display until the end of the show (of course, if the

customer wants to take the item with them, we cannot deny them).

2) Summer picnic

As Steve Fairbairn has moved away from the acreage that he once occupied and unless he (or anyone else in the Guild) want to host a summer picnic at their homes, we need to come up with an alternate location for our summer picnic and nail pounding contest. Public parks are an obvious solution. Any ideas?

3) Web site development, podcasting and recording seminars using digital media.

During my most recent attempt at getting wood re-sawn on Bowen Island (which did not go as planned) Wally Sommerfeld, Paulin Laberge and I had an opportunity to get to know each other a bit better and discuss a few ideas about the Guild. One of the ideas was to organize some method of recording our activities (using digital equipment) for archiving and re-broadcasting (podcasting) Until now Steve Fairbairn has been our web-master (and doing an excellent job) however

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President's Message (con't)

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I think that it would be a good idea to get more people on board. The internet has afforded remarkable opportunities for people and groups to communicate and share information and passions. I would like our Guild to have a more robust presence and to that end we should hold a meeting of willing members to make it happen.

4) Stefania Buonocore has emailed the Guild regarding a Country Celebration in Langley. Her message is as follows:

I came across your contact information on the website for the Pacific Woodworkers Guild. I am the event coordinator for Country Celebration, the Greater Vancouver Regional District's annual fall fair which takes place in Langley on September 16-17, 2006. This is the 27th year for our fun community event, and we expect a crowd of about 10 000 people over the two days.

One of the activities we normally have at the event is called the "Construction Zone," where kids are given the chance to build simple items using pre-cut wood, such as birdhouses and toolboxes. I'm looking for a few people with woodworking skills who would be interested in running this activity.

What this would involve is cutting the wood in advance and assembling it into "kits" which could then be distributed at the event. We have found that having specific items for the kids to make works better than just having a lot of random pieces of wood, because this way they will actually be making something useful! If you are interested at all, you would also be welcome to attend the event and supervise the activity.

Let me know if you think any of the members of your group would be interested in taking part in the Construction Zone.

Best regards,

Stefania Buonocore
Special Events Coordinator
GVRD Parks
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Bob Bedier pointed out that this might interest the Guild members that miss the Delta Home Workshop.

5) This last item is kind of goofy, and I won't tell you what it is other than it has the acronym of PWGPTO (go ahead and guess away as to what it stands for). More details at the meeting, see you there.

Woodworking On The Net

By Stephen Bailey

Not all sites have great presentation but can prove interesting.

Safety:

WoodCentral has many articles on various topics. This one is about the myth you need to ground PVC pipe for a home dust collection system.

http://www.woodcentral.com/cgi-bin/readarticle.pl?dir=shop&file=articles_221.shtml

This table saw was mentioned at a previous meeting

<http://www.sawstop.com/>

Guilds:

Minnesota Woodworkers Guild has over 1100 members:

<http://www.mnwwg.org/mambo/>

Toys:

A nice site to browse

<http://www.woodentoy.com/>

Tools:

Hand made Japanese tools and hardware

<http://www.misugidesigns.com/aboutUs.html>

2006 2x4 Challenge

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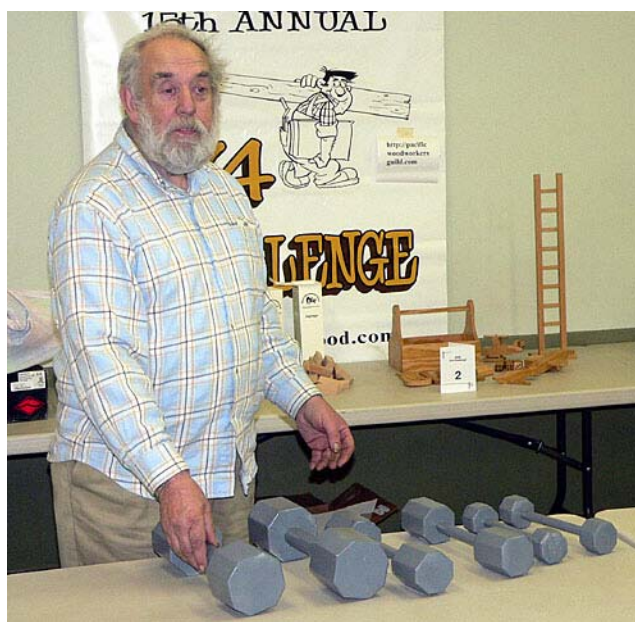
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Marco Berera
Lamp

Fred Otte

With great sadness, Fred Otte passed away late last week. As most of you know, Fred had been a long-time and key member of the Guild. Although Fred was a quiet man, he always seemed to make his gentlemanly presence known and shared his knowledge and enthusiasm of woodworking with everyone. He probably had as fine a record of partaking in the *show and tell* as anyone ever has and was a very fine craftsman. Fred was always part of Guild functions, although health trouble had taken its toll and prevented him from regularly getting out to meetings and functions over the past year or two. But Fred remained active up to the beginning of this year making sure people got their mailed copies of the newsletter. The Guild meant a lot to Fred and his contributions to the Toy Workshop, Guild Shows and his camaraderie will not be forgotten. Fred was a great guy and will be sorely missed by all of his friends and colleagues.

