

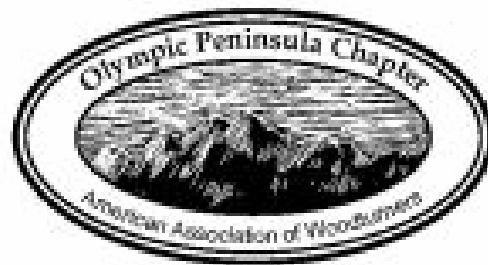


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
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December 2005 MEETING

When: December 14th, 6 pm

Where: Kitsap Adventist School
5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Prize Drawing

We have lots of great prizes for this year's Christmas Dinner so make sure you don't miss it. Remember you must be present to win except the grand prizes. We have 10 grand prizes this year. Wow!

President's Turn

"May you live in interesting times" is an old Chinese curse. The past two years have indeed been interesting. First, our newly elected President resigned and moved away, then, the Vice President of Membership also resigned, next, the Sergeant at Arms turned V.P. of Membership got laid up with a bad leg and finally the Vice President of Public Relations, our friend, David Bradburry lost his heroic fight with cancer.

In spite of all of these problems, the Club is in excellent shape. We added two excellent replacements: V.P. Public Relations, Rick Hurst, and Sergeant at Arms, Roger Dunn.

During the Boards term of office, we have purchased the Box-Light projector, a sound system, a variable speed grinder, three mini-lathes and most recently, an additional video camera and switching device. We also purchased the "David Bradburry Memorial" screen with donations from the members. Even after making all of these purchases, the Club is in strong financial shape which is in large part due to the diligence of the Treasurer, Lee Stollar.

Thanks in large part to the Vice President of Membership, Bob Hickernell, our membership is now over one hundred members.

The clubs records are accurate and up to date and will be ready to turn over to the new administration thank to the work and organizational skills of our Secretary, Don Young.

Dave Schweitzer, the Vice President of Education and Training provided the members with excellent programs and demonstrations throughout the Board's term of office. We also held our first hands-on beginner seminar and with it, raised money for the school.

Besides providing advice and guidance for two years, Our Immediate Past President, Russ Robinette was the chair of the Nominating Committee who came up with a slate of excellent candidates.

The Boards Strategic Plan was to reorganize the Club so that the paperwork would reflect how the club actually operates. To that end we rewrote the Bylaws and wrote the Offices and Standards which is a sort of to-do list for each office. I knew when we started the reorganization, that change, any change, however small would ruffle feathers. No one expected the response we got. From the squawking and all of the flying feathers you would think we plucked the whole flock! Things have calmed down now and the club is functioning well. The new administration won't have to start from scratch. Hopefully they can just build on what we started.

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Steve Austin, President



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Administration:

1. Each member's point sum determines his/her chances in the raffle, e.g. Pete has eight points and eight chances to win while Art has forty points and forty chances. The greater the participation, the greater the chances of winning.
2. Members must be present to win all items except the Grand Prizes.
3. The membership committee will record monthly participation and will compile the data for the Christmas raffle.
4. No member will be allowed to win more than three general items at the Christmas raffle.
5. In the case of multiple "grand prizes" no member may win more than one.

For the Grand Prize drawing(s) all tickets, including those previously drawn for the regular prizes will be combined with those remaining in the pool so that all members will have chances of winning a grand prize based on their total club participation.

The changes to the administration of the drawing will be effective immediately.

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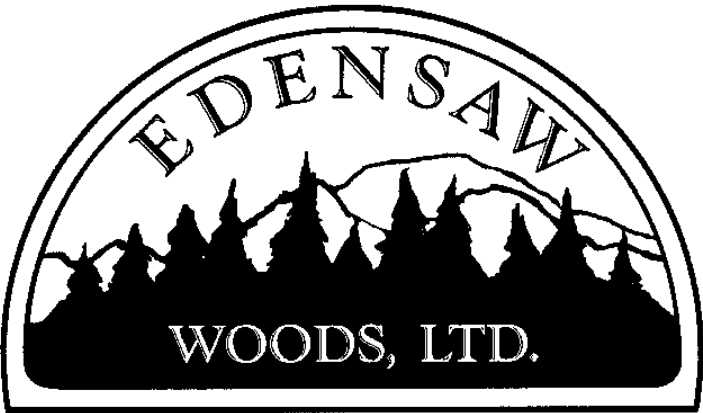
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VP of Membership	Gary Burdyslaw
VP of Public Relations	Rick Hurst
Secretary	Susan Hurst
Sergeant at Arms	Cindy Allen
Treasurer	Stan Stumbo

Congratulations to our new officers and we wish you a successful term in the coming year.

Just a Reminder

for the Christmas Party. Members with last name starting with A – L please bring deserts. Members with last name starting with M – Z please bring hors d'oeuvres.

Anyone wishing to help with setup please arrive about 5:00 P.M. on December 14th. Roger and I can use all the help we can get.

Susan Hurst

Club Meetings Are All Alike????

By Cliff Hall

So, what goes on at the Marlborough Woodworkers Guild meetings in New Zealand? Again, I must admit it's different.....but the same.

Like all clubs, the start is a "gathering". As in our club, this one has great attendance. Folks spend this time roaming through the club shop, inspecting new equipment or projects that are underway. It's a great time to ask someone a question, or get help with an issue. In addition, this is when 50 cent raffle tickets are sold for prizes that are awarded later in the meeting.

Each month there is a very low key competition amongst the members to make a "pre-determined" item. The "gathering" is the time when people "mill" around, inspecting the entries and casting their vote for the best one. It's all very informal and is their form of "show and tell". I wish they did more of a "show and tell" as many of the members are quite talented.

The actual meeting starts (on time) with an "official", and rather formal, acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting, the treasurer's report, etc. For me, and I suspect for others, that seems to be a waste of time at any club meeting (thankfully, we do not do that any more in the OPAAW). After all, that is what officers and a board are in place to accomplish.

Once through the "formalities" the club starts into special reports and "new business". Only those with something to say take the floor. There isn't a lot of "dead air" and everyone seems to pay attention. They move right through the information in a quick fashion.....people seem to know when to quit and sit down. This section of the meeting

usually involves projects which the club is involved with, or is starting to be involved with. To not pay attention may get you volunteered for something.....sound familiar????

Next there is a raffle drawing for a few prizes. The prizes are small and quite varied. They often have nothing to do with woodworking. It's just a way to raise a few dollars for the club. Yes, they use "dollars".....a New Zealand dollar is worth about 70 U. S. cents at the moment. The drawing is followed by the announcement of the competition winners, and by the introduction of guests.

The bulk of the meeting follows and is typically taken up by a presentation or demonstration. The material can be quite varied since this is a woodworker's guild and not exclusively a turning club. Still, the club seems to be made up mostly of turners and furniture makers. There is a lot of cross-pollenization that takes place and they do a pretty good job of mixing the topics.

The entire meeting is quite "crisp" and the formal part ends after about 1 ½ hours, with tea, coffee and more "milling around". It's always great to see how other clubs operate. When you are traveling, take advantage of the opportunity by seeking out and attending a turning meeting in the area you are visiting.

