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Shed Notes

Newsletter of the Woodcraft Guild ACT Inc

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011, 1930 - 2130

Venue: **The SHED**, Lions Youth Haven, Kambah Pool Road, KAMBAH ACT 2902

Computer Aided Design in Woodwork

Member David Dunnet will present a demonstration on Computer Aided Drawing to the September meeting, following the AGM. After completing an apprenticeship as an electrical fitter/mechanic, David worked for five years as a draughtsman, designing heavy medium-voltage switchgear at The Scanlan Electric Company. He then joined the Commonwealth Department of Works as a Technical Officer, designing the electrical services for Reserve Banks, Commonwealth Banks, and ABC Studios. During this time, he completed an Associate Diploma in Electrical Engineering. Since taking a redundancy in 1992, he has worked on the construction of Fibre-Optic Coupler Machines, and Satellite Laser Ranging Systems, including the original installation at Mount Stromlo. He has over thirty years' experience in Computer Aided Drawing.

David's presentation will cover the basics of CAD for woodworkers, and demonstrate drawing a simple project.



**** Please Note: AGM Agenda, Draft 2010 Minutes, 2011 Annual Report and Financial Statement included in this issue! ****

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PRESIDENTIAL PALAVER

2011 WWW Show and Exhibition – 2-4 September 2011

The Annual Exhibition held last weekend was a success in terms of comments received from visitors, the outcome of sales (some \$5,500 in gross receipts) and the raffle results (some \$3,800).

Key to this success were the many Guild volunteers helping with set-up, demonstrations, exhibition stewardship, sales and raffle ticket sales, and their efforts are very much appreciated. In addition, the Guild sold over 100 discounted tickets through its members to allow friends and relatives to attend the show. Vivien Laycock and her team of coordinators – Dave Callan, Hugh Milloy, John Sands, Gai Simpson, Robert Hogg, Fred Buckley, Alan Walker and David Weisser – deserve our special thanks.

Malkara Fête – August 2010

Malkara School has expressed its appreciation to the Guild for the donation of 30 wooden toy locomotives, which were sold to visitors to the Malkara Fête in August. Malkara is keen to have the Guild return to the fête with a stand in 2012, and will be in touch with the Guild in this regard.

New Equipment

We have now received and installed our new ‘Powermatic’ 14-inch helical thicknesser, and members report it is working wonderfully, producing a high quality finish and operating with significantly less noise. In addition, the unit has good dust extraction. The Committee will now consider how to dispose of the redundant Carba-Tec thicknesser.

Southern Cross Club Community Grant

The Guild was fortunate to receive a \$2000 community grant from the Southern Cross Club on 21 August. This grant will be used to purchase new equipment, enhance the Guild’s facilities, and improve safety at the Shed.

A grant application has also been submitted to the ACT Government for funds to purchase additional equipment, and the outcome is expected by January 2012. Thanks to Mathew Klein for preparing this application.

Guild Commissions

Battle Honours Board – Progress is being made on a major commission for the RAN: a battle honours sign for 819 SQN at Nowra. There have been some delays because of the limited availability of the member working on this project, but we are keeping the Navy informed of progress.

Dremel Demonstration Boxes – Construction of 10 specially-compartmented wooden equipment boxes for Dremel demonstrators is well in hand by a team under the leadership of Terry O’Loughlin, and should be completed in September.

Community Projects

Clare Holland House Benches: The Guild agreed several months ago to restore some nine exterior wooden benches for the Clare Holland House Hospice. Six benches and a teak table have been completed, and returned to the Hospice. Currently, there are two more benches to be completed to fulfil our promise to Clare Holland House. Thanks to Terry O’Loughlin, John Winter, Mike Nash, Don Orr and several others for their volunteer efforts on this task. The project has been a donation by the Guild, which has met all costs for materials and finish. I understand Clare Holland House are planning a reception to show their appreciation.

Bungendore Library ‘Train’: Some months ago the Guild built and donated a wooden ‘steam locomotive’ to the Bungendore Library. The Guild bought the timber, and Owen Stewart did the construction work, including some skilful coopering of the engine’s boiler. The Bungendore community held a reception on 08 September to publicly thank the Guild, and Owen in particular, for the donation. Along with Owen, his wife and daughter, and Vivien Laycock, I attended to represent the Guild (there is a separate brief article on this event in this Newsletter, with photos).

Guild Wood Sourcing and Storage

Robin Cromer has continued his wonderful work in sourcing wood for the Guild. Graham Hargense has generously given of his time, and has used his Lucas Mill, to slab many logs for storage at the Shed. The Pin-oak and Elm recovered from Government House are now drying in our storage area, and there is still more wood to be retrieved. Because of the limited storage space at the Shed, Robin will be more selective in future acquisitions, seeking to increase the variety of available species and to check that the wood we receive is good quality. In return for the timber, Government House has asked the Guild to craft some significant wooden items from the timber, to be used as official presentation pieces.

Dan Steiner, President 0415 133 606 president@woodcraftguild.org.au

ANNUAL EXHIBITION WRAP-UP

What a great Exhibition! I hope everyone who went had as good a time as I did, and didn’t spend too much (like I did!). There will be a survey out shortly on all aspects of the Exhibition, and because it is a members’ event, feedback is important and will be appreciated. It would make the Newsletter way too long to individually thank everyone involved, but I do want to say how very grateful I am to everyone who helped, as the whole thing couldn’t have run smoother. My only mistake was to buy a silicone cup (that looked just like the ones that cafés use) that must have been thrown out in the clean up, as it never reappeared on our return to the Shed.

Congratulations to all the winners, and I reckon it’s not too early to start thinking about next year’s Exhibition!

Vivien Laycock, Exhibition Coordinator 0438 877 711 viv_bungendoreart@bigpond.com

EXHIBITION RAFFLE RESULTS – POSTED ON GUILD WEBSITE

The Guild’s Annual Raffle was successful, raising some \$3,800 from ticket sales. All prize-winners have now been notified, and only a couple of prizes are yet to be delivered to winners. Many thanks to those members who so generously donated woodcraft for prizes, and particularly to Justin McCarthy for his exquisite 1st Prize Jewellery Box.

Dan Steiner

EDITORIAL EFFLUVIA

This issue is a bit bereft of articles and features, as we have had to make room for important material relating to the imminent Annual General Meeting. As well as photos of prizewinning entries from the Annual Exhibition (thanks, Robin!), I have a couple of interesting articles that have had to be held over, but I ask the authors to be patient – we will get there eventually!

Editor

COMING EVENTS

Internal

Next Monthly Guild Meeting: - Wednesday 26 October 2011 at 1930, at the Shed.

Presentation: A representative from Sturt School for Wood will give a presentation (TBC).

Woodturning Course – Intermediate Level

January 2012, at the Shed (detailed dates/timings TBA) – a five-day (Tuesday ~ Saturday) workshop for more experienced turners is being planned with Richard Raffan, for early next year. Details of dates, timings, course content, and fees will be released soon. Guild members will be given first opportunity to enrol; there will be a limit of TEN participants.

External

Next Triton Club Meeting

Wednesday, 05 October 2011, at 1900 – Annual General Meeting. (For further information, contact Burn Alting on 6281 0432, or visit the club's website <http://www.tocact.org.au>)

Home, Leisure, Caravan, 4WD & Camping Show

Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October 2011, from 1000 to 1700 daily at EPIC – the Guild will mount a display, including demonstrations and sales, located inside the Quokka Pavilion. Set-up will be on 20 October. **NB: COORDINATOR NEEDED** – please contact President to volunteer.

Marymead Fete

Saturday, 12 November 2011 from 0900 to 1400, at Marymead, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah – the Guild will be represented by a modest sales and demonstration stall, with all proceeds donated to this community organisation dedicated to supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families. **NB: COORDINATOR NEEDED** – please contact President to volunteer.

Australian Woodturning Symposium

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September 2012, at Eaglehawk Resort, Canberra – this biennial event will present international and Australian expert turners demonstrating their skills, as well as giving opportunities for hands-on experience under their expert tutelage. 'Early Bird' registration before the end of January 2012 is \$395; for full details see organiser Bruce Bell's website at www.tymba.com.au

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As notified elsewhere, the Guild's Annual General Meeting will be held in the evening of Wednesday, 28 September, at the Shed. As required by our new Rules, the Committee has decided that the 2011-12 Committee will comprise **NINE Ordinary Members**, apart from the Executive of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nomination Forms are available on the Guild website, and will need to be completed and returned by email to: secretary@woodcraftguild.org.au, or posted to **PO Box 1411, WODEN ACT 2606**, to arrive **by 20 September**. Please consider joining the Committee to enrich your Guild experience. If you would like more information, contact me, or any Committee Member.

Dan Steiner, President 0415 133 606 president@woodcraftguild.org.au

PPPS – Presentation Postscripts

August Presentation on Conservation of Wooden Objects

Our August presenter, Meg Absolon, who is a Conservator from the National Gallery of Australia, was asked by a member what type of cedar was used by the specialist framer at the Gallery. Meg undertook to find out, and has emailed to advise that he uses Western Red Cedar, believed to be Canadian in origin.



July Presentation on Parliament House Woodcraft

At the July meeting, Daniel Gair, head of the carpentry/joinery workshop at Parliament House, was asked if he would be prepared to take Guild members on a tour of the workshop. Vice-President Fred Buckley has since spoken with Daniel, and he has agreed to take **two groups of up to fifteen people** on a tour of the workshop, and of other areas of interest.



To that end, Fred has asked that people contact him directly if they are interested, preferably by emailing him at vicepresident@woodcraftguild.org.au, or by calling **6288 6586**. Our understanding is that these tours will take a couple of hours or so, and that Daniel could manage one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. For those unable to make it during the week, he is prepared to run one of the tours on a Saturday. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested to see how the workshop operates in servicing and maintaining Parliament House furniture and wooden fittings. The offer extends to spouses / partners and family members. As soon as Fred determines the extent of interest, he will organise the dates and time with Daniel, so contact Fred ASAP if you are interested!

GUILD ‘TRAINING’ (of a Different Kind)

Following a request for help from the Bungendore Library, Toy SIG stalwart Owen Stewart and the Guild joined to make and donate a ‘Locomotive’ to complete the Library’s ‘Book Train’. The concept had been developed by John Stutterd, who unfortunately fell ill before he could build it, so the Guild, led by Owen, designed and built the locomotive, which was then beautifully painted by Tim Snowden. It was formally presented to the library on 7 September – another Guild project supporting our community!



Left: The Bungendore Book Train on track.



Right: Loco-builder Owen Stewart and friends at the launch.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) REPORTS

(SIG Coordinators: please note the deadline for newsletter input: 2nd Friday of each month.)

SIG MEETINGS (EXCEPTIONAL)

(For details of normal SIG meetings, please refer to the Calendar on the Guild website at <http://www.woodcraftguild.org.au/calendar.htm>)

SIG COORDINATORS' NOTES

Pyrography SIG: I had been very busy with the Annual Exhibition, but at the September meeting had lots of great stuff to show people, including a lot of interesting information about types of timber suitable for pyrography. I also splashed out at the T&WWW Show, and bought two books of line drawing designs which I made available at the SIG. Hopefully people aren't too burnt out (pun intended) from the Exhibition, and are still eager to learn about how pyrography can be utilized in all woodwork.

Congratulations to Shannon Henry for her 1st and 3rd place in pyrography, and Meg Harrison for winning 2nd place. They were well-deserved winners, and great representatives of the art of pyrography.

I now have the five people needed to place a bulk order for 'Ironcore' pyrography machines. I will be organizing payment in the next few weeks, so get in touch ASAP if you are interested in a machine at a discount price.

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OFF-CUTS

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

INVITATION TO WOODCARVERS

Our President, Dan Steiner received this invitation by email recently:

"I'm coordinating the visual arts for **Corinbank Festival**, and am really keen to have artists and crafts-people involved in making works for the festival in 2012. **We are particularly keen on having wood carving.**

The festival is held at Corin Forest Mountain Recreation Park in the Brindabella Mountains, so there is plenty of timber that can be used for sculptures. We'd love to hear from any carvers that might be interested in doing some sculptures for us. Corinbank is a music and arts festival that has an emphasis on active participation and the environment. The fourth Corinbank Festival will be held from 2-4 March 2012. More information can be located at www.corinbank.com.

If people have any questions, they can contact **Maria Koulouris**, Visual Arts Manager, at visualarts@corinbank.com, or on **0434 892 582**. Applications can be made at www.corinbank.com until the end of October 2011; just click on 'Perform at Corinbank 2012'."

**WOODCRAFT GUILD OF THE ACT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011
28 September 2011**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the Last AGM**
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President’s Report**
- 6. Treasurer’s Report**
- 7. Election of Office Bearers**
- 8. General Business**
- 9. Close of Meeting**

**WOODCRAFT GUILD OF THE ACT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010
29 September 2010**

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1. The Chairman (*Pro Tem*), Rod Tier, called the meeting to order at **1935**
 - 1.2. The Chairman noted that the Agenda for this meeting, and the Draft Minutes of the 2009 AGM, had been published in the September Guild Newsletter.
- 2. Apologies**
 - 2.1. Apologies were offered on behalf of:

John Armstrong	Dave Callan	Alan Casimir	Vivien Laycock
Jock McGuire	John Jervis	Don Roland	David Weisser
 - 2.2. There were 45 members present.
- 3. Minutes of the Last AGM**
 - 3.1. The Chairman noted that the draft Minutes of the 2009 AGM had been published in the September issue of the Guild Newsletter.

3.2. The Chairman invited a motion that the Draft Minutes be accepted as published.

Moved: Roger Gregerson; **Seconded:** Derek Jewell; – that the Minutes be accepted as published. **Carried.**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 2009 AGM.

5. President's Report

5.1 The outgoing President, Robin Cromer, outlined the Guild's activities and achievements for the previous year. A major achievement was completion of the toilet block, a two-year project. Guild activities included the Guild's participation in activities at Marymead, Seniors Day, the National Folk Festival, Malkara Fete, and the National Museum of Australia. Major purchases were the Sawstop tablesaw, a spindle sander and a radial arm saw.

Moved: Keith Houston; **Seconded:** Scott Fitzsimmons; – that the President's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1. Outgoing Treasurer, Dan Steiner, presented the audited Financial Statement of the Guild for 2009-2010.
- 6.2. Dan touched briefly on the main points of the Statement, noting that the Guild had an income of \$88,136 and an expenditure of \$96,850, leaving a balance of \$(8,714). Dan advised that construction of the toilet block had contributed to the deficit, whilst income was boosted by members paying their 2010-2011 fees early to avoid the projected increase.
- 6.3. Dan noted that the Guild's bank balance is \$34,894.
- 6.4. Dan invited questions on the Financial Statement, but none were raised.

Moved: Roger Gregerson; **Seconded:** Keith Houston; – that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

7. Election of Office Bearers

- 7.1. Before conducting the election, on behalf of the members the Chairman thanked the outgoing President and Committee for their efforts over the past year. He invited the meeting to show its appreciation for the hard work and achievements of Robin Cromer and the other members of the outgoing Committee – the meeting responded with general acclaim.
- 7.2. The Chairman then declared all positions vacant, and initiated the election process.
- 7.3. **President:** Only one nomination, of **Dan Steiner**, having been received, the Chairman declared Dan duly elected as President, to general acclaim.
- 7.4. **Vice President:** Only one nomination, of **Fred Buckley**, having been received, the Chairman declared Fred duly elected as Vice President, to general acclaim.
- 7.5. **Treasurer:** Only one nomination, of **David Weisser**, having been received, the Chairman declared David duly elected as Treasurer, to general acclaim.
- 7.6. **Secretary:** No nominations having been received for this position, the Chairman sought nominations from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming, despite repeated requests, so filling the position of Secretary was deferred to a later meeting.
- 7.7. **Committee:** The Chairman asked if there was any opposition from the meeting to the holding of a "bulk election" for the remaining general Committee positions. There being no objection, Rod read out the list

of nominees, as follows:

Dave Callan	Lynne Clarke	Robin Cromer
Keith Houston	Matthew Klein	Mike Nash
Ted Riesz	Owen Stewart	

There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared these Members duly elected, to general acclaim.

8. Special Resolutions

- 8.1. Before proceeding with this agenda item, the Chairman observed that he was aware that a number of members had indicated that they intended to raise matters of concern about the Special Resolutions to be presented to the meeting. He stated that, while he would do his best to ensure that any member wishing to speak on the Resolutions had an opportunity to do so, he intended to control this process in the interests of relevance and brevity. He noted that speakers other than the main proponent would be limited to a period of three minutes, unless the meeting was prepared to grant an extension of time. He also requested that any member who might be intending to propose a substantive change to the resolutions under discussion offer their proposal in writing as a draft amendment, to assist the Chairman and Recorder, before seeking leave to speak.
- 8.2. Peter Bloomfield raised a point of order, that there should be 21 days notice for any amendment to be considered. The Chairman ruled that such notice referred to substantive amendments being proposed – that is, the Special Resolutions, of which notice had been duly given. Any proposal for internal amendment of these proposed resolutions could be immediately considered by the meeting as discussion proceeded, otherwise the whole process would become unreasonably attenuated.
- 8.3. The Chairman then called upon Justin McCarthy to speak to the special resolutions on adoption of new Objects and Rules for the Guild, noting that the proposed new Rules and Objects had been published for some time on the Guild website, together with an explanatory memorandum giving reasons for the proposals.
- 8.4. As background, Justin explained that there was a need to revise the old Rules to meet current requirements, and that there were inconsistencies between the old Rules and our current practices.
- 8.5. Members sought clarification on the following points, to which Justin responded: the absence of a Secretary; whether “Region” (as in “ACT and Region”) should be included in the new Rules; whether the office of Public Officer would still exist; and the process by which money transfers could be authorized (clarified by outgoing Treasurer, Dan Steiner).
- 8.6. Peter Bloomfield proposed that the size of a quorum for a general meeting, as defined in the new Rules, be changed from 5 members to 10% of the membership.

Moved: Peter Bloomfield; **Seconded:** Paul Wayper; – that the size of a quorum for general meetings be amended from 5 members to 10% of the membership. **Failed.**

- 8.7. Justin then moved that the existing Rules be replaced by the proposed new Rules, as published and delineated on the Guild website.

Moved: Justin McCarthy; **Seconded:** Dan Steiner; – that the existing Rules of the Woodcraft Guild ACT Incorporated be replaced by the proposed new Rules. **Carried unanimously.**

- 8.8. Justin went on to discuss the Objects of the Guild, noting that some of the Guild’s current activities were not covered by the existing Objectives, for example: mounting of the Annual Exhibition; and selling of woodcraft. The revised Objects had been framed to cover the full range of Guild activities and interests.

- 8.9. There was some discussion about the wording of Clause 1 (j) of the proposed new Objects, “to promote the sustainable use of scarce timber resources”.

Moved: Robert Hogg; **Seconded:** Bruce George; – that Clause 1 (j) of the proposed new Objects be amended to read “To promote the use of sustainable timber resources”. **Failed.**

Moved: Paul Wayper; **Seconded:** Robin Cromer; – that Clause 1 (j) of the proposed new Objects be amended to read “To promote the sustainable use of timber and other resources”. **Failed.**

- 8.10. Justin then moved that the proposed new Objects of the Guild, as published and delineated on the Guild website, be adopted.

Moved: Justin McCarthy; **Seconded:** Jack Dempsey; – that the existing Objectives of the Woodcraft Guild ACT Incorporated be replaced by the proposed new Objects. **Carried.**

- 8.11. On behalf of the Guild, the Chairman thanked Justin for his hard work in preparing the new Objects and Rules for consideration, inviting the meeting to show their appreciation by acclaim. He also thanked the members present for their patience and understanding throughout the process of consideration and adoption of the changes.

9. Close of Meeting

- 9.1. On behalf of the Guild, the Chairman extended his best wishes to the new Committee in meeting the challenges of the coming year.
- 9.2. The Chairman declared the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Woodcraft Guild of the ACT closed at 2140.

Signed:

President 2009~2010

The Woodcraft Guild’s 2010 / 2011 Year in Review (President’s Annual Report)

Guild Facilities

Toilet Block – The Guild’s new toilet facilities, incorporating disabled access, were completed and opened during the year. This project was initiated by Keith Houston, and largely funded through an ACT Government grant for community facilities. Dozens of members contributed to the planning and construction, and the new toilet and ablution areas are greatly appreciated, especially by senior members. The Guild has engaged a professional cleaner to undertake fortnightly cleaning of the toilet and amenities areas.

New Equipment – Over recent years, the Guild has carefully saved its funds and utilised several grants to purchase much-needed equipment, enhancing facilities for members’ use. During this year the Guild acquired:

- **Festool Saw** – a compound mitre saw, and integrated Festool dust extractor, were installed in the area vacated by the sale of the old drop-saw. The Furniture SIG constructed in- and out-feed ‘wings’ to enable sawing of longer pieces.
- **Jet Bandsaw** – a new JET bandsaw was purchased which offers better-quality cutting and much improved dust extraction, although the existing bandsaw is being retained for rougher work. The Toy SIG uses both extensively in working on the ‘1000 Toys for Kids’ project.
- **‘Branding Iron’** – an electric branding iron was purchased for imprinting of the Guild logo on woodcraft sold by the Guild. It is also available to members who may wish to apply the Guild ‘brand’ to their woodcraft.

- **Powermatic Helical Thicknesser** – ordered earlier in the year, but only delivered recently. It provides a high-quality finish, low noise during operation, and improved dust extraction.
- **Bar Coding** – The Guild has successfully trialled the use of barcodes on all its sales items. This has increased processing of sales, improved stock control, and accelerated remunerations to sellers. Thanks to Derek Jewell, David Weisser, Lynne Clark, Simon Fisk and David Callan, as well as those who have been trained to use the barcode reader.
- **Notebook Computer** – The Guild replaced its aging donated computer with a new, more powerful one, which is now used for sales, presentations, and other applications.
- **Husqvarna Chainsaw** – A larger model 390 chainsaw was purchased to replace the Guild's old Husqvarna saw, which had failed. A few months later, however, resident expert Bill Hodgetts was able to economically repair the old saw, so the Guild now owns two hardworking chainsaws, for use primarily in wood recovery activities.

Community Support

Fetes – Malkara and Marymead: during the year, we demonstrated woodworking, sold members' products and donated proceeds to these community organizations to help the disadvantaged.

Bungendore Library – member Owen Stewart built a large model 'locomotive' and suitable wheels to enhance the Library's children's book display by transforming it into a 'train' with three 'carriages' of books. The Guild donated the materials, while Owen generously gave of his time and considerable skills. The Guild's contribution, suitably embellished by painter Tim Snowden, was acknowledged in a public ceremony at the Library on Wednesday, 7 September.

Clare Holland House – Following an approach from the Hospice, the Guild agreed to repair and restore nine wooden benches and a table for use outside the Hospice by patients and visitors. The Guild donated the skills and time of its members, and the wood and finishes, to complete this job. Thanks to Mike Nash, Terry O'Loughlin, Stuart Story, Don Orr, John Winter and others for their sterling efforts, which included some reconstruction. The final bench should be completed in September 2011.

Membership

42 new members joined in 2010-11, making a total membership of just over 200 by year's end.

Life Membership – This year the Guild conferred Life Membership on Peter Bloomfield and Keith Houston, in recognition of their leadership, extensive contributions, and dedication to achieving the Guild's objectives. Peter was instrumental in getting the Shed built in the first place; and Keith led the construction of the wood-drying sheds and the Smithy. Both have served as President of the Guild, led SIGs, and featured prominently in working bees and other Guild activities over many years.

Guild Timber Supplies

Robin Cromer has led a concerted effort this year to refresh and extend the Guild's timber supplies. He has methodically discarded unsuitable wood, and replaced it with a variety of species which are being seasoned in our drying sheds. In addition, Robin and assistants, notably Bruce McKenzie, have dressed an enormous quantity of timber for sale to members during the year. Graham Hargense has also given invaluable support through generous donation of his time, truck and portable Lucas Mill for wood salvage and slabbing. Sale of this wood has become a significant source of Guild income.

Guild Activities

Demonstrations and Sales Events – During the year, Guild Members participated in several events with the aim of attracting public interest to woodworking. A number of visitors to these events subsequently joined the Guild, and members also benefited through selling their wood products (on which the Guild received a 10% commission). Events included:

- Canberra Home and Leisure Show (October 2010)
- Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston (November and December 2010 – sales only)
- Royal Canberra Show (February 2011)

- National Folk Festival (April 2011)
- Timber & Working with Wood Show (September 2010 and 2011)

Training and Workshops – Emphasis was placed on enhancing the frequency and scope of training at the Guild during the year. Courses were offered in pyrography, woodturning, and the use of basic hand tools. All were well attended, and are likely to be ongoing activities at the Shed. Also, a new ‘cross-cultural’ activity – a ‘Creative Weekend’ – was organised by Richard Raffan. It brought together about a dozen members from different interest groups, who worked individually and collaboratively on a variety of quirky and challenging projects over a weekend. The atmosphere was filled with excitement; ideas flowed wildly; and great fun was had by all. Overall, an unforgettable two days; and participants came away with a fresh outlook and new friends. I hope it will become an annual event.

Safety – The Guild’s Safety Officer, Ted Riesz, has had a busy time, reviewing and updating our fire safety plan; renewing our fire extinguisher maintenance program; and reporting on a several incidents in the Shed involving injury (fortunately, all involved recovered successfully). Machine safety has been reviewed, and steps taken to ensure that there will not be any repeat of the problems revealed by the incidents.

Commissions – The Guild has received a number of requests for construction of wooden projects through the year. Where appropriate, these have been passed on to members to complete individually. In a few instances, the Guild undertook the commissioned works, and payment was to the Guild. Terry O’Loughlin completed an entertainment unit for one person, and donated the \$400 fee to the Guild. Frank Maconochie has undertaken the construction of a carved extension of the Battle Honours Board for 816 Squadron at HMAS Albatross, Nowra (the Guild will receive a commission from this). Other minor commissions were also completed during the year.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) – The Guild has continued its established practice of hosting the meetings of SIGs in the Shed, and encouraging their work through providing improved facilities. I congratulate the SIG Coordinators for their commitment to their respective woodworking specialty, and especially the Toy SIG for its huge commitment and contribution toward the “1000 Toys for Kids” project.

Financial Health of the Guild

The 2010–11 Financial Year was very beneficial to members. Surplus funds, which had been carefully accrued over several years, were applied to improving the Guild’s facilities and equipment this year. The Treasurer’s Report, presented separately, will highlight that we invested more than we received as income during the year. Nevertheless, the Guild finished the financial year with a comfortable bank balance, and a strong membership base which will ensure that coming years will be financially sound.

Guild Committee

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the 2010-11 Guild Committee: Fred Buckley (V-P), Satnam Singh & Mike Peel (Secretary), David Weisser (Treasurer), David Callan, Lynne Clark, Robin Cromer, Keith Houston, Mathew Klein, Mike Nash, Ted Riesz, and Owen Stewart. The Committee worked very hard and in a highly cooperative, though at times lively, manner throughout the year. My thanks also to Rod Tier (Librarian, Newsletter Editor and Public Officer); and special thanks to two dedicated members who gave so much of their time to the Guild during the year – Terry O’Loughlin (Shed Boss) and Bruce McKenzie (Factotum Extraordinary) turned up every week, tirelessly working for the Guild!

I take this opportunity to encourage all Members to continue supporting the Guild; to use the Guild’s facilities regularly; and to participate in as many Guild activities as possible in the coming year.

Dan Steiner, President

10 September 2011

Financial Statement

Woodcraft Guild ACT Inc

Summary of Income and Expenses 2010 - 2011

INCOME - Highlights

Membership Fees	\$10,170
Fund Raising	\$29,631
Timber sales	\$ 4,788
Estate sales	\$11,727
Bank Interest	\$ 1,334
Miscellaneous (Shed hire; door contributions; Guild shop sales)	\$ 3,257
Other income (projects, tool sales)	\$ 4,171
TOTAL INCOME	\$65,078

EXPENSES - Highlights

Operating Costs (rent, electricity, insurance, repairs, maintenance)	\$10,622
Bank Fees - EFTPOS costs	\$ 1,022
Exhibition, courses, etc	\$ 9,937
Newsletter & postage	\$ 972
Payments to sellers (sales other than WWW Show & to estates)	\$25,812
Equipment purchases	\$ 6,322
Disabled Toilet - CASH only to 30 June	\$ 7,089
Miscellaneous (all other costs): coffee/tea biscuits & drinks; Guild shop costs; minor equipment & timber acquisition	\$16,203
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$77,979

NET RESULT for YEAR **-\$12,901**

Guild Bank Balances as at 30 June 2011

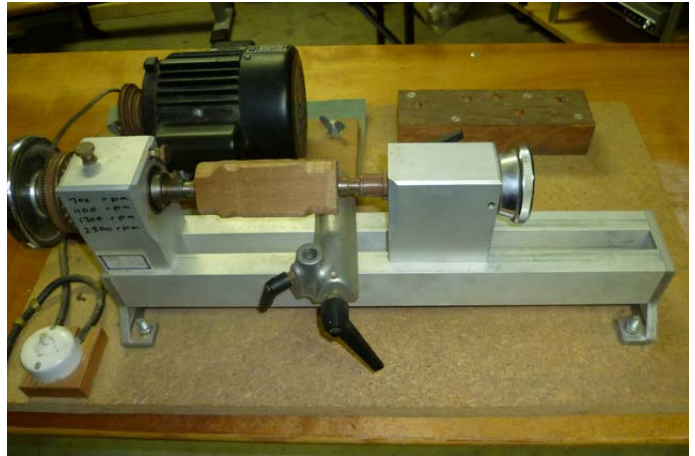
Cheque Account	\$ 5,590
Savings Account	\$20,958
TOTAL	\$26,547

FOR SALE

MINI-LATHE

Four speeds, 1/6th HP, portable. Asking price **\$150**, negotiable.

Contact **Laraine** in Mittagong on **0414 614 088**



Carba-Tec MC900 LATHE

Complete with stand; variable speed control (Reeves Pulley system); faceplate; SuperNova chuck; 8 turning tools (6 Hamlet and 2 P&N); woodturning books (3 x Richard Raffan; 2 x Mike Darlow). Asking price **\$1,100** for the lot.

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WORKSHOP RATIONALIZATION SALE

Karim Haddad of **Tharwa Valley Forge**, 11 Johnson Street, Tharwa, has emailed us to advise that he has done a bit of a workshop rationalization, making way for some new upgrades to the workshops, and will hold a **Garage Sale** on **Sunday, 25 September from 7 am to 12 noon**, that might be of interest to Guild members.

Items on sale will include:

- A range of single phase motors;
- Various vices, including leg vices;
- Miscellaneous hammers and forge tools;
- A small anvil;
- A drill press;
- Tools for working with wrought iron and mild steel (spiral-makers, twisters, benders);
- Other miscellaneous bits that will emerge as he gets closer to the date.

Contact **Karim** on **0418 165 433** for more detail.

WANTED TO BUY

Two-person crosscut saw, in working condition, for cutting pyrography slices off logs.

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