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General Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next general membership meeting Saturday, June 5. Besides business items—including, we hope, an announcement about a possible site for our community wood-shop—we will have an exciting program about craftsmanship.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. June 5 in the Kallgren Room, at the northwest corner of the Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center, 402 Brien Drive, across from Waterfront Park.

Website

We have our website up and running at last. It is a work in progress and are always open to ideas to improve it and material to up on it. Keep checking back to see what is new.

If you would like to write an article for the website or have any suggestions for things we could add please contact Jeanne Huber at huber001@aol.com with your thoughts.
www.bainbridgecommunitywoodshop.org

Fund Raising Brainstorming Session

May 15, from 2-4:00 PM.

On May 15, from 2-4:00 PM, Dave and Denise Kircher will host a Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop fund-raising brainstorming session at their home near Island Center/Fletcher Bay. All interested members are welcome to join us in this session. During this time we will get to know each other a bit more, and share ideas on what 3 or 4 discrete things we can do this year to raise funds for our group and to raise awareness of what cool things our group is trying to accomplish for Bainbridge Island residents and woodworkers.

If you are interested in joining us for this spirited conversation, please e-mail Dave and Denise at d2kircher@msn.com.



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Member Survey

The Education Committee started sponsoring classes this winter through the Parks and Recreation District. These included classes on table saw safety, gluing techniques, an introduction to hand and power tools, and lumber from local logs (coming up on May 15th). In order to help us develop future classes, we put together a survey where you can tell us about your interests. We're hoping that this will lead to classes that fit your needs and desires.

The survey consists of six questions that ask about specific tools, techniques, and projects. There's also a place to indicate if you'd like to lead a class in the future. The survey is simple to complete. Just check the appropriate box or fill in information in a text box, then click on the next button at the bottom of the page. If you don't want to answer a question or part of a question, you don't have to.

To access the survey, just click on this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KMNQRBX>

If you get a chance, please take a minute or two and complete the survey. It will really help us.

Demonstration Program

Hidde Van Duym, a Bainbridge resident who serves on the board of directors of Craft in America, will take us into the wood-shops of the late Sam Maloof and other influential woodworkers by showing segments of a PBS documentary series about craftsmanship. Then Hidde will lead a discussion about craftsmanship. We'll discuss how modern tools and techniques affect traditional crafts such as wood-working, and how crafts people relate to their materials—the "Soul of a Tree" idea that woodworker George Nakashima used as the title of his book. (Nakashima is also featured in the series.) This is a touring exhibition. It was at the Museum of Contemporary Craft in Portland, July-September 2007.

Cynthia Sears, another Bainbridge resident who has served on the board of Craft in America, may also join us.

Craft in America is now filming its third season for PBS. Besides the Peabody-award-winning TV series, the Los Angeles-based non-profit also has sponsored an exhibition about craftsmanship, opened a study center devoted to the topic, and published an illustrated book, "Craft in America: Celebrating Two Centuries of Artists & Objects." A copy of this coffee table book, by Random House, will be given out as a door prize at our meeting.

If you want to learn more about the programs, check out the organization's website, www.craftinamerica.org.





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President's Note

We are getting closer to achieving one of our most difficult objectives: finding a site for our wood shop. We are in serious discussions with another island non-profit to site the shop in a central island location. More on this as things develop.

After many months of work and dialog with the IRS, we finally did receive our tax exempt, 501c3 status. This will help immeasurably with potential donors, both for in-kind contributions, donated tools, and individual and organizational contributions.

The number of individuals interested in joining our group continues to increase, but at a slower pace, given how long it is taking for us to get a wood shop up and running.

We will pursue the community service program, helping low, fixed income and disabled people with wood work projects. Our referral agencies, Helpline House, Housing Resources Board, Interfaith Care-giver Volunteers, and the Senior Center, continue to refer clients to us. The Yeomalt Cabins windows are now finished and we are waiting for park district personnel to tell us when the installation date is set.

Peter Eddy, our education coordinator, is working on the development of more wood working classes. These classes will be sponsored by the park district or by our organization.

Roger Lauen, President
Bainbridge Island Community Wood-shop

Board Meeting Minutes - 4/18/10

(In the future we plan to put our board meeting minutes on our web site, stay tuned.)

Present: Wayne Blair, Tim Corcoran, Jeanne Huber, Bob King, Dave Kircher, Denise Kircher, Dale Spoor, and (by phone) Roger Lauen
Absent: John Allen

1. We discussed progress on finding a site for a community wood-shop and hope we will be able to make an announcement soon.
 2. We discussed how to get Wayne the help he wants so he knows how to set up our books and what we need to file for state and local taxes etc.
 - Jeanne said Eric Cederwall, a local accountant, recommended getting the QuickBooks program customized for non-profits because it helps ensure that records are kept in categories that match the ones we will need to report on to the IRS.
 - The IRS is having a seminar for small and mid-size 501c3 non-profits in Seattle; info at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96083,00.html>. Roger said he would attend.
 - We need to file the e-postcard (990-N) federal tax form for non-profits by May 15.
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3. Our communication plans.

A) Website. We discussed whether to empower numerous people or just a few to add content to the website, which is now at <http://stage.studiowhat.net/bicw/> but will move soon to www.bainbridgecommunitywoodshop.org. The consensus was to have many people generating content, but have only a few people actually post it. Denise said she would like to learn how to do it; Jeanne said she would be happy to show her.

B) We agreed to send out a monthly newsletter by email using the Constant Contact format. Bob King will coordinate this.

4. Membership.

A) Roger agreed to find someone to be membership director. This person will be responsible for keeping the membership list up to date and for distributing the membership list to the members.

B) We agreed to have members fill out a questionnaire so we learn what skills people have for community service projects, courses, etc. Roger has written a draft.

- We discussed adding questions about how people want to be contacted, whether it's OK to circulate their contact info within our organization, and when they might be available for community service work.
- The questionnaire can be put on the website. We discussed asking everyone now on our mailing list, as well as future recruits, to sign up this way.
- We also agreed to continue just passing the hat at membership meetings rather than charge dues, for now.

5. We agreed to have the next general membership meeting on a Saturday morning in late May or June.

A) Roger will ask Frank Buxton to make a presentation about "Craft in America," a PBS series he worked on. If he agrees, we will set the date to accommodate that.

B) Denise suggested this agenda:

- PowerPoint showing our possible wood-shop location, with maps.
 - Walk-through of our website
 - Schedule of fund-raising activities
 - Discussion about communication plan: website, newsletter, membership list.
 - Announcements about what's happening in the next quarter (Suggestion: Participate in the Harvest Fair, typically held in September at the Johnson Farm.)
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- Planning for a social event. (Suggestions: Event at the Johnson Farm, open house at a wood-workers' shop, tour and open house at Coyote Woodshop's sawmill.)

6. We discussed fundraising events.

A) Jeanne will explore with the Rotary Club the possibility of offering a fix-it service for wooden items bought at the auction. People would still pay for items as usual, with all the money going to Rotary, but if people wanted us to make repairs, our organization would get the money for that.

B) Denise will explore options for participating in the July 4 street-fair, with an info-only booth, a booth with sales, or a booth with raffle tickets for a boat purchased from the woodworking program at South Seattle Community College.

C) Denise and Dave Kircher will host a brainstorming session from 2-4 PM. on a Saturday at their house. Tentative date: May 8. Jeanne to check on whether this date works for her, since agenda would include planning for the Rotary event, if Rotary is agreeable to the idea.

7. We agreed to change meeting times to the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at Bob King's house, beginning May 17. The change is "permanent," not just for the couple of months when John Allen's schedule conflicted with the previous meeting time.

8. Wayne reminded people to read the latest draft of the project service agreement and said it's ready to be adopted or taken over by someone else. People said they would look at in the next few days and provide any comment directly to Wayne.

9. Dale said he recently borrowed a portable chainsaw mill to slab up some alder and is interested in making more lumber from downed trees, if anyone hears of any. He also suggested that we might eventually want to buy a mill for members to use.
