



# Newsletter

Bainbridge Island  
Community Woodshop

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The slide built by the BICW at this year's Harvest Fair

## Who We Are

Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop exists to bring woodworkers together to learn from and share with each other as we help our community. We have an active community service program and have begun offering classes through our local parks and recreation department. We are also working on our big dream: building and running a community woodshop of about 4,000 square feet.

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## Two Important Meetings in November

The next BICW meeting is Saturday, November 13th, in the Commons Room, 370 Brien Drive. Preliminary plans for the woodshop we hope to build at the Johnson Farm will be unveiled. The building committee is eager to hear your comments and suggestions. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. Coffee will be ready at 8:45 a.m. You'll also be able to sign up as an official member of the club. (See below.) We hope to see you all there.

Two days later, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, the city will hold a public meeting in the council chambers at City Hall to solicit comments from the public on our proposal. People will be able to comment on any aspect, including whether this is a wise use of taxpayer-purchased property. We're hoping to have a large, enthusiastic audience. While we don't want to drown out other voices, we are part of the public, too, so please put this meeting on your calendar and speak up, if you're so inclined.

If you can't make either session but have thoughts about the building or site plan, please contact Jeanne Huber, chair of the building committee, at [jeanne.huber@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.huber@gmail.com), or phone 780-1246.

# Progress on the Woodshop

## Message from Roger Lauen

We are continuing our efforts on two fronts:

1. Preparation for our submittal to the city for our conditional use permit for the site at the Johnson Farm Property. This involves testing the soil at the site to see if it is adequate for a foundation, meeting fire suppression regulations for adequate water (1500 gal/minute for 2 hours), testing the permeability of the soil for drainage, additional meetings with neighbors, and so on. We'll discuss this more at the next general membership meeting on November 13th.

2. Fund-raising. We made a major league pitch to the Rotary Club (Honey Committee) about two weeks ago. This involved developing a polished presentation with lots of facts and figures. Our overall financial goal has grown to over \$600,000. The explanation for the increase cost projections are all related to developing the site, and most of that is related to lack of city water. If we had city water at the site the cost would decrease at least \$100,000. We will submit a grant request to the Seattle Foundation (specifically for Keith Birkenfeld funds) in a few months; their deadline is in March. We'll find out, hopefully by November 13th, what the Rotary Club decides.

Speaking of money, we need more money. Within the next 30 to 60 days, we need \$9,062 (\$4,770 for admin conditional use permit fee; \$1,272 design review fee estimate; \$2,300 geo tech cost, \$720 for excavating) for costs related to our conditional use permit. We are trying to complete all the preliminary work prior to submitting the formal and complete application by early December. Our board of directors have made financial pledges of \$50,000. I asked the board to write a check for 10% of their pledges two weeks ago. Thus far we have made some headway but we need your help and donations.

## Become a Member

Until now, the Bainbridge Island Community Woodshop hasn't had a formal membership process, just an email list. It's time for us to graduate to having actual dues-paying members. We need this as we approach foundations for grants to build a community woodshop at the Johnson Farm. A formal membership list will also help build our club into a community where more sharing and learning takes place.

For now, dues will be \$40 a year. If you sign up now, you will be paid up through 2011. (Once the shop opens, dues will be set on a sliding scale to cover operating costs. We think they will be \$15-\$30 a month.)

What do you get for your \$40?

- 1. The membership roster:** When you sign up, you will fill out a membership form that lists the contact information and interests you wish to share with other club members. Dick Culp, the club's membership chair, will compile the information and share the roster with club members only. Use the roster to contact other club members, share tips and tools, ask questions, etc.
- 2. Special interest groups.** The club will organize special interest groups based on the membership information. Members with a passion for hand tools can plan outings or seminars, or simply share tips. Several people who are interested in building tables can discuss design ideas, purchase wood, and lend a hand when needed.
- 3. The newsletter:** The club's e-mail newsletter, which will come out monthly (more or less), will keep you informed about the Community Woodshop -- progress reports at first and activities after it opens. The newsletter will also contain information about classes and events of interest to woodworkers.
- 4. Discounts.** We are lining up merchants willing to give club members a discount on woodworking-related purchases. First up: Edensaw in Port Townsend.
- 5. Quarterly meetings.** Each meeting will feature a program on a woodworking-related topic. Members suggest topics and help plan programs.

To pay your dues, please sign up at the meeting on November 13th, or you can write a check for \$40 and send it to our Treasurer, Wayne Blair, 16550 Agate Point Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. Membership information forms will be available at the meeting or can be found at the BICW website by [clicking here](#).

## Other items

**Harvest Fair:** The wood workers, lead by Dale Spoor, volunteered to set up the kid's slide for the Harvest Fair, held at the Johnson Farm on Sunday, September 26th. It was an elaborate, challenging task. We started on Thursday and got most of it up, then Dale and others finished it up on Friday and Saturday. Sunday looked like rain early in the morning but when the Fair opened at 11 AM was just about the time the rain stopped. We had a booth at the Fair and many people stopped by -- 59 people signed up as potential members. The kids loved the slide; over a 6 hour period the waiting line for the slide never disappeared. Thanks to all the people who volunteered, both in constructing, running, and taking down the slides, and for being at the booth.



Dale Spoor and the slides at the Harvest Fair

**Classes:** This fall we sponsored three classes through the BI Parks and Recreation Department. Two of those classes have been completed. Thanks to Matt Harrell for giving an introductory class in SketchUp for Woodworkers, and to Dick Culp for giving a class on Hand Tool Sharpening. The third class, Bob Spangler's class on shop-made jigs, takes place on October 30th. Details on that class are available at the Parks and Rec website: <http://www.biparks.org/index.html>.

We are always looking for new teachers and classes. The survey we did in the spring shows that most topics are of interest to many people. If you're interested, please contact Peter Eddy at [eddyfam@ix.netcom.com](mailto:eddyfam@ix.netcom.com), or at 206-842-8688.

### Upcoming Events:

November 6 - 7: The Port Townsend Woodworkers Show, American Legion Hall, corner of Water and Monroe Streets, Port Townsend. Info at <http://www.splintergroup.org>

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November 12 - 14: The Woodworking Show, Portland Metropolitan Expo Center, Portland,

OR. Info at

<http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/Home/PortlandOR/tabid/85/Default.aspx>

**Newsletter:** If you know of something that you think would interest other BICW members, please inform the Newsletter Editor, Sam Bardelson, and he can put it in the next Newsletter. Sam can be reached at [stbard@mac.com](mailto:stbard@mac.com).

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