

Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

October Meeting — Thursday, October 1

October 1st is our next meeting, which is in the Woodshop, Newbury Park Highschool. I hope to see you all there!

September Recap

At our September meeting John explain one of his methods in box building. We showed a short video of John using his jigs to create the box joints. Thank you, John, for sharing your process and recording your video.

Tool Share / Club Treasury

At our next meeting Aaron will bring donated tools to share with our members. If there is a treasure that you cannot live without or you just think you need it, pull out some green backs and donate them to the club's treasury. Everyone will win this way.

Program: Finishing Techniques — Aaron Zwirn

Speaking of our next meeting, our own Aaron Zwirn, will be presenting some techniques that he has recently learned in his finishing class at Cerritos College and through independent research. He will bring some finishing samples and explain how he accomplished his different processes.

If you have questions, please ask them. If Aaron does not know, I am sure there will be others that can share their knowledge on what and how they might approach the objective. It is a great opportunity to share and discuss everyone's experiences and preferences in regard to wood finishing. Finishing is one of those never-ending woodworking discussion items, just like sharpening. You don't want to miss this one!

Shop Tour — Saturday, October 10

Mark your calendars for October 10th for a shop tour of Robert Wilson's shop. We will meet at 10:00 am and be done around noon. This is a great way to get ideas to incorporate into your own shop. We will have a sign up at the next meeting so Robert can do some planning. More details at the meeting like his address.

November Meeting — Thursday, November 5

At our November 5 meeting our own Mark Raudonis will introduce us to the "Shaper Origin." Shaper Origin is a handheld CNC router designed for woodworkers and makers, combining the precision of a CNC machine with the familiar form factor of a traditional router. He will bring samples of what he has made with this tool and go through the process of setting up the router and executing the process.

Dues

If you still need to get your dues paid up to date, please see Mark Raudonis and fill out your form, updating any information that might have changed, so we can keep our records accurate. Dues are \$60 cash, check, payable to CVWA.

Remember it cost money for our meeting room, insurance coverage, supplies, website each month and dues are CVWA's primary source of revenue.

Holiday Potluck — Friday, December 5

Mark your calendar for this year's Potluck Holiday Party, once again at Mike and Christine Gorn's home on December 5th. More details to follow.

Show and Tell

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, don't forget your Show and Tell and bring a woodworking friend and share the fun. Look around and see if you have some projects that you finished that you could share with everyone. Please bring them and explain how and what you finished them with.

A look back at summer in the club — picnic season, member projects, and time in the shop.

July

Summer was in full swing. Scott's July note welcomed everyone back to the shop for the long days, and he sent regrets for missing the June hand-cut dovetails session after a trip to Spain and Portugal. The July 3rd meeting included Robert Wilson discussing a club project, and members were asked to think about what excites them about their shops and how they make the space work.

August — Summer Picnic

No regular August meeting. Instead the club held the annual summer picnic on Saturday, August 9th, hosted by Frank and Una Sinsheimer, with about 30 people signed up. Thank you to Frank and Una for opening their place to everyone.

Sam Maloof House Tour

Members visited the Sam Maloof historic house and studio — a chance to stand next to the work of one of America's best-known studio furniture makers.



The sculpted wood spiral stair.



Looking toward the loft and studio light.



A member trying a chair in the Maloof house.



Trying out a Maloof-style rocking chair.

And Finally...

For the sharpeners in the room.

Why sharpeners always obsessed about paper? 😊

Anyone cooking like this?

