

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

The Bladerunner

Interview with Howard Johnson President of Conejo Valley Woodworkers' Association

Howard was the former owner of the Thousand Oaks Woodsmith Franchise. When the franchise closed, Howard wanted to maintain the contacts among local woodworkers who attended the woodsmith classes. He became one of the founders of the CVWA.

Worst experience: When headquarters sold the Woodsmith Company, closing local stores.

Best Experience: Howard built a birch bookcase for 25th anniversary. The bookcase was so massive that when the new carpet was installed, the workers couldn't move it out of the room.

Woodworking Tip: Think ahead. Don't be in a hurry. Don't try to work too fast.

Best Deal you've found for "stuff.": His best find was when his son-in-law found good hardwood on the dock at Port Huneme. The wood was used as stickers and spacers on container ships. "Be a good scrounger, it's fun!" Another favorite source is the close-out bin at Home Depot.

If I had to start over....

What would I buy first? Powered hand tools such as a saber saw, drill, sander, or router.

What would I build first? "Smaller book cases!"

What is Howard's "Dream Tool?" "If I had all the cash, I would buy a super-nice table saw like the Unisaw."

Ideas for developing skills: Set aside time for regular work. Set goals on learning new tools and techniques. Have a buddy come over and do some work together. That is the way to learn something new.

- Interview by Eduardo de la

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<http://www.woodweb.com/>

Woodweb is intended to be a bulletin board for woodworkers. Numerous woodworking articles, reference sources, and store catalogs are or will be available. The web site is still under construction so you may have difficulty accessing certain addresses.

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Please contact Ira for submissions, suggestions, and comments. All inputs for the newsletter are needed by the 15th of the month before the meeting.

Let's all meet at the River!

May 3,4, and 5

Trip to Laughlan Nevada

Bar-b-que at Duane's house on the river, May 4'th.
You provide your lodging and transportation.
Call Howard or Duane so we can plan a great time.

Discounts for Conejo Valley Woodworkers

The following businesses are offering discounts to members of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers' Association:

Mayan Hardwood, Inc.

Moving from the present location at

2930 N Los Olivos, Oxnard

to:3130 Paseo Nereado, Oxnard.

phone: 805-981-4555

Until the move in mid April, any wood purchased by a club member will receive a 5% discount.

More announcements coming!!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

April 20: Harbor Freight and Salvage Saturday Sale: Location at 3491 Mission Oaks B'lv. (Near Ventura Fwy. at Dawson)

April 19-20-21 - Southern California

Woodworking Show; L.A. County Fairplex

White and McKinley Aves., Pomona, CA

Program with directions, vendor coupons and \$1.00

discount on entrance will be available at the April

Meeting. Free workshops planned for the show are:

Table Saw Techniques

Bandsaw Techniques

Scrapers and Planers

Router Jigs and Fixtures

Weekend Projects

Wood Adhesives

Building a Wall Unit

Building a Table

Building a Wooden Boat

Fish Carving

Caricature Carving

Decorative Carving

Carousel Carving

There are also 3-hour seminars (cost about \$75.)

For more information call 1-800-826-8257

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