

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Remember NEW MEETING LOCATION

Our new meeting place is Redwood Intermediate School. The school is located on Camino Manzanas, off Gainsborough Rd. between Moorpark Road and Lynn Road. See the map on the first sheet next to the list of meeting dates.

MAKITA DEMONSTRATION

A representative from Makita will be present to demonstrate new Makita woodworking tools and to answer any questions about the tools and their uses.

CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

At this meeting teams working on Christmas toys. A variety of toy plans are available. The toys will be donated to the Ventura County Rescue Mission. The Mission attends to the needs of about 2000 children who are living in poor conditions. The CVWA is invited to attend the party to be held around December 22, when the toys will be distributed. (More information in the next issue.)

CVWA BADGES

Orders for Conejo Valley Woodworkers name badges will be taken at the next meeting. The laser-etched wood badges cost \$4.50 each.

CVWA Coupon Book

Support your woodworking group and get discounts for dining, travel, shopping, theater, sports events, and more. A coupon book with discounts of up to 50% is available from Howard Johnson, 805-498-

CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the September prize drawing. The winners are:

Ken Warr	Flush cut saw
Jim Hilferty	Makita Quad Driver
Don Johnson	Vix Bit

ITEMS FOR SALE OR WANTED

Table Saw wanted - Delta Contractors saw or better quality table saw is wanted. Call Steven Case-Pall at 805-491-3660

Shopsmith for sale - A Shopsmith power unit with band saw, drum and disc sanders, lathe, chisels, dado blade, drills, carbide saw blade, etc. Like New: \$ 450. Call Rick: 805-499-4025

Shopsmith equipment for sale - Shopsmith Mark V Model 510 with manuals and instructional videos. Also Shopsmith Power Stand and belt sander, band sander, band saw, scroll saw.

Shopsmith Mark V - \$900, Powerstand and Accessories - \$800. Will sell all for \$1600, or some combination for \$??. Make an offer. Dave Winder (805) 581-3190

Flat surface plate for sale - 1/2" thick X 12" wide X 24" long, flat plate glass finished all sides. Price is \$20. Call Oscoe DeMagri at 805-499-3299.

Jointer-Planer for sale - A jointer planer that needs some repair work is available. Call Brad Ormsby at 805-495-2298.

Steel Roller beds for sale - Four steel roller beds for possible use with a table saw or cut-off saw. The size is 24" wide and 60" long. \$50. each. Call

If you have items for sale, please send a description and the price to the Editor. The "ad" will run for one-month unless you let the editor know that the notice should be continued.

NEW BOOKS

Joining Wood Techniques for Better Woodworking by Nick Engler.

Nick Engler is well known to woodworking enthusiasts. His background as a luthier and a teacher gives us a combination of high skill level and clear instructions. The book has good information on planning for wood movement, preparing materials making simple, reinforced, and interlocking joints, and much material on the versatile mortise and tenon. Projects and plans include a cabinet maker's workbench.

Beginners Guide to Woodworking.

It's easy to forget that we have a broad range of expertise in the Association; from highly skilled commercial woodworkers to newcomers just beginning their fascination with woodworking. It's important that beginners be encouraged to develop their skills. In that light, the newest addition of our NEW BOOKS, cont'd.

growing library is *The Beginners Guide to Woodworking* a richly illustrated volume with over twenty projects designed to develop the basic skills needed to do good woodworking. Hints, materials lists, and color guides are included.

Sanding and Planing

Another Nick Engler book is *Sanding and Planing*. This volume goes into great detail about correct tool adjustment to ensure that the final cuts give the correct face and edge for your projects. The book has helpful information about the simple things we take for granted, such as abrasives and sanding. I found that the "air scrubber" on page 67 is remarkably effective when using a belt or disc sander. Among the projects in this book are one that really appeals to me: a scraper plane. Relatively simple to build, attractive, and a great way to get a fine, flat finish without lot of sawdust, and without the pain of hand scraping, this goes on my "must build" list.

More on the Hazards of Wood Dust

In the September issue, we printed an item on the hazards of wood dust, and a chart on the relative "safety" of different types of wood. Below is an article from the "Wood Doctor is In" at the "Woodworking Times" on the Internet to put some of these issues in better perspective.

Professor Gene Wengert is Extension Specialist in Wood Processing at the Department of Forestry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and answers questions sent to the "Woodworking Times."

Dear Wood Doctor:

I have seen some comments on rec. woodworking about the dangers of breathing wood dust, but none have been very specific. I posted a specific question, but got no responses except one wise-guy who said, "Breathing wood dust is bad for you." Thanks a lot."

Could you give me some specific information, or point me to a good article? I am a woodturner who turns almost exclusively hardwoods native to Northeast Ohio: maple (several species), walnut, black cherry, pinoak. Some of what I turn is spalted: what are the specific dangers there? Just how careful do I have to be?

The Wood Doctor Responds:

Regarding the issue of wood dust, one must realize that it both a political and medical issue. The brief history of wood dust is that in England a rare form of nasal cancer showed up in 2 studies (1965 and 1968) and the common denominator seemed to be furniture and cabinet workers, which was translated to wood dust. But the occurrence of the cancer was extremely small, so the study is somewhat questionable at best. Other European studies failed to show a connection. It is worth noting that England processed a large volume of tropical timbers.

In the late 1970s, the National Cancer Institute did a study and found 37 nasal cancers listed as the cause of death; 8 were furniture workers. In

England, a follow-up study failed to find any workers who had nasal cancer, and who worked in a furniture factory after 1945.

What do we know about wood. There are several tropical species that have high silica content. This chemical often results in nasal irritation on many people. There are also many people allergic to dust, molds, and other chemicals in wood.

In the 70s and early 80s, several groups studied the cancer risk from dust. It was weak. Then in 1985, OSHA was prohibited from regulating wood dust under the "nuisance dust" standard. So, OSHA begins the process of regulating wood dust, with a standard in 1989 and a subsequent court ruling making it ineffective, and so it goes today.

The basis for OSHA's initial rules were: 1) the evidence of carcinogenicity of wood is inconclusive; 2) a maximum exposure of 5 milligrams per cubic meter is appropriate for the irritant effects of wood and worker comfort. There was some evidence that softwoods (esp. western red cedar) were worse than hardwoods. Other groups wanted 1 mg/cubic meter.

Hope this helps you decide whether you want to breath wood. I personally use a very good dust filter mask at all times.

Note: A table on Wood toxicity taken from Internet is given on page 3 of last month's Newsletter. If you didn't receive the newsletter and would like to receive a copy, contact the editor.

Did you ever wonder how many woodworking magazines are published?

This is a list of woodworking magazines published in the USA that were compiled and posted on the recreational Woodworking WWW Internet site. The author doesn't guarantee that the list is complete. For those who are interested, here it is:

Woodworking Magazines, cont'd:

- * American Woodworker
- * Better Homes & Gardens WOOD
- * Country Wood Projects
- * Creative Woodworks And Crafts
- * Custom Woodworking Business (CWB)

- * Decorative Woodcrafts
 - * Easy Wood
 - * Fine Woodworking
 - * Furniture Design and Manufacturing (FDM)
 - * Home Furniture
 - * Popular Woodworking
 - * ShopNotes
 - * The American Woodturner (journal of the American Assoc. of Woodturners)
 - * The Family Handyman
 - * Today's Woodworker
 - * Weekend Woodcrafts
 - * Weekend Woodworking Projects
 - * Wood & Wood Products
 - * Woodshop News
 - * Woodsmith
 - * Woodwork
 - * Woodworker: Projects & Techniques (just merged with Pop[ular] Woodworking)
 - * Woodworker's Journal
 - * Workbench
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31275 LaBaya Drive
Westlake Village, CA 91362
818-889-0487

Discount Book Outlet

255 Easy Street, Unit E
Simi Valley, CA 93063
805-582-2665

Eisenbrand Hardwoods

4100 Spencer Street
Torrance, CA 90503
310-543-3576 (Orders: 800-258-2587)

H&M Hardwoods & Moldings

19 Aviator Street (Near 101 and Central)
Camarillo, CA 93010-8314
805-987-3877

Hardwood Specialties

7801 Canoga Ave. #8
 Canoga Park, CA 91304
 818-703-6472

Higgins Hardwoods

524 Pacific
 Oxnard CA 93030
 800-241-1883

Integrity Wood Products

7838 Alabama Ave.(Near Canoga & Strathern)
 Canoga Park, CA 91304
 Phone: 818-704-7490; FAX: 818-704-8912

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3130 Paseo Mercado #101 (Behind Price Club)
 Oxnard, CA 90303
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M&M Hardwoods

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 North Hollywood, CA
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WE NEED YOUR NEWSLETTER INPUTS

- Vendors that offer discounts to club members
- Special topics, questions, or local events
- Items of interest to club members
- Items for sale or items needed

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Contact Ira or Brad for submissions, suggestions, and comments. Inputs for the newsletter are needed by the 15th of the month before the meeting.

Have a Happy
 Thanksgiving!

Conejo Woodworkers Board of Directors