

# Conejo Valley Woodworkers' Association

## DOVETALE NEWS

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### MAY MEETING

#### Hand Planes

At this meeting, Stan Wolpert will cover the use of hand planes, plane terminology, and what features to "look for" [or "watch-out for"] when buying a new or used plane. There will also be a "hands-on" session for everyone to try using some of the different types of hand planes that are available.

#### June Meeting

A DeWalt factory representative will demonstrate some of the new and popular DeWalt tools

Ed Sawoski - Dado Set  
Robert Coyle - Fire Extinguisher  
Howard Wallis - Fire Extinguisher  
Dick Pilling - Ear Protectors

We hope that you enjoy the prizes, and in some cases, never need to use them.

### **MAY MEETING NOTES**

At the May meeting, Stan Wolpert gave a short overview on the materials needed for sharpening tools. After the overview, three work stations were formed. Stan discussed how to sharpen planes and chisels, John Tarpley showed the various jigs for sharpening turning tools, and demonstrated how to use them, and Milt Kretsch showed some simple and effective ways to sharpen and alter drills. Members were able to spend as much or as little time as they desired at each station. Each of the leaders passed on many tips and suggestions.

One of the best features of this meeting was that everyone had the opportunity to ask questions or try to sharpen a tool. Sharpening may take time, but it is easier than it first appears. Stan, John, and Milt, thanks very much for taking the mystery out of sharpening.

### CVWA dues WERE due

Dues for 1997 remain at \$20 per year and were due at the March meeting. Most members have already renewed their membership. The CVWA is a great place to meet woodworkers, discuss problems and projects, and to share experiences. If you haven't paid your dues for 1997 please give your check to the Treasurer at the April. After this letter, those who have not renewed their membership will not receive the Newsletter.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

The members of the CVWA welcome visitors and new members. It was a pleasure to have Craig Fox, a science teacher at Redwood, wood carver, and advocate of TOYS (see below), and Dave Hessler, a model maker, join us at the last meeting

### **OOPS AGAIN:**

Computers are wonderful inventions. They make a lot of work easier. However, computers compound mistakes quickly. That's the long way of apologizing for the wrong map being in the Newsletter last month. I hope no one was inconvenienced.

- Ed.

### **NEW HEADER**

The new header for and the title "Dovetale News" was suggested by Felix Masci for the newsletter. Let us know if you like it. One of our members said that this should make it easier to find the first page.

### **CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

If you have any other ideas for titles or headers, let us know. We're always open to new and innovative suggestions.

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## **FUTURE CVWA PROGRAMS**

At the recent CVWA board meeting, the program chairpeople presented a tentative schedule of topics for future meetings. The topics for May and June are listed in the block at the top of the page. Here is the schedule for the later months.

FUTURE CVWA PROGRAMS, cont'd

### July, 1997 - Spindle Turning - John Tarpley

This presentation will include a discussion of the types of tools that are used for spindle turning and a demonstration of the basic cuts that are needed to rough a turning blank, plane a cylinder, and create decorative beads and coves.

### August 1997 - Preparing a Surface Finish - Club Members

This program will focus on sanding and scraping as methods for surface preparation for applying a smooth finish. The discussion portion will include a description of the types and uses of equipment that is available for preparing the surface. A "hands-on" portion will provide members with the opportunity to prepare a piece of stock and apply an oil finish.

### September 1997 - Finishing - Outside Expert

Following on the August program, the topic of this meeting will be the types of finishes that are available and usable in the home workshop. The presentation will include discussions of the terminology and the methods to apply finishes. If possible, a "hands-on" session will be included for members to try different finishes. Members are encouraged to bring "finish boards." These are boards that show progressive stages of the member's favorite finish. The boards will be displayed during the meeting.

### September/October 1997 - Start Christmas toy project - All interested members.

### October, 1997 - Mortise and Tenon Joints - Club members.

At this meeting, a variety of methods for building mortise and tenon joints will be demonstrated.

These techniques will include the use of a tenoning

jig with a table saw, dedicated mortising machine, and drill press. The "hands-on" session will give members the opportunity to try one or several of the methods.

### November 1997 - Jigs, Fixtures and Show and Tell

Members will be invited to bring jigs and fixtures that they find useful for woodworking tasks. These could be home-built or purchased. The members should explain the construction and use of the jig. In addition, members will also be invited to bring examples of their work for an Instant Gallery. Photos of the pieces will be added to the Club's album.

### December 1997 - Router Class - Presenter to be determined.

This class will cover various aspects of router use, including safety, types of equipment, router tables, bits, and techniques. If possible, a "hands-on" session will provide members with the opportunity to try some of the equipment and techniques.

Other Programs that are being considered for the future are:

- Bowl Turning
- Pool Cue Making
- Woodcarving
- Surface Decoration
- Shop Layout and Design.

### Saturday Workshops and Tours

The CVWA hopes to offer Saturday workshops or shop visits throughout the year. However, none are finalized at this time. They will be announced at a later date.

Members are invited to give the board some input regarding programs or workshops of interest, either as a presenter or a participant. If you have some general or special techniques that you would like to learn or demonstrate, let us know. Your input is valuable and will be appreciated.

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## **MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

### **Barn Raising Project**

The "Barn-Raising Project" at Stephen Case-Pall's

is underway and will commence either in late May or early June. All are welcome: either experienced or those who want to gain experience. We will frame and truss a Mansard roof. Stephen will provide the material, of course. Both "supervisor-types", those who are "hammer-swingers" or "wood holders", are needed. We will have an air-powered framing nailer to make things go fast. Please let Stephen know at the next meeting if you are interested.

### **Lumber Cutting**

Barry Wood needs people to help make lumber from the trees that were recently cut down by the Club. Let Barry know if you are interested. Barry can be reached at 805-527-4022.

### **CVWA BADGES**

Orders for Conejo Valley Woodworkers name badges are being taken at Club meetings. The laser-etched wood badges cost \$4.50 each. Orders will be taken at the meetings.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

To better secure our books, magazines and tapes, a lockable bookcase is being built to keep the collection at Redwood School. The project is underway, and should be completed by this meeting or the next.

At this time, the following books are outstanding. Please return them to the library as soon as possible.

*Encyclopedia of Saw Designs*  
by LaForge

*Woodshop Jigs and Fixtures*  
by Nagyszlanoczy Inventory Number 48

*The Illustrated Handbook of Woodworking Joints*  
by Blandford Inventory Number 59

*The Complete Guide to Sharpening*  
by Lee Inventory Number 49

*Basic Woodworking Techniques*

by Burrows Inventory Number 47  
*The Home Cabinet maker*  
by Burch Inventory Number 62  
*Building Better Beds*  
by Blandford Inventory Number 65  
*Wooden Toys*  
by Craesch Inventory Number 70

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### **DISCOVERY CENTER**

At the April meeting, Craig Fox presented a short description of the proposed Discovery Center, a "hands-on" museum to focusing on science and technology for children of all ages. More information can be found on the museum web site, <http://www.vcnet.com/SciFox>

Many exhibits may include TOYS (a NASA acronym for "Teach our Youth Science!") that demonstrate leverage, center of gravity, simple machines, equilibrium and other concepts. Bill Brandt has a folder of exhibit plans that may be developed., although not all plans are listed.

Craig is looking for craftspersons to create interesting exhibits. The exhibits may be simple or sophisticated, but should be appealing, and aimed at children for "hands-on" experimentation. The exhibits should stimulate curiosity and life-long learning. The exhibits need to be durable.

If you are interested in helping with this project, making exhibits, or would like more information, contact Craig Fox at:

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233 Gainsborough, Thousand Oaks, 91360  
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### **ITEMS WANTED OR FOR SALE**

#### **For Sale**

Carter ball bearing guides for band saw cost new \$325.00 sell, \$150.00, like new.

Live ball bearing center for lathe tail stock never used \$75.00

Contact Simon Smith at 805-497-4954

**Wanted**

Used equipment, including a bandsaw, miter saw, drill press, planer, jointer, and other woodworking equipment.

Contact Marlene Peters at 805-499-1015

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**SEND US 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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