

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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AUGUST MEETING

Preparing a Surface Finish - Club Members

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

If you have a special or interesting technique, share it with our fellow members.

September Meeting

Scrapers-Club Members

This program will be devoted to sharpening and using scrapers for smoothing wood surfaces. If you have a cabinet scraper and would like to learn to use it effectively, or to form a good sharp edge, bring it to the meeting. [Please note, the meeting on finishing, previously scheduled for September, is delayed.]

Cabinet Shop

A trip to a cabinet shop, Oak Crafters, 2628 Lavery Court, # 404, is scheduled for 9 am, on August 9. The shop is located near Grandpa's Woodshop. More details will be provided at the August meeting.

JULY MEETING NOTES

At the July meeting, Bill Brandt described and demonstrated the basics of wood turning. He demonstrated placing the wood on the lathe, rounding the wood, and forming coves and beads. During the meeting he pointed out key safety issues.

The group discussion was excellent, beginning and experienced wood turners all had good questions or interesting points to present.

Before the presentation, Howard Ford continued last month's discussion of wide dados, and showed a simple and elegant jig for routers.

Wood Carving Classes

Channel Islands Carvers classes for beginning carvers will begin on September 3 at 6:00 PM at the Balboa Junior High School wood shop (room 73). The school is located at Hill Street and Woodland Ave., near Victoria Ave. and Telegraph Rd. When we receive more information, it will be included in the newsletter.

Cypress available

The City of Port Hueneme will cut down a 375 year-old Cypress. The Trunk is 5'-6' in diameter to about 30', where its branches - greater than 1' diameter - start. The city is willing to give this tree to anyone who will make good use of the wood. At our meeting on Thursday, Gene West will show some pictures of the tree and discuss how the wood might be used.

Walnut

Five types of Walnut trees are native to the US. The most well know is the Black Walnut which grows in the Northeast, and is a favorite for fine woodworking. Others are the Arizona Walnut, which is a tall, but shrubby tree that grows in Arizona, Texas, and Mexico, and the Little Walnut which is a shrubby tree (20'-30') that grows principally in Texas.

The two species native to California are the Northern California Walnut, also called Hinds Walnut, and the Southern California Walnut. The Hinds Walnut is 50' to 60' tall, with a 2' diameter

trunk. Often, English (European) Walnut is grafted to the Hinds Walnut to improve the nut crop. The Southern California Walnut is a bushy tree with multiple stems, and grows to 15'-50'.

Walnut trees can be easily distinguished by their leaves or fruit, but the woods are similar. There are fine color and structure differences between the European and American Walnuts. Butternut is a member of the Walnut family.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
WOODWORKING SUMMER**