

# CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

## *The Bladerunner*

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### NOVEMBER MEETING

#### Caning Chairs and other Furniture -Nov. 5

This month Mike Frank, owner of Frank's Rush and Cane Supplies in Huntington Beach, will present a program on caning. Mike gave a presentation on caning to the group about two years ago. He planned to return last June, but other obligations prevented this. With all of the new members and new interests, we thought this would be interesting to a large group.

Mike's business gathers materials from around the world and offers supplies, instruction, and professional caning. Mike usually brings woodworking literature, examples of many types of caning materials, and catalogs for his business. He will discuss various types of caning and weaving for chairs and other items of furniture. He'll also bring some demonstration pieces. Come prepared with your questions and learn about cane and rush work

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY -Dec. 6

This year's Christmas party will be a "pot-luck" at Stephen Case-Pall's home, 11550 Charisma Court (805-491-3660). It will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM. Stephen's home is located off Santa Rosa Road. From Santa Rosa road, turn north onto Penelope, then make a right at the T-intersection on Charisma.

### WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

We welcomes our guest, Roy Williams, and new member, John Von Buelow at the October meeting. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and the group. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

### CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS

Bessey Clamps (pair) - Russ LaPorte  
Master Level - Ira Goldberg  
One-month discount card- Marlene Peters

We hope that you enjoy the prizes.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Entertainment books with coupons for hundreds of dollars in discounts on travel and at local restaurants, theaters, and a wide variety of stores in the Conejo Valley, Oxnard, and Ventura are available from Howard Johnson for \$28. The usual cost of the book is \$38. The books will be available at the November and December meetings.

### CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

CVWA members have been working on the annual Holiday Toy Project. Kurt Kirby (805-529-7546) and Gene Strojek (805-523-3113) are heading the project this year. Interface will be collecting toys through the middle of December. Please bring your projects to the December 3 meeting so they can be photographed and described to the members.

There is still time to work on some of the projects. All kinds of woodworkers are needed: Individuals to work on special toys of their choosing, teams of 3 to 5 woodworkers, and a large team for an "assembly line" to make about 30 or so toys. In addition, donations of good quality softwoods and hardwoods, dowling, and paints and primers are needed. If you are interested in helping out, either making toys or providing materials, let Kurt or Gene know.

### MEETING NOTES

#### September Members' Activities

Bill Waters showed and demonstrated a jig for sharpening a cabinet scraper. The jig is easy to make from a few scraps of wood, and easy to use. The jig is similar to the one described in the October 1997 *Bladerunner*. Felix Masci brought in an elegant toy from Poland. It is a cat with two legs that "walks" down an inclined plane. Since the September meeting topic was "sharpening", Mark Cher brought in some very beautiful wooden planes used by his father.

## Sharpening

Many different techniques for sharpening tools was demonstrated at this meeting. Stan Wolpert led off the discussion by describing different hand sharpening techniques. Historically, the first sharpening stones were natural stones. These were used for centuries. Later, Japanese Water Stones began to replace many of the older stones. Diamond stones are now among the best for hand sharpening. For sharpening a plane iron, Stan prefers to start with a piece of 1/2" plate glass with adhesive backed sandpaper attached to it. He typically uses 120, 150, 220, and 400 grit. This is followed by final sharpening on a waterstone. Honing is done with a strop and compound.

Milt Kretsch showed not only how to sharpen drills, but how to modify them to suit your purposes. As an example, he used a grinding wheel to convert a twist drill into a brad-point drill. The "secrets" are to dress the wheel with a carborundum stone, and when grinding the drill bit, keep the axis lined up with the wheel.

John Tarpley demonstrated sharpening turning tools. He uses a grinding wheel as little as possible because it wears the tool. A good grinding wheel will ring when it is tapped. If it doesn't ring, it probably has internal cracks that can shatter. When you grind a tool, take out about 1/3 of the hollow ground before regrinding.

Brad Ormsby and Duane Nightingale showed different kinds of sharpening systems. Brad demonstrated the Tormex system, and Duane demonstrated the Delta system. These use water flowing over an abrasive wheel to create a hollow grind. Both are very effective.

## September Meeting

### Members' Activities

Do you ever need a pipe clamp with pads that can reach a little further than an inch above the pipe? Bernie Huberman showed how pipe clamps with a few modified plumbing fixtures extend the reach.

Gene West showed a folding table that can be made by blind woodworkers. Pieces are cut, and screw holes are made in the right places. Assembly and some of the finishing can be done by feel. Gene sent a set of plans, and they will appear in the next *Bladerunner*. Gene also showed some moving toys that he made, including a churn, a mother goose, and a frog and fly.

John Tarpley showed two turned toy ideas for the holidays; tops that flip over as they turn, and a game to catch a ball in a cup. The game consists of a predrilled ball, a candle cup, and a turned handle. The ball is placed on a string which is attached to the handle. The handle is placed on the bottom of the cup. The objective is to flip the ball in the cup. He also showed some puzzles for young children that can be made from 1/4" plywood.

## Ring Master

Howard Johnson presented the Ring Master which is a tool that can be used with a variety of lathes or stationary power tools with rotating accessories. The device cuts rings with straight or slanted walls. Some applications are making picture frames, baskets and bowl blanks for turning.

The tool has two knives on either side of a rotating flat board. As the knives cut through the board, they approach each other. Using this arrangement allows thicknesses up to 1 1/2" or 2". Cutting a series of successively smaller rings with slanted sides can make the parts of a collapsible basket. Bowl blanks can be made in a similar way, but with a narrower slant. This is a useful tool for someone who does a lot of turning.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Craftsman Weekend

The "Craftsman" period had a big impact on architecture and furniture making. On Friday through Sunday, Nov. 13-15, the Pasadena Craftsman Weekend offers lectures, tours, furnishing exhibits, and a silent auction. Tours include various Craftsman "Greene and Greene" homes. A few brochures will be available at the meeting. For additional information contact *Pasadena Heritage*, 651 S. St. John Ave.; Pasadena CA 91105-2913, phone 626-441-6333.

### Los Angeles Woodworking Show

The Los Angeles woodworking show will be held November 20-22 at the Pomona Fairplex (Building 4). Beside the vendors there are free and paid seminars. The free workshops and demonstrations are about one-hour, and cover:

#### Bandsaws

Choosing the right blade

Making the Cabriole Leg

Making and Using Circle Cutting Jigs

Bandsaw Boxes

Tuning Bandsaws

Tracking, Tensioning and Slippage  
 Resawing  
 Table Saws  
 Cove Cutting  
 Crosscut Box  
 Table Saw Ripping  
 Guards, Splitters and Push Sticks  
 Kerfing  
 Table Saw Blades  
 Pattern Sawing

**Workshops**

Using Hand Tools      Build a Bookcase  
 Holiday Projects      Caricature Carving  
 Making Decorative Boxes

**Full-Day Seminars (\$95 advance, \$125 at door)**

Successful Furniture Joinery  
 Woodcarving Without Fear  
 Scroll Saw Techniques  
 Jigs and Fixtures

For more information contact The Greater Los Angeles Woodworking Show; 310-477-8521

Copies of the program booklet with exhibitor discount coupons, and \$1-off entry coupons will be available at the November meeting.

**Woodworking Sources for CVWA**

Check out our woodworking suppliers who give discounts to CVWA members. Please inquire to the vendor for details on their products and discounts. Please bring your membership card to receive your discount.

- Conejo Hardwoods**      31275 LaBaya Drive  
    Westlake Vill., 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
- H&M**      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.  
    Canoga Park, CA 91304  
    Ph: 818-704-7490; FAX: 818-704-8912
- Junior's Tools**      813 E. Ventura Blvd.  
    Oxnard, CA 93030  
    Phone: 805-278-0937; Fax: 805-278-3919

- Mayan Hardwoods**      3130 Paseo Mercado #101  
    Oxnard, CA 90303  
    Phone: 800-937-8890;
- M&M Hardwoods**      5433 Vineland (at Chandler)  
    North Hollywood, CA  
    818-766-8325
- Russell's Woodworks**      1922 American Way  
    Ventura CA 93004  
    805-647-7322
- Stubby Chequers**      2696 Lavery Court  
    Newbury Park, CA 91320  
    Phone: 800-617-7147; 805-375-6566

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

Drafting Table: Mayline professional table. Steel construction, elevating top, 1 tool drawer and 1 file drawer. 72" X 44" X 37" H. Asking \$200  
 Contact Ed Bianchi, 805-498-8698

Old power tools – clearing shop:

4" Jointer with cast iron stand  
 bandsaw with extra blades for woodworking  
 8" Hobby Time bench bandsaw with a box of blades  
 12-speed Chicago Industry bench drill press  
 Old air compressor  
 Four 3/4" pipe clamps  
 Contact Ms. Keith 805-523-9717 for information.

Solid Wood Door. Ideal for sturdy workbench, 36" wide, 88 1/2" long. \$25. Contact Norm Peterson, 805-497-7622.

Power tools:

Radial Arm Saw: Sears Craftsman, 10"- \$350.  
 Jig Saw: Antique, cast iron, 24" throat- \$295.  
 Table Saw: Makita, 10", bench-top- \$ 75.  
 Contact Stan Wolpert, 805-379-0388

Table Saw: Sawsmith 2000 with Excaliber fence system. Extras include: Molder head with door edge cutters; dado, molder and "O" clearance inserts; HTC mobile base and extra (new) motor. Paid \$1500 for all. Asking \$600.  
 Contact Duane Nightingale, 818-706-1834.

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