

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

The Bladerunner

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DECEMBER MEETING

Jigs, Fixtures, and Toys -Dec. 3

For this month's meeting, bring your toys, jigs and fixtures. During the past few December meetings, members discussed jigs and fixtures that they used to make toys for the annual Christmas project. Each toy requires special jigs and fixtures. Members make toys in one-a-kind, several at a time, and small assembly lines. Each production method has unique problems that require innovative solutions. Last year members presented some very creative solutions to woodworking problems that can be adapted for many purposes, not only toys. The jigs and fixtures do not need to be used only for the toys.

Most important, bring your toys to the meeting. They will be on display for the club, and collected for Interface.

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 from 2 to 6 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 welcome our guests, Jerry Kossow and Warren Willig to the November meeting. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and the group. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS

3¼ Makita Power Planer - Brad Ormsby

10" Freud finishing blade - Jean Lemoi

We hope that you enjoy the prizes.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

Bring your Christmas toys to the December meeting. They will be displayed for our members and collected for interface. You will also have time to discuss how you made the toy or toys.

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 \$25. The usual cost of the book is \$38. The books will be available at the November and December meetings.

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

Members' Activities

This has been a busy period. Mike DeCaprio brought some interesting ideas and projects. They included a lovely jewelry box, a scroll saw puzzle game that had interlocking "men", and train whistles for the Christmas toys. Mike pointed out that he had some difficulty in drilling the holes deep and straight enough with the drill press, so this step took some extra care. [Note: plans for similar whistles are on the ShopSmith Users' Group web site <http://www.ssug.org/>. - Ed.]

Bob DeMinico and Felix Masci showed a toy that they made for the Christmas toy program, a bear climbing a string.

Russ :Porte and Kent Bowman showed a wagon with a Plexiglass top filled with blocks. Most of the blocks were made of scrap wood pieces.

Gene West has been making mechanical wooden toys for many years. This month he showed marble games and a top spinner. The plans for the top spinner are in this issue. Also, at the October meeting, Gene showed a folding table that he developed so it could be assembled by blind woodworkers. Plans for the table are also in this

issue. If you are interested in similar projects, plans and instructions for a similar folding seat were presented in the Summer 1998 issue of *Home Woodworker*, pp 27-32.

Caning Chairs and other Furniture

In November Mike Frank, owner of Frank's Rush and Cane Supplies in Huntington Beach, presented a program on caning.

Mike's business gathers materials from around the world and offers supplies, instruction, and professional caning. Mike brought examples of many types of caning materials along with catalogs and an instruction book to the meeting. The instruction booklet is very helpful if you plan to cane some furniture.

Mike explained the origin of different types of cane. Cane is generally obtained from Rattan, a tree that grows to 300' height, but is only a few inches in diameter at the base. Wicker is made by pushing the Rattan through dies. The outer bark is made into cane, which can be hand or machine woven.

For demonstrations, Mike showed how to recane a chair using woven cane, and also how to weave a cane seat from individual strands. Since Mike provided instruction booklets that show most of these methods, there is no point in repeating the steps. If you are interested in how to use cane, and did not get a catalog or instruction booklet, write or call:

Frank's Cane and Rush Supply
7252 Heil Ave.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
Phone: 714-847-0707
FAX: 714-843-5645
e-mail: franks@franksupply.com
web site: <http://www/franksupply.com>

Most of the information is also on the web site.

Future Meetings:

At this time the following meetings being planned:

Abrasives – 3M
Safety equipment – 3M
Veneering large surfaces
Veneering materials – Mayan
Auction (February)

We will let you know as plans develop

LETTERS

The Bladerunner doesn't get many letters, either by E- or Snail Mail. If you write it, we'll print it – if we can. The Bladerunner is extremely informal.

Ira,

It's Saturday night and you don't feel like working in the shop so what do you do? Why surf the Web for woodworking sites of course. I just found a great one that I think many of our members will enjoy. It's URL is <http://www.ssug.org/>. This is the ShopSmith Users Group site. They have a lot of information that is ShopSmith specific, but they also have most of the Hands On magazines scanned into the site. As you may know this nifty little magazine had plans for a lot of great projects that could be made with a ShopSmith, but also with other woodworking tools.

Also they operate a mail list and info is available at the site for joining. For those who don't know mail lists are lists of E-mail users who post questions or comments about a specific topic or area of interest. The questions are sent to all members of the list and then each member is free to reply if he/she is interested.

John [Tarpley]

John:

As soon as your e-mail arrived, I checked out the ShopSmith site. It's really good for a quiet Saturday evening. As you said, it does have a lot of good information and free plans. In fact, it has plans for a whistle similar to the one that was shown at the last meeting. It is worth a "bookmark." So you can get to it easily. ---- Ed.

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

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

Table Saw: Sawsmith 2000 with Excaliber fence system. Extras include: Molder head with door edge cutters; dado, molder and "0" clearance inserts; HTC mobile base and extra (new) motor. Paid \$1500 for all. Asking \$600.

Contact Duane Nightingale, 818-706-1834.

Holiday Party

2nd Annual Holiday Pot Luck Social

Sunday, December 6

2-6 PM

at:

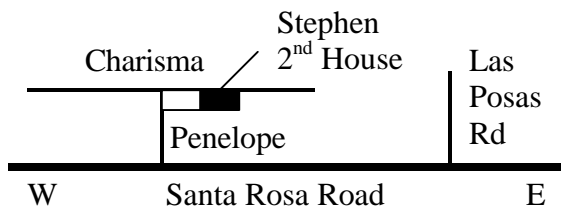
Stephen Case-Pall's

11550 Charisma Ct., Camarillo

Please bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or desert ready to be served, with serving utensils to serve 6 people.

Sign up now: Call Howard Johnson for coordination – 805-498-9316

Beverages will be furnished by CVWA
Casual dress



Woodworking Sources for CVWA

Check out our woodworking suppliers who give discounts to CVWA members. It's a great opportunity to save some money on holiday gifts. 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
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Auction! Auction!! Auction!!!

John Tarpley

While the financial condition of the CVWA is good it would be really nice to develop some cushion for emergencies, unanticipated activities, or for just extra needs that may arise. There are several ways to accomplish this goal. We could have a fundraiser where everyone is required to sell something, but this tends to be too much like work and begging from friends and neighbors. We could raise our dues, but this might negatively impact some existing and/or future members. We could have a project where we would raise additional funds among ourselves and also have fun doing it. Well, the latter idea sounded the best to the BOD so we're going to try an auction.

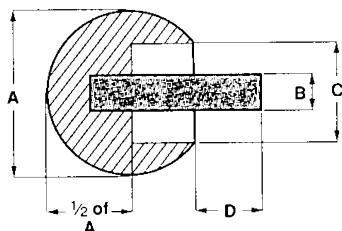
This year's auction will be held during the February meeting. We'd like this to be a fun, social time so feel free to bring your family and also any munchies you'd like to have that evening. The auction itself will be in the form of a White Elephant auction with White Elephants being defined as anything but junk. Clean out your closets of those perfectly good items that you can't use and bring them to the auction. Got some Christmas gifts that don't really suite you? Bring them along. Got duplicate tools that someone else can use? Bring them along. Know one of our suppliers or a friendly shopkeeper that might donate an item? Then be sure to ask and bring the donation along. There will be additional information in the coming newsletters as well as at the meetings, but we want you to start thinking about what to bring. The more of us that participate the more fun it will be. Felix Masci and Stephen Case-Pall have volunteered to help me with the project, but we could use a few more volunteers as the time nears.

Remember this could be a great way to exchange that extra cappuccino maker for something useful like a bench grinder.

Flip Tops

John Tarpley

I've had several requests for the information on the flip tops that I showed at the October meeting. I originally got the plans from a 1997 Lee Valley Catalog and have reproduced the drawings below. It is important to follow all the dimensions. The balls can be purchased at most craft supply locations. For drilling I setup a jig clamped to my drill press table. The jig consists of a board that can be clamped to the table and centered underneath the drill bits. I screwed a V-block to the board to hold one side of the ball and use a matching V-block to hold the other side of the ball. The movable V-block is clamped into position with a toggle clamp. This makes small production runs possible. If you only want to make a few tops you can hold the balls with a wooden screw clamp. Do not attempt to hand hold the balls while drilling. The drill torque will pull the ball out of your hands resulting in a dangerous condition, so use some type of jig or clamping system. A well made top will spin for a few seconds on the bottom of the ball and then the stem will tip over until the stem is the base and the top will continue spinning. Remember that young children could swallow small balls so don't allow young children to play with them unsupervised.



A	B	C	D
1"	1/4"	5/8"	1/4"
1 1/4"	1/4"	3/4"	5/16"
1 1/2"	5/16"	7/8"	3/8"
2"	3/8"	1 3/16"	1/2"

Library List October 1998, Continued from November Issue
Videos, Manyuals, and Magazines

Videos

Arbortech Wood Carver
Intro to Altos Mat Making Systems
JoinTech Woodworking System
JoinTech Woodworking System
JoinTech Woodworking System
Making Boxes
Professional Routing Secrets
Refinishing Furniture: Parts 1&2
Re-Roofing with Confidence
Shop secrets of Master Craftsmen
Woodchuck: Spiral Techniques

Manuals

Sears 10" Radial Arm Saw: Mod 113.19771
Sears10" Table Saw: Mod 113.298341

Magazines

The Woodworkers Journal	1977-1993 complete
The Woodworkers Journal	1994 assorted issues
Weekend Woodcrafts	Dec-92
Woodsmith	assorted issues
Woodwork	1992-1994 assorted issues
Woodworker	Mar-94
Workbench	1987-1989 assorted issues