

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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JANUARY MEETING

What's so Special About Wood? – Jan. 7

What should you avoid when you buy wood?
How is wood best used for structural support?
What is quartersawn, and why does it differ from flatsawn or other sawing methods?

Why does wood expand differently in each direction when it is wet?

Why does wood change color as it ages?

Can these “natural changes” be used to color wood?

These questions and many others will be discussed at the January meeting. If you have questions about how wood behaves, bring them along, and perhaps they can be answered.

Bring donations for the CVWA auction to the January meeting.

Nominations and Elections for the Board of Directors. See article below.

February Meeting Auction – Feb. 4

This year marks our first annual auction at the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association. Remember to bring any donations that you have to to the January meeting for collection. See the article in the newsletter for more information.

Bring items for display in the library.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

We were happy to welcome guests, Glen Packard, Kelly Johnson, and Matt Lallo at 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

#6 Jointer Plane - Don Johnson

\$30 Gift Certificate - Russ LaPorte

We hope that you enjoy the prizes. (Apologies for omitting the “La” from Russ’ name last month.)

ITEMS FOR THE CVWA AUCTION

Bring items that you wish to donate to the first annual CVWA auction to the January meeting. They will be collected so that they can be labeled and displayed at the beginning of the February meeting.

CVWA BOARD ELECTIONS

At the January meeting, nominations are made for the Board of Directors, and elections are held. Nominations are requested from the membership in addition to those of the nominating committee. The nominating committee submitted the following slate:

President	John Tarpley
1st Vice Pres.	Tom Hutchinson
2nd Vice Pres.	Felix Masci
Treasurer	Marlene Peters
Secretary.	Howard Wallace
Director	Gene Strojek
Director	Mike DeCaprio
Director	Gene West
Librarian	Stephen Case-Pall
Editor	Ira Goldberg

Stan Wolpert will become past president when the new Board takes office in March.

THANK YOU AGAIN, JUNIORS TOOLS

The CVWA thanks Junior's tools for “helping out” by donating a gift certificate for the January door prize. Please remember, when you purchase a tool at Junior's Tools, let the sales person know that you are a member of CVWA. Not only will you receive a discount, but Junior's will credit the tool toward possible future door or raffle prizes.

DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

During March, the CVWA will have a kiosk at the Thousand Oaks Library to display woodworking projects. The kiosk has three shelves, each with a height of about 22”, so only small projects or photographs of larger projects can be included. Examples of projects that can be included are pens,

small boxes, small turnings, such as cups and tops, toys, and specialty items.

If you have a project that you would like to put on display, contact Stephen Case-Pall. If you already signed up for a project, please let Stephen know what you plan to bring. You can contact Stephen at the January meeting, or at 805-491-3660.

MENTOR PROGRAM

For several years, we have talked about starting a Mentor program. As a start, we have the following volunteers, As the aprogram expands, and more details are available, it will be published in the newsletter. At this time, we have the following list:

Brad Ormsby	805-495-2298
Duane Nightingale	818-706-1834
Gene Strojek	805-523-3113
Milt Kretsch	805-498-8971
Stan Wolpert	805-496-2326

BILL WATERS' TIP PUBLISHED

Bill Waters' tip on building a vacuum hold-down was published in the most recent issue, Number 43, of Shop Notes. Congratulations Bill!

AMERICAN WOODWORKER SHOW

The American Woodworker Show will be held at the Ontario Convention Center on Friday through Sunday, March 5-7. The hours are 10 AM to 6 PM, Friday and Saturday, and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. The show has many demonstrations, exhibits, and vendors for all aspects of woodworking.

Last year, a large group from CVWA hired a bus to leave from Redwood School and return so that people could avoid driving, and relax together as a group, and better enjoy the show. The outing was extremely successful. This year, Brad Ormsby is planning to organize the trip and order advanced tickets (to avoid waiting on line). If you are interested in attending, let Brad know. More details will follow in the February issue.

Is anyone missing a great big serving spoon?

If you attended the last Christmas Party, returned home without your serving spoon, but want it back, please contact the Case-Pall's at 805-491-3660.

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Christmas toy projects and various jigs fixtures, and other projects from our members were discussed

at the December meeting. Members' projects are described below, and the Christmas toy project is described in the following article by Kurt Kirby, who headed the project.

Members' Activities

Brad Ormsby showed a variety of jigs. One that is very simple and useful is a bench for holding a project stationary on a workbench. This jig is described in the January 1998 (#23) *Bladerunner*. Other jigs included several types of featherboards, a dowel holder for a table saw, a jig to hold a chisel, a hand drill for a lathe to drill holes in the end of a rotating stock, a device to hold wood dowels vertical on a drill press, a home-made taper jig, and a router jig for hollowing a seat.

Duane Nightingale showed a walnut and maple desk set, including in and out trays. The contrasting woods make a very elegant design!

Gene West brought another of his very elaborate mechanical projects. This one is a tower made of redwood "leaves." When a marble is allowed to roll down it makes a musical sound. This design is based on a commercial product. His modifications and a picture of the commercial product are included in this issue of the *Bladerunner*.

Bill Waters described making extensions for a dust collecting system out of PVC 4" pipe. The most difficult component to locate were the elbows, which he found at Post Tool.

Howard Johnson found a source of Baltic Birch – very accurate and stable plywood. His source was Anderson International Trading, 1171 N. Tustin Ave., Anaheim, 82807-1735. Phone: 714-666-8185.

CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

By Kurt Kirby

The '98 Christmas Toy Donation to Interface was a rousing Success. With the help of the Glendale Woodturning Guild, we donated approximately 186 toys. Stan Wolpert wishes to thank all of you for your hard work in this effort.

Donations: In alphabetical order, donations were:

1. Pete and Lynn Carta of the Glendale Woodturning Guild (GWG) – about 30 stuffed toy animals and a large 4' adorable bumble bee.
2. Don Gomer – 3 small finished wagons and 2 large stand-up painted scroll saw puzzles depicting a delightful worm.
3. Mike DeCaprio – 8 ingeniously made wooden

whistles.

4. Bill Haskel (GWG) – 24 beautifully executed small hardwood (maple & walnut) hand spin “finger tops.”
5. Kurt Kirby – A relatively large wagon. The body made of plywood and painted red. The wagon had removable side and end panels with tie down ropes, and was filled with 70 different building shapes, incl. Blocks, planes, etc. of various shapes and wood types.
6. Russ LaPorte and Kent Bowman – 12 painted boxes filled with 40 small building blocks of various shapes. Each box was topped with an acrylic sliding cover.
7. Felix Masci and Bob De Minico – 12 very intriguing animated climbing bear toys.
8. Brad Ormsby – 18 turned birch string/ball and cup catcher toys.
9. Dan Smith – Donated enough oak of one-half of the Model T wheels and all of the wood used in the Kirby wagon. Gave an unfinished child’s rocking chair and a child’s cradle.
10. Gene Strojek – 6 adorable painted brown teddy bears with individually cut and painted facial features.
11. Carl Stude (GWG) – a 3 gallon milk can filled with 134 small walnut building blocks.
12. John Tarpley – 24 natural mahogany framed puzzles with several scroll saw and painted animals in each.
13. Gene West – 18 hardwood hand held pull-string gyro tops.

The Mass Produced Toy (Model T) Project:
By Kurt Kirby

The prime mover on this project was Bill Waters. He selected the product, built a prototype, and along with helpers constructed, in sets of 25, the engine, trunk and the difficult-to-make body part. Bill Watkins also played a major role in making the body. Bill Waters also made half of the 125 wheels needed, and with help from Bill Watkins, glued up the engine, body and trunk. Jack Luhrsens made the bases and axle holders. Howard Johnson donated the major portion of the oak needed, and worked with Duane Nightingale in making half (25) of the fenders. Gene West, donated the oak for the bodies and the 25 steering wheels and columns. Dick Harmon put a round on some of the wheels and all of the fenders. Gene Strojek made the other half of

the fenders. He did the exacting job of assembling the axle holders and the fenders, and attaching them to the base. These two operations were critical for successful assembly. He also made and glued up half of the headlamps. Kurt Kirby made half of the wheels and rounded most of them. He made and assembled half of the headlamps to the fenders and those to the bases. He matched the parts, did the edge sanding, spare tire glue-up, wheel and axle assembly, final glue up, finishing, boxing and delivery. Considering all of the constraints involved, I think that the whole job was phenomenal.

With this much information, there could be mistakes or omissions in the form of typos and/or content. If this is the case, please contact Ira for clarification and publication in the February *Bladerunner*.

[Editors Note: Ira’s address, phone, fax, and e-mail are listed in the next newsletter item, so please report any errors, especially omissions to him.]

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 wanted; Letters and Tips”
- Inputs for the newsletter are needed by the 15th of the month before the meeting.
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As we enter the last year of the 20th century (and complete the 3rd year of the Bladerunner), I wish you a safe, happy, and fulfilling woodworking New Year. - Ira

Auction Update! Auction Update!!

by
John Tarpley

We're making progress on our first annual CVWA auction. Brad Ormsby agreed to chair a committee that will visit various suppliers and shops in the area and collect donations. If you'd like to be a member of the committee please contact Brad. We'd like to get committee members that represent all of our communities. Brad also agreed to fill the all important position of auctioneer.

Don Scott, one of our members and owner of Modern TV and VCR Repair, generously offered to donate a VCR and Television for the auction. I plan to donate some pen kits for turning 7mm pens. Additionally, I'll be donating a gift certificate to teach basic turning and pen making in my shop. The session will include either a pen set or other mandrel turned item available from my stock and woods on hand so the student will leave the session with at least one finished item. I'll also donate some finished work I've done. If you already know what you'd like to donate please contact me and we'll list the items in the next newsletter.

Remember that spouses are invited. We'd appreciate members bringing some type of finger food and the club will provide soft drinks or punch so that we can make this a festive occasion. We plan on meeting in the science classroom next door to our regular room so that we can have a little more room both for display of items and for the auction itself. As items are auctioned they will be assigned a lot number. The clerks will have a card for each member so that they can record the lot number and purchase price for each item. At the end of the auction the Treasurer will take the money, checks gladly accepted, and you can pick up your items.

Most important, this auction will only work if we have items to auction, and while we hope to have some nice donations from suppliers and vendors, most of our items must come from our members. Take this chance to clean out your shop and closets and donate items. Bring that Christmas gift that's nice, but just not what you need. Bring that extra drill bit set or level or try square someone's given you. Bring that power tool you don't use anymore because you upgraded. Bring your finished work. Offer your shop time. In short, bring anything other than out and out junk.

Remember, if possible, bring your items to the January meeting so that they can be labeled and are ready for the auction. If you wish to donate anything after the meeting, or you need someone to pick up an item, please call John Tarpley, 805-499-2953.

One last item to bring—your bidding spirit. Remember all the money we raise goes to the club to defray expenses and keep dues low so everything you spend comes back to you both in the items you purchase and in club benefits. Make this fund-raiser a success or next year we may be going door-to-door selling envelopes of vegetable and flower seeds.