

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

The Bladerunner

March 1999 Number 37

MARCH MEETING

March 4 – 3M Safety Products

Brendon Donahue, a representative of 3M Corporation, Safety Products division will present woodworking safety products. The major topic will be on the 3M line of respiratory products, including disposable and air powered masks. In addition, he will present products for hearing protection and other items that may be of interest to woodworkers.

SPECIAL EVENT

American Woodworker Show bus trip February 6

Many of our members are interested in attending the American Woodworker Show in Ontario. The CVWA will rent a bus on Saturday, March 6 for members who prefer to ride rather than drive. The bus will leave from Redwood School at 7:30 AM, and leave from the show at 5 PM. **The cost, including the bus, general admission to the Show, and refreshments on the bus is \$30.00 per person.** As of February 17, a few seats were still available.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We were happy to welcome new member Mike Sondreaal at the February meeting. We hope that you enjoyed the auction and the group. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues for the CVWA are due at the March meeting. Renewal dues are \$20 for the year. Dues for new members are \$25, which includes a wooden CVWA name badge.

THANK YOU, JUNIORS' TOOLS

Juniors Tools has been a wonderful supporter of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers. Each month they provide either a door prize or raffle item, or gave us a substantial discount on the prizes. This has been a

great asset to our club. For our auction, Juniors' provided a Porter Cable Random Orbit Sander, and the previous month they provided a Delta Mortising Attachment for a drill press.

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.

AUCTION – February 4 meeting.

The auction was an incredible success. Those who attended had a fun time. Participation of members donating and buying items, and requesting gifts from businesses that they frequent contributed to the success.

The support that we received from local businesses was crucial. On behalf of the CVWA, we especially acknowledge each of the establishments below for providing items for the auction. Without their participation, this would not have been such a great success. When you visit these businesses, please express your appreciation on behalf of CVWA.

*Junior's Tools, Oxnard, Porter Cable Sander
Home Depot, Thousand Oaks, \$50 Gift Card
Tropical Exotic Hardwoods, Carlsbad, Cocobolo
and Bubinga board
Laredo Tools, Inc., Thousand Oaks, Woodworking
Books
Agoura Hills Target Range, Simi Valley, Range
Membership
Terry Lumber Company, Simi Valley, Framing
Hammer
Michael's Flowers, Simi Valley, Half Dozen Roses
Sherwin-Williams Company, Simi Valley, 20%
Discount Cards
Staples, Simi Valley, Reams of Printer Paper
First Street Car Wash, Simi Valley, Free Car
Washes
Harbor Freight Tools, Simi Valley, Pocket Screw
Drivers, Tape Measures, and Electrical Soldering
Tools*

Granada Oak Furniture, Simi Valley, Picture with Oak Frame

Conejo Paint Center, Westlake Village, Discount Cards

Home Base, Simi Valley, Skill Cordless Drill

Tru Value Hardware, Simi Valley, Outdoor Lights

Lenny Dykstra's Car Wash, Simi Valley, Free Car Washes

Landing Grill and Sushi Bar, Westlake Village, Two Free Dinners

Since this was our first auction, no one was sure how well this would work. We are delighted and ecstatically surprised that the auction brought \$1576 to the CVWA for future activities and events. Many thanks to all who participated by donating or buying items.

SPECIAL THANKS TO STAN WOLPERT

Stan took over the presidency as we were becoming an established group exploring dynamic programs and activities. Stan stepped into this role with new ideas and encouragement. Our programs became better and more inclusive of our diverse interests. More Saturday morning programs were offered. One of the earliest was Stan's famous sharpening class. During the past year the club had some successful "firsts." We held our first outing to the American Woodworkers' show and our first auction. More members attended our bar-b-que and Christmas party; there is more exchange and participation; a "mentor's program is forming. Each of our presidents has had a profound influence on the group. Many thanks from all of us. – Ed.

THANK YOU TO OUR INCOMING AND OUTGOING BOARDS

Each year some new members enter the board, some leave, and some continue on. This is called "balance." We need new ideas, we need to continue some programs, and we need to build on the experience of our older board members. Proper balance of these characteristics sustains the group and keeps the members' interests.

We thank those leaving, Scotty Miller (Secretary) and Ed Bianchi and Hal Kevern (directors) and Brad Ormsby (past president) for helping out the club and providing new ideas during their terms on the board. We know we can count on you in the future.

We thank the new board members Howard Wallace, Gene Strojek, Mike DeCaprio, and Gene West for assuming new positions and hope that they

enjoy the challenge of taking the club one step further.

Finally, we thank Felix Masci and Tom Hutchinson, Marlene Peters, and Stephen Case-Pall for continuing to work on the board. Most of all we thank John Tarpley for assuming the new presidency and the responsibilities that go with it.

Best wishes and thanks to all of you.

TRAIN WHISTLE PLANS

The train whistle that Mike DeCaprio made for the Christmas toy program intrigued our members. Mike provided a copy of the plans for this month's *Bladerunner*. The whistle sounded authentic. The June 1989 issue of *Wood Magazine* (page 70) has a different set of train whistle plans. There are not included because of the magazine copyright. Mike's comment was that his is easier to build and it sounds better.

According to *Wood*, the whistle code is: 2-long, 1 short, 1 long approaching a crossing; 3 shorts – backing up; 1 long-stopping; 2 long-train to move ahead.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Jointer: Craftsman 6" jointer, excellent condition, \$150 without HTC mobile (roller) base, \$200 with HTC mobile base.

Call Duane Nightingale, 818-706-1834

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.

Ira Goldberg 805-495-7580 FAX: 805-373-4775

e-mail: ibgoldberg@rsc.rockwell.com

ibgoldberg@hotmail.com

Conejo Woodworkers Board of Directors

President	John Tarpley	805-499-2953
1st Vice Pres.	Tom Hutchinson	805-376-0912
2nd Vice Pres.	Felix Masci	805-495-6505
Treasurer	Marlene Peters	805-499-1015
Secretary.	Mike DeCaprio	805-388-0983
Director	Gene Strojek	805-523-3113
Director	Howard Wallace	805-492-3718
Director	Gene West	805-483-1210
Librarian	Stephen Case-Pall	805-491-3660
Editor	Ira Goldberg	805-495-7580
Past President	Stan Wolpert	805-496-2326

