

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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APRIL MEETING

Gene West

Gene West has been a woodcarver/woodworker for many years. One of Gene's activities is to teach any aspect of woodworking to any age group. On Thursday he will demonstrate some of the basic cuts that are used in carving. Gene will bring some small pieces of wood and some carving knives for those who wish to try the basics. In addition, he will bring some samples of carvings that he made using only the basic cuts that he will demonstrate.

Silent Auction

We have a few left-overs from our auction. At the March meeting a silent auction will be held for these items. A paper will be placed at each of the items. To make a bid, write your name and the amount you wish to spend. When the auciton ends, the highest bidder wins.

MAY MEETING

May 6 – 3M Abrasive Products 3M representative

A representative from 3M will present a general description of abrasive materials, and then discuss different 3M abrasive products for woodworking. He will address the best grades for hand sanding, power sanding, and finishing, and will discuss how to use different grades of synthetic "steel wool."

SATURDAY DEMONSTRATION

April 3-The ringmaster for making bowls Felix Masci and Don Johnson

Recently Howard Johnson gave a brief demonstration of the Ringmaster to cut rings for frames or to laminate for a bowl blank. Saturday, at 9:00 am, Felix Masci and Don Johnson will demonstrate this tool. If time permits, you will be able to make your own blanks. Information and directions will be available at the meeting, or call Felix at 805-495-6505

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

We were happy to welcome new members Eileen and Greg Charles, Donald Green, and Warren Willig, and visitor John Wagar at the February meeting. We hope that you continue to enjoy CVWA, and 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.



Library Display: Library-goers took note of the CVWA, thanks to Stephen Case-Pall and Howard Ford who set up the display, and the members who loaned many diverse items for display.

THANK YOU, 3M

Thank you, Brendon Donahue and 3M. The Conejo Valley Woodworkers appreciates the time you gave to explaining how to use the different types of respiration protection products, and the advantages and limitations of each. We also appreciate the donations of the "ear muffs", wrist support, mouse pad, and post-it kit for door prizes.

CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS

Clamps	- Ray Williams
Ear "Muffs"	- Russ LaPorte
Wrist rest pad	- John Wagar
Mouse Pad	- Ed Darling
Post-It kit	- Warren Willig
Torpedo Level	- Don Smith

We hope you enjoy the prizes and find them useful around the house or in your workshop.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A few issues have come up around the community. These include reinstating shop classes and requests for help.

Shop at the High Schools

At the January meeting, Bill Brandt reported that shop classes in the high schools were in danger of being eliminated. Numerous members responded by sending letters or e-mail to the Conejo Unified School District Board of Education stating various reasons why shops are important. John Tarpley sent a letter on behalf of CVWA offering support within our capabilities.

This has had a reasonably positive response, although the Board of Education still seems to have a lukewarm attitude. One result that the Newbury Park High School shop will remain open and be reassigned to construction programs. At Westlake High, the Automobile Shop will continue on a part time basis, and at Thousand Oaks High, the three wood shop classes and three metal shop classes will continue. Most important is that shop classes will no be able to fulfill a technical class requirement. This will give students an option to take shop classes.

If anyone wishes to contact the CVUSD, the president, Ms. Dorothy Baubien, President, and Dr. Jerry Gross, Superintendent, can be reached at the district office, Conejo Valley Unified School District, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. The phone is 805-497-9511 and the

FAX is 805-371-3170.

Camarillo Helath Care

One of the Camarillo Health Care's activities is Adult Day Care for adults. Most of the clients are recuperating from illnesses such as heart problems, strokes, and other health problems Ms. Sharon Tatelman contacted CVWA about finding woodworkers who can cut jig-saw or band-saw patterns so that the clients can sand and paint them. If you are interested, contact John Tarpley, or Ms. Tatelman, Camarillo Health Care District, Adult Day Care Center, 805-388-1952, ext. 111.

Requests for classes

The Club received several requests from Cub Scouts and other organizations to provide woodworking activities for children from about 5th grade through Junior High level. Some of our members, such as Gene West, Howard Johnson, and others taught some classes on a limited basis. If you have interest in this type of activity, please contact John Tarpley.

MARCH PROGRAMS

3M Safety Products

Brendon Dohahue presented an overview of 3M's safety product line, including floor mats, ear protection, eye protection, and dust and vapor filtering masks. Most of the discussion was on the different types of respiratory protection, and the advantages, costs and characteristics of different masks and filters. He showed characteristics of simple disposable masks that cost less than \$2.00 each, and compared them to nose and face masks with replaceable filters. Brendon distributed ear plugs, packages of 3M self-adhesive bandages, and pamphlets *A Guide to Respiratory Protection*, to the members. Extra pamphlets are available in the library.

American Woodworker Show

On March 6, thirty-three members and a few guests attended *The American Woodworker Show*. It was as much fun as last year. Some tool manufacturers showed there newest power tools, and vendors had booths for purchasing products at good prices. There were some excellent demonstrations of cabinet making, Japanese woodworking techniques, wood turning using electrical and foot powered lathes, marquetry using tools from the 1700's, and old-time carpentry techniques by Roy Underhill. The consensus was to do this again next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Design in Wood Program

The 18th Annual Design in Wood Exhibition will be held from June 16-July 5 in conjunction with the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association. The show features 17 different classes of woodworking, including contemporary and traditional furniture and accessories, toys, art, models, veneering and marquetry, wood turning, and wood carving.

Entries for judging are due by April 30, including entry forms, fees, and slides or photos of the submission. For more information, contact Design in Wood, Del Mar Fair Entry Office, P. O. Box 2263, Del Mar, CA 92014.

The exhibit has many fine pieces of craftsmanship. It is well worth visiting, even if you do not submit an item.



Rocking horse and basket from our library display. There were many more interesting items, including tools, turnings, boxes, pens, weaving tools. The display attracted a lot of attention and inquiries on the club's activities.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Complete Incra Jig: Incra "Ultra-Jig" for a tablesaw. Complete with 24" table extensions, 60" rails, micro-adjust, many additional accessories. Initial cost more than \$800. Asking \$250.

Call Stan Wolpert, 805-496-2326.

Jointer, Band Saw and Radial Arm Saw:

8" Grizzly Jointer, \$250; with rolling base, \$350
man Band Saw, \$ 75.00

10" Craftsman Radial Arm Saw, \$100.00

Call Chris Hayes, 805-499-2923

Shopsmith – Mark V-500 complete, like new (1 hour of use from new in take box. Table on saw slightly bent during earthquake. Contains the following:

Master Kit 18" jig saw

4" jointer Ring Master 6"x48" belt sander

11" band saw Additional accessories

Asking \$2500.

Call: Ray Whisman, 805-252-0776 (Palmdale)

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

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 wanted; Letters, and Tips"

Inputs for the newsletter are needed by the 15th of the month before the meeting.

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