

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

The Bladerunner

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Nov. 4 – Furniture Restoration – Howard Johnson

Furniture restoration and finishing is a vast subject. The type of restoration depends on personal tastes, the value of the furniture, the kind of use it will get, and the amount of time and effort that the refinisher is willing to give to the project. Howard will discuss various types of furniture restoration and finishes. Send you problems or questions to Howard so he can cover them during the presentation.

SATURDAY SHOP TOUR

Nov. 6 – John Tarpley's Shop

Visit John Tarpley's turning shop from 9 to 11 AM. John will do turning demonstrations at various times during the morning.

Nov. 6 – Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held from 8 AM to 2:30 PM at the Hrabe home, 130 Venus St., (One block off Arboles) in Thousand Oaks. Oliver Mahannah has arranged to sell various woodworking and mechanics hand tools that belonged to Del. All of the proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

DECEMBER MEETING

Our second annual auction will be held at the December meeting. Those who attended last years auction had a great time whether they bought anything or not. Plans are still being made, but this year's auction should be better than the last.

SATURDAY SHOP TOUR

No shop tour is planned during December.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We were happy to welcome new member Rick Morris, and guests Heinz Merritt, and M. D. Farmer. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings and club activities.

PRIZES

October Meeting:

Bill Snell	- Outfeed support
Roy Williams	- 6" "Mini" gents saw
Lou Carpiac	- Set of scrapers
Mark Cher	- Woodworking clamps
Don Johnson	- Gift certif. Conejo Hdwds
Brad Ormsby	- Gift certif. Conejo Hdwds

We hope that you enjoy the prizes.

THANK YOU AGAIN CONEJO HARDWOODS

The CVWA thanks Conejo Hardwoods for "helping out" by donating door prizes. Please remember when you purchase wood or woodworking supplies at Conejo Hardwoods, let the sales person know that you are a member of CVWA. Not only will you receive a discount, Conejo Hardwoods will also credit a percentage of the purchase toward possible future door or raffle prizes, or items for the Club.

COMING PROGRAMS AND SHOP VISITS

Thursday evening programs:

- Dec. ? – Annual Auction and Pot Luck
Christmas toys due
- Jan. 6 – Bandsaw boxes and bandsaw techniques –
John Tarpley
- Feb. 4 – Box Joints – Stephen Case-Pall, Hutch
Hutchinson, and Howard Johnson
- Mar.2 – Woodworking Resources on the World
Wide Web – Glenn Packard

SATURDAY SESSIONS – HANDS ON

Our woodworking group is fortunate to have very talented, experienced and capable

woodworkers. Many new members want to learn techniques. Attending a Saturday morning shop session is a great way to learn. It's informal, there is a lot of time, and special techniques are demonstrated. If you have a special interest, let us know so we can try to arrange a Saturday session on the subject.

Auction Time

It's time for the fabulous CVWA auction. Come One! Come All! Donate, Bid and Buy.

Seriously folks it is auction time again. We plan to have a combined Christmas Potluck and Auction this year. We hope to have it on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in early December. The date will be announced in the next Bladerunner. Members are asked to bring finger food or assorted munchies. Bring donated items from your shop or home as well as any items you can get vendors to donate. We accept anything but "out and out junk", and our definition of that is rather flexible. If you attended last year you know we had a great time and made some money for the club. Help us make this year's event even better.

Last year some of the spouses expressed a desire to be involved with some of the social and decorative aspects of the auction. We'd welcome this help so please contact John Tarpley (805-499-2953) if you are interested.

We also need helpers to act as tellers to record the purchases, collect money, and distribute the purchases at the end of the event. Again contact John if you'd like to volunteer.



President's Corner

John Tarpley

I want to thank Stephen and Brad for doing an excellent program on veneering at last month's meeting. They covered a lot of ground (some of it with veneer) in the amount of time available and we all know more about the subject thanks to their efforts.

Howard Johnson will present this month's program on furniture finish restoration. Come armed with all your finishing questions.

The Christmas toy project is in full swing. Joe O'Rendy already has commitments for many toys,

but we can always use more. Please contact Joe if you haven't already volunteered. Joe has prepared a list of projects to help you find something you might like to build.

In addition to the toys that will be made in our own shop we will be having a Saturday toy building day at the Redwood shop. If you'd like to work with other members of the group attend this activity. This will be an opportunity for hands-on experience making sawdust with other woodworkers. Joe O'Rendy and Gene West are organizing the event that is tentatively scheduled for Saturday November 13th from 9-12. Details are still being planned and final information will be given at this month's meeting. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to come build toys contact Joe, Gene, or me.

Last month's shop visit was to Joe O'Rendy's shop. You could certainly tell that Joe is an engineer. He has made optimum use of every inch of space and designed a shop that well suits the type of work he does. Joe, thanks for letting us visit. November's visit will be to my turning shop. I'll have stock and tools available so that I can give some turning demos and some mini lessons. The visit will be on November 6 from 9 until about noon.

Don't forget the Conejo Hardwoods show on Saturday, November 20th. CVWA will have a table and we need your help to make it successful. The show will run from 9-5 and we need members who can sit the table during that time. We also need you to exhibit your work. Feel free to bring your work to the November meeting or bring it to the show with you. We'll have our photo album on display so if you have any new pictures please bring them to the November meeting so we can display them. This is an excellent opportunity for us to publicize our club to the local woodworking community and add to our membership.

Elsewhere in this edition you'll find information about the December auction which is a fun event and a major fundraiser for the club. We hope everyone will participate and help make it a success.

As has been our custom, our Nominations committee is made up of the past presidents of the CVWA. Brad Ormsby has agreed to chair the committee this year. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a member of the BOD please contact Brad or any of the other Past Presidents.

Last but not least we have some upcoming woodworking shows. December 3-5 will be the Woodworker show at the Fairplex in Pomona. In January the American Woodworker show returns to Ontario. As in past years we will plan a bus trip for the show with details to be announced as they develop.

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Veneering –

Stephen Case-Pall and Brad Ormsby

Veneering is one of the oldest woodworking techniques. Samples dates back to the Egyptians about a 5000 years ago. They used veneer for the same reasons we do; it conserves rare wood, makes some woods easier to work, and provides interesting decoration.

Veneering is also a paradox: It covers cheap materials and shoddy workmanship in mass-produced products and it also covers the finest and best traditional, modern and antique furniture. Veneer is used today among contemporary craftsman such as James Krenov, Wendell Castle and Frank Pollaro.

Woods that are not useable as lumber can be veneered. Highly figured woods like burls and some crotches would simply disintegrate. Veneering also allows the creation of patterns such as book matching and quarter matching. Since veneer paneling is more stable than solid wood, it is great for large surfaces such as desk and table tops.

The oldest form of veneering is gluing with animal glue and pressing the veneer to the substrate until the glue cures or sets. Parenthetically, only adhesive made from connective tissue of animals can be called glue; all others are various forms of adhesive. More contemporary methods use contact cement and rollers, yellow PVA adhesive (such as "Titebond") which is allowed to dry on both surfaces then heat-set with a hot iron, pre-glued veneer that is set with a hot iron or edge bander, and vacuum press with a variety of adhesives. Not truly a "press", vacuum veneering uses the pressure of the atmosphere to press on the veneer. The veneer is placed on the substrate which, in turn, is placed in a flexible bag from which the air is evacuated. This method has some particular advantages: the pressure is even over the entire surface, something that cannot be achieved with clamps; it allows the

veneering of complicated, curved projects without cauls and clamps; the pressure is tremendous: The total pressure on a 4 x 8 foot panel with a partial vacuum of 12.5 psi (perfect vacuum is 14.7 psi) would be 57,600 pounds, with no clamps!

Veneer, like all wood will move, and the power of the thin slice of wood to bow the large substrate is amazing. To minimize this, veneer should be applied to the heartwood side. To eliminate it, veneer should be adhered to BOTH sides of the substrate, to counteract such movement.

Raw, untreated veneer should not be put down with contact cement. First, seal the adhesive side with something like shellac, or the bond will be insufficient to hold. That said, in the 1960's Stephen veneered some pieces that he laid down raw, and glued with contact cement that are still holding.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Christmas toy project

John's column reports on our annual toy project. The more toys that the club can provide to interface, the more children will receive a gift for the holidays. If you are interested in making a toy by yourself or as part of a team, let Joe O'Rendy know. You can call him at 805-492-2994.

A Saturday session is planned at the Redwood School shop on November 13, from 9 to noon to make toys. More details will be given at the November meeting.

Woodworker Needed

Deena Case-Pall found this item in the Santa Rosa Valley Newsletter just after the last issue of the Bladerunner was mailed:

"The 4-H club (for ages 9-19) needs adult volunteers to teach various trades and skills, but is especially seeking someone to teach woodworking. For more information call Jan Peyton at (805) 491-2491."

NEW AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

At the October BOD meeting the Board amended the bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Section 4. Standing Committees

Added Paragraph c:

c. Web Site Committee – Coordinate and maintain the Conejo Valley Woodworker's

Association Web Site registered as www.cvwa.org or as it might be registered in the future.

This makes the Webmaster a member of the Board.

WEB SITE

Don't forget to check out our web site:

www.cvwa.org

UPCOMING CRAFT FAIRS AND SHOWS

Amgen:

Amgen Inc. is sponsoring a craft fair on November 5 from 5-8 p.m. All items sold must be handmade, but you do not have to be an Amgen employee to have a booth. There is a small charge for a booth space. The fee is used to provide refreshments for the attendees with the remaining funds being donated to charity. Contact Kim Principal Fetherolf at 805 447 8100 for further information.

Conejo Hardwoods:

Conejo Hardwoods is sponsoring a Fine Woodworking Show at its site the November 20th 9AM-5PM. There will be divisions for both professional and amateur woodworkers and contractors. There is no charge for a booth space. Contact Conejo Hardwoods for further information.

Greater Los Angeles Woodworking Show:

The Los Angeles woodworking show will be held December 3-5 at the Pomona Fairplex (Buildings 5 and 8). The hours are: Friday, Dec. 3, noon-7PM, Saturday Dec. 4, 10 AM-6 PM; Sunday Dec. 5, 10 AM-5 PM. Beside the vendors who offer great discounts on tools and supplies, there are free and paid seminars.

Free workshops and demonstrations (15 to 30 min):

Table saws

Pegging joints

Crosscut sled

Cove Cutting

Cutting coves, dados and rabbets

Table saw kickback

Table saw diagnostics

Finger joints

Finishing tips and tricks

Distressing finishes

Using putty and fillers

Sanding techniques

Stain and dye applications

Rubbing your finish to a gloss

Hand rubbed satin finish

Spray systems

Workshops

Sharpening

Build an end table

Turning green wood bowls

Caricature Carving

Making wooden toys

Three-hour seminars – cost \$55

Solid wood case construction

Router techniques

Furniture frame construction

Small shop layout and design

Beautiful wood finishing

Constructing clocks

Fabulous furniture repair

Design and building a workbench

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

American Woodworker Show:

This year's American Woodworker Show will be held from January 28-30 at the Ontario Convention Center. Show hours are: Friday, 11 AM-7 PM, Saturday, 10 AM-6 PM; Sunday, 10 AM-5 p.m. A general admission pass to all three days cost \$10. Children under 12 are welcome free.

As in the past two years, the CVWA is planning to hire a bus to the show a bus to the show on Saturday, January 29. More details will be presented at the November and December meetings and the next Bladerunner.

This year's show has new activities and events. Throughout the weekend, you can receive great discounts on tools and materials available from hundreds of exhibitors, attend workshops and seminars, get inspired by the museum-quality pieces in the Gallery, and watch free demonstrations.

Woodworking Workshops for the Family: For the first time, you can work side-by-side with the masters as you build projects and receive expert advice. Workshops will include all the materials needed. Workshops cost \$60 to \$75 each. Advanced registration is recommended (call 1-800-914-9395).

Antique Tool Roadshow Appraisals: Expert Clarence Blanchard, publisher of Fine Tool Journal, will appraise your antique tools free of charge.

Women Woodworkers, Improve Your Skills: Woodturner Judy Ditmer and router expert Carol Reed will share their techniques and help you raise your own skill level.

Come One, Come All to Seminars-For just \$5 per session, you can spend an hour and a half with renowned woodworkers learning wood finishing secrets, woodworking fundamentals, table saw tips and techniques, and much, much more. No advance registration needed.

For more information, call 1-800-914-9395 or go to the American Woodworker Web site, <http://www.americanwoodworker.com>.

CLUB CHALLENGE

The October Club Challenge was to build a wooden musical instrument that requires 8 hours or less work in the shop. Four creative entries were submitted. John Tarpley made a turned drum rattle. Balls that hang on the side of a small drum covered with leather hit the "tom-tom" when it is turned. Gene West made a "thumb piano" that is actually tuned to the musical scale. Brad Ormsby made a one-string bow. Stephen Case-Pall made a rotating siren or "grogger" from oak and maple that makes a loud sound when it is rotated. John and Gene's "musical instruments" were tied for first place. Congratulations to all of the entrants who "rose to the 'challenge.'"

NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Restoring Antiques	Time-Life Books
The Wood Finishers Book	Sam Allen
Woodworker's Guide to Joints	Jim Kingschott
The Glue Book	William T Young
Woodworking Mistakes	Sandor Nagyszalanczy
Discovering & Restoring Antique Furniture	Michael Bennett
Woodworker's Solution Book	Alan & Gill Bridgewater
The Router Table, 30 Plans	John McPherson

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. Books will be available at the November and December meetings, or call Howard Johnson at 498-9316.

LETTER

Do you need something machined?

From time to time I have had the need to have something machined. Since I do not have a metal lathe or milling machine or the skills to use them, I looked for a machine shop that would be willing to make small parts. I called a number of machine shops in the area, and all but one told me that they were not interested. One machine shop told me to bring the parts that I wanted machined and he would look at them.

My problem was that the threads on the block that locks the thrust bearing on my Craftsman band saw were stripped. I needed a hole drilled and tapped for an insert for a 10-24 set screw. I informed the man that I was in no hurry, so he could machine the part at his convenience. He took me into his shop and did the job while I watched. When I offered to pay him, he would not accept any money.

Recently I needed a sleeve bushing made with a certain length and inside and outside diameters. A standard piece of stock would not work, so it had to be turned on a lathe. I left the parts that I wanted to fit the bushing and told him that there was no hurry. He made the part and charged me \$10.

I told him that I belonged to a woodworking club, and from time to time some members might need some machine work done. I told him that the work would be small jobs, typically one of a kind. He told me that as long as the work was not needed in a hurry so he could wait until a machine was free to do the work, he would do it at a reasonable cost.

The name of the company is BNL Precision Machining, Inc. 2630 Townsgate Road, Unit F, Westlake Village. The owner's name is Bob Kennamer, and the phone is 805-374-1391. The man that takes in all of the jobs is named Marcos. This is a small machine shop with about a dozen employees, and they have many different metalworking machines.

Bill Waters

ITEMS FOR SALE

Special Club Prices:

1. Craftsman 4" Rabbetting Joiner. Model 103.23340 All metal. CWVA Member Club
Price: \$10.00 Non-Member: \$20.00
 2. Set of three: Carbide Joiner Knives, 4", NEW, Mfg. by CMT Cost \$68.00, Never used. Club Price: \$30.00 Non-Club: \$40.00
 3. Motor and Squirrel-Cage Blower with Housing. Large, for making shop air cleaner/scrubber. 110vac. Club Price: \$1.00, Non-Club \$5.00
- Call Stephen Case-Pall @ 805-491-3660, E-mail casepall@gte.net

Woodworking Sources for CVWA

The holidays are approaching. If you are thinking of getting a gift for a woodworker spouse or friend, check out our woodworking suppliers who give discounts to CVWA members. It is a good way to get the best values, and it will also help our club.

Please inquire to the vendor for details on their products and discounts. Please bring your membership card or be sure to tell the vendor that you or your friend are members of the CVWA so that you can 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 (Hardwoods and Molding)

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

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Vendors that offer discounts to club members
Special topics, questions, or local events
Items of interest to club members
Items for sale, items wanted, letters and "Tips"
Inputs for the newsletter are needed by the 15th of the month before the meeting.
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