

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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MARCH MEETING

March 2 - Camarillo Adult Day Care Center and CVWA – Sharon Tatelman

Our Club has been providing jig-saw cut outs for the Camarillo Adult Day Care Center. Ms. Tatelman will describe how they have benefited the clients.

March Club Challenge – Birdhouse

Build a birdhouse! Woodworkers at all levels can do this. The birdhouse can be traditional or unconventional. The only rule is that it must be mostly wood. You can use any technique for construction. The prize will be a \$10 gift certificate at Conejop Hardwoods.

SATURDAY SHOP SESSION **None scheduled for March**

April Meetings

April 6 – Woodworking Resources on the World Wide Web – Glenn Packard

The ability to access information and to communicate around the entire world is changing the way we do all of our activities. Glenn, the club Webmaster, will discuss some of the resources on the web. If you haven't looked at our club website, it is www.cvwa.org.

April 8 – Shop Session

In an effort to provide more woodworking information and skills for our members, CVWA will sponsor a scrollsaw workshop on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 9 AM. This workshop will focus on basic scrolling techniques and an introduction to fretwork. We will be making a fretwork pull toy. All the toys made that day will be donated to our annual Christmas Toy Project. A sample toy will be available at the March and April meetings. CVWA will provide the materials for the workshop. A signup sheet will be available at the March meeting

or you can contact John Tarpley at 805 499 2953 or jetarpley@earthlink.net.

Depending on the number of members who wish to participate we may hold the workshop at more than one site or have several saws available at my shop. If you would like to help with this workshop or provide tools please contact me at the telephone number listed above. In addition to the scrollsaw work this project will require some drill press work, minor sanding, and painting. If you have an interest in either scrolling or Christmas Toys we encourage you to plan to attend this workshop.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

We were happy to welcome new members Gene Kocis, Terry Carvalho, and Michael Jacobs, and guests Wayne Roberts, Bruce Adams, and Larry Lichter. We hope that you enjoyed the meetings and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings and club activities.

PRIZES

February Meeting:

Roy Williams	- 10" Table saw blade
Marshall Nathanson	- Palm sander
Hal Kevern	- Pull saw
Larry Kates	- Scratch awl

We hope that you enjoy the prizes.


LIBRARY KIOSK IN MAY

We were invited to once again display some of our woodworking items in the Thousand Oaks Library during May. 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 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, or have already signed up to display a project, contact Stephen Case-Pall at 805-491-3660.

DUES ARE DUE

Remember that our dues year begins in March. Please help us by remitting your dues so we don't have to send reminder notices.



President's Corner

Stephen Case-Pall

First of all, I'd like to say thank you for electing me to serve as this year's president. I look forward to a year of working with club members individually, in groups, and with the Board Members. We have a terrific association, a great deal in common, and share good times. Sometimes we even learn a few things and increase our skills in the craft we enjoy so much. As an Association we're doing well, and each year we get a little larger and more divergent. I both welcome and encourage input from each of you regarding ways to keep our programs meaningful and interesting.

I thank John Tarpley for doing such a dedicated job of presiding over the Association last year. His contribution to the group is appreciated by all of us.

I'd like to welcome our newer members, and say "I'm glad you're here" to our renewing members as well.

Without turning this into a safety lecture, I'd like to say a few things about my accident, which occurred during the Workshop Feb. 5th. Suffice it to say that if I had followed ALL the safety procedures that I should have, it would not have happened. I left out one item, and paid for it. Needless to say, I recommend zero-clearance inserts for ALL work on the table saw. My sincere thanks go to Jack Luhrsen, who, without saying a word, brought his car around, spirited me to the ER to get stitched up, and hung around during the long wait so I wouldn't have to thumb a ride back to Howards' house. Thanks to Howard Johnson for some quick first aid, messy clean-up, and finishing the workshop without me. Both Howard and Jack made sure I got home safely also. I have high hopes for a complete recovery.

Together, let's have another great year.

Editorial OOPS

John Tarpley wrote a very nice letter to thank all of the board and club members that contributed to the

activities of the Club. Unfortunately, as things sometimes happen, the note was lost in the sea of electrons that make up computer memory. My apologies to John and to our members. With luck we will have the letter next month.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The CVWA was delighted to recognize Howard Ford for his leadership in organizing and starting the CVWA. At the last meeting, the Howard was awarded lifetime honorary membership and given a certificate that reads:

Certificate of Lifetime Honorary Membership

Whereas, **HOWARD FORD**, is recognized as the Founding Member and First President of the Conejo Valley Woodworker's Association. And

Whereas, **HOWARD FORD**, did the initial organizational mailings and meeting arrangements. And

Whereas, **HOWARD FORD**, guided our organization through the first critical year. And

Whereas, **HOWARD FORD**, has given numerous educational presentations both at regular meetings and workshops. And

Whereas, **HOWARD FORD**, has continued to serve our organization by providing advice, guidance, and inspiration.

I, John Tarpley, President of the Conejo Valley Woodworker's Association and with the concurrence of the entire Board of Directors on this third day of February in the year Two Thousand do hereby name **HOWARD FORD** a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Conejo Valley Woodworker's Association.

We can't thank Howard enough for his efforts on our behalf.

THANK YOU TO BOARD MEMBERS

All who have served on the board have contributed something of their personality to our "Club." Each year some board members leave, but

new members take their place. The turn-over adds fresh ideas coupled with experience of making things happen.

This year we thank John Tarpley who added organization to our club. He initiated the auction, a real agenda at board meetings, and searched for new and different program ideas for our members. John will be "Past President" for the next term.

We also thank those members who are staying on the board in the same or different capacities. First and foremost, we thank Stephen Case-Pall for assuming the role of President. We wish him luck and enjoyment in his new position, and we thank him for developing a fine woodworking library for all of us.

We also thank Gene West who is becoming a VP after being director, and Mike DeCaprio who is also sharing the VP position after being secretary for staying on the board and contributing to the programs and activities.

There are a few new people on the board too. Joe O'Rendy is taking over as secretary, Jack Luhrsen is taking over as librarian, and Guy Buchwitz and Greg Charles are taking directorships. We hope that each of you enjoy your activities on the board, and we look forward to your leadership.

We thank Gene Strojek who is continuing as Fraternity Chairman. Gene adds sensitivity to our group, and we appreciate his interest and activities in our club.

Finally, Marlene Peters is continuing as treasurer. She has done a great job in keeping track of finances, and away from deficit spending. She has done a great deal to make guests and new members feel "right at home."

We thank Tom Hutchinson, Felix Masci, Howard Wallace, and Stan Wolpert for their contributions. We hope that you remain as interested in the CVWA as always, and we look forward to seeing you at all of the meeting and club activities.

Best of luck goes to all of you, but even more important, we hope that you enjoy the feeling of accomplishment and the fellowship of all of our members.

EDITORS COMMENT

A different kind of "oops!" – Shop Safety

Every New Yankee Workshop begins with Master Craftsman Norm Abrams telling his viewers

to be sure to read your tool's instruction manual, and wear safety glasses. These are certainly basic requirements for safe woodworking. Woodworkers should also learn safe techniques for using their tools. This is especially true of beginners, and critical for power tools that are not often forgiving. "Mentoring" new members and teaching new techniques are roles of our club. It is also a good idea to have a first-aid kit handy. A recent issue of Fine Woodworking has an article on first-aid kits for woodworkers. But there is more:

Recently at least three of our members were seriously injured. One member cut off several fingers while using a table saw. Another suffered serious hand damage because of table saw. A third sustained hand damage while using a router. First aid kits might be of some value in these situations, but the main need is medical care as soon as possible. Since most power tool injuries affect the hand, driving by yourself may be possible, but it can be difficult even if you have the presence of mind to take immediate action. Applying pressure with one hand to stop bleeding from the other makes driving tricky.

If at all possible, be sure that there is someone nearby who can help. You can do most of your woodworking with a friend, be sure that someone is around the shop, or find out if a neighbor will be available while you are working.

Even if you take every precaution, you can suffer a momentary lapse. Some accidents happen no matter how careful we seem to be. Be prepared if something should happen. Woodworking was never intended to be a blood sport.

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, items wanted, letters and "Tips"

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

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