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JANUARY MEETING Mike DeCaprio opened the meeting by introducing **Stephen Case-Pall** who announced the slate for the upcoming election. The nominees are:

President	Ira Goldberg
1 st Vice-President	Dan Gallo
2 nd Vice President	Stephen Case-Pall
Director	Bill Aurand
Director	Lee Hoover
Director	Bill Watkins
Secretary	Loren Stone
Treasurer	Marlene Peters
Librarian	Joe Shivokevich

The following appointees have agreed to serve in these positions.

Webmaster	Howard Ford
Editor	Gene Kocis

Stephen asked for nominations from the floor for each office. None were forthcoming.

Gene Strojek moved that the nominations be closed; **Marshall Nathenson** seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The formal election of the slate will take place at the February 7th meeting. The new slate will be installed at the March 7th meeting.

JANUARY SHOW AND TELL **Gene West** brought in another of his fabulous toys, a mechanical man that clapped his hands when a crank is turned.

Tom Roscom brought in two door panels that he had made for cabinets in his house. His wife's wish for a new kitchen resulted in the gutting of the room and a ground-up rebuild. The kitchen doors were finished in a light blue dye that was sanded, distressed, gel coated and then finished with 3 coats of polyurethane.

JANUARY PROGRAM **Tony Roman** gave a talk on basic upholstery at the meeting. He covered a part of the craft that required no sewing and a minimum of tools – namely chair and stool seats. The talk included tools of the trade, the different densities of foam and their use, the different variety of fabrics that can be used and some of the basic differences between the vinyl fabrics. The members were keenly interested in a product called ply-grip, a metal strip containing gripping slots along its surface. By folding the material under the gripping surface and pounding it flush, a strong edge is formed that does not have to be tacked in place. Roman purchases his supplies from Quality Suppliers, 648 Pacific Ave., Oxnard, CA 93030. The phone number is 805-385-3222. The talk was peppered with questions and a great deal of information changed hands.

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JANUARY PRIZE WINNERS After much returning and exchanging of prizes, the winners were;

Ira Goldberg	1/3 sheet finishing sander
John Witt	1 3/4 hp plunge router
Arlen Handberg	Single speed jigsaw
Tom Rascon	6" thin line bench grinder.

FEBRUARY MEETING The February meeting will be held on February 7, 2002 at the Cafetorium of the Redwood Intermediate School at 7:00 PM. Please come early and help set up the auditorium. Thanks.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM There are 2 items on the agenda for February – the elections and a demonstration talk by **Duane Nightingale** on making dovetail joints, demonstrating both the Liegh and Keller dovetail jigs. Duane is one of the oldtimers in the club. He bought his Shopsmith in 1958 and worked in the Shopsmith store in Newbury Park after he retired from GTE in 1992. He and **Howard Ford** started the CVWA and Duane was its second president. He has built numerous projects including 4 grandfather clocks, 2 kitchen hutches, 2 desks, a curio cabinet, a dry sink, a side board, 3 entertainment cabinets, numerous book cases and a backgammon table. With all of this experience under his belt, Duane will be providing a valuable evening for all of us.

FEBRUARY PRIZES The prizes for February are: a 36" speed level, a 48" aluminum straight edge and ruler, a rigid multi-position driver set, a Buck Rogers professional 9" smoothing plane, a Lufkin 25" x 1" tape measure and a Drill Doctor drill bit sharpener.

MARCH PROGRAM Remember the dark ages when boards had to be squared by hand? [I personally have reduced several 8" planks to toothpicks before I got the hang of it.] Dan Gallo, Stephen Case-Pall and Brad Ormsby will be giving a talk on the identification and use of the various types of planes that were and are still available and what to do with them (beside putting them up on a shelf and looking at them).

ANNOUNCEMENTS THANKS AND OTHER STUFF

Membership Renewal

February is usually the height of the Yearly Membership Renewal Fervor for CVWA. We ask that you send you dues to CVWA, P.O. Box 1838, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-0838, ATT: Marlene Peters. Renewal fees are \$20.00, If you haven't mailed your dues, you can pay at the meeting. If you have a check, see Brad Eden; cash payments go to Marlene. Checks should be made payable to CVWA.

WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THIS ITEM THIS MONTH.

ALL ABOUT WOOD SPECIES

ISWonline maintains a descriptive list of wood species at its website. The current list of 50 species is added to monthly and contains a wealth of information for the woodworker. You can access the index at:

www.iswonline.com/www/wom/index.shtml

Thanks - Interface Letter

The following letter is in response to the donation of toys to Interface:

Thank you so much for your donation of gifts to the 17th annual Adopt An Angel Program. Your generosity helped to make the lives of others a little easier throughout the holiday season. Throughout Ventura County, over a hundred donors like you helped struggling families with gifts of clothing, food, toys, money, sports equipment and gift certificates. At last count, we processed 14,000 gifts to over 1,300 children and their families. Without you, this would not have been possible. Your gift truly made a difference.

Thank you again for your generous donations and may 2002 be a joyful year for you.

Please pass on our thanks to any additional colleagues, friends or family members who may have assisted you in this endeavor. If you need additional information about the programs at Interface Children Family Services, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached during business hours at 805-485-6114, Ext. 651.

Sincerely,

Lisa Morris, Adopt an Angel Coordinator.

Letter From The President

Hi everyone,

I recently received a letter from Gary Michelson, Marketing Mgr. of American Woodworker magazine in which he outlined a new "reader development program" that

American Woodworker has initiated.

They are extending an invitation to all members of woodworking organizations, such as CVWA, to subscribe for a full year (7 issues) at a special introductory discount price of \$11.95 which they state is 56% off of the cover price.

I normally wouldn't pass this kind of information along but for a one year trial I know this is a good offer since I have subscribed to American

Woodworker for several years. The cover price is \$3.95. My last renewal was

\$19.88 and so their offer represents, in my opinion, a real value even though it's for the one year.

If any of you would like to take advantage of their offer, call their toll free 1-800-666-3111 number and be sure to tell the operator you want to receive the "special discount for woodworking club members."

If any of you

already subscribe, you should be able to extend your subscription another year at this special rate (I did).

Remember, "Safety First."

Mike

Pressure treated Wood - Ira Goldberg

[Ed. Note: While not high on the list of materials used by the hobbyist, pressure treated wood may be purchased at most lumber suppliers. It is commonly used around the house for fences, decking, raised garden beds and playground equipment. The purpose for treating the wood is to increase its resistance to rot, decay and insect damage. This article has been edited to meet space requirements. If you have further questions, please give Ira a call at 495-7580.]

Background: Lumber manufacturers used a wide variety of preservatives to inhibit rot and decay. Better and safer preservatives replaced less effective or environmentally hazardous products. Presently the most common decay resistant lumber is known as "pressure treated wood" or "green wood."

Article: The preservative in green wood is chromated copper arsenate. An article that appeared in the LA Times reported a study of children who play in wooden playground areas in 13 metropolitan areas by a "government approved laboratory". The study claims that at least one in 500 children had arsenic levels high enough to cause lung or bladder cancer later in life. Other studies found arsenic levels on children's hands after playing in playgrounds, and arsenic in water from run-off. Details of other tests were also reported, and comments on the safety of the greenwood by lumber manufacturers were also quoted. The article continues that EPA is presently investigating this controversy and is expected to present their results in about six months.

Comments: The reason for writing this article is that, as woodworkers, we can have far more intimate exposure to green wood when working with it. Because of the potential for exposure to carcinogens, the wood worker needs to be aware of the proper handling procedures when working with the material.

The Wood Handbook published by the Forest Products Laboratory of the USDA in Madison Wisconsin gives several suggestions for working with and using green pressure-treated lumber.

Handling Precautions:

"Dispose of treated wood by ordinary trash collection or burial. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces or residential boilers because toxic chemicals may be produced as part of the smoke and ashes."

"Avoid frequent or prolonged inhalation of sawdust from treated wood. When sawing and machining treated wood wear a dust mask. Whenever possible these operations should be performed outdoors to avoid indoor accumulations of airborne sawdust from treated wood.

"When power-sawing and machining wear goggles."

"After working with the wood, and before eating, drinking, and using tobacco products, wash exposed areas thoroughly.

"If preservatives or sawdust accumulate on clothes launder before reuse. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing."

Use

"Treated wood may be used inside residences as long as all sawdust and construction debris are cleaned up and disposed of after construction.

"Do not use treated wood where the preservative may become a component of food or animal feed - food containers, cutting boards or countertops.

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