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HELP WANTED

THE JOB IS EASY, THERE IS NO PAY EXCEPT THE GRATITUDE OF THE MEMBERS WHO DRINK THE COFFEE AND EAT THE COOKIES. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE REFRESHMENT STAND FOR THE MEETINGS. CALL BILL AURAND

APRIL MEETING We started a little late, so the business portion of the meeting was a little rushed. (reminder - the doors open at 6:30) **Ira Goldberg** presented **Mike DeCaprio** with a plaque recognizing his work as last year's president. In addition, **Bill Brandt** received a gift certificate in recognition for his continuing work in arranging the meeting place for the club. **Bill Aurand** called for volunteers for the Christmas project and a volunteer to help with the coffee. His phone number appears in the Board of Director's box in another part of this newsletter. **Dave Blackburn** called attention to the Art Furnishing show at the Pasadena Center on May 18 and 19. This is a show of specially designed furniture by master craftsmen. Call the Pasadena Civic Center for details.

APRIL SHOW AND TELL We had a lot of sharing at the meeting. **Gene West** brought in a mahogany doll's bed that he made for his 2 year old granddaughter and a mechanical toy that demonstrated how to get opposing piston motion from the same turn of a crank. **Duane Nightingale** brought in an adjustable jig for routing dados. He also brought in a sanding block designed to take a 23" sander belt. A couple of dowels keeps everything lined up and a couple of springs maintain the tension on the paper. The device lets you change the position of the paper, making a great tool for sanding large surfaces. **Wolfgang Ludeking** brought in 2 jewelry boxes made from a variety of woods. The finishes were great and some members did not see the pin hinges. His watch was something to behold. A 2" insert clock set into maple formed the watch. The bands were curved walnut with brass clasps. It was a great piece. **Brad Eden** brought in a collection of old tools, including some planes, stoke shaves and a very menacing hammer.

APRIL PROGRAM Compliant Spray Systems manufactures a line of water based finishes that, according to Fine Woodworking, is among the best available. Andy Charron, in the December 1998 issue, top-rated Enduro Wat-R-Base Poly and described it as “..having a warm tone and good depth; closely approaching lacquer in appearance..” When you consider the competition in the review, this is pretty good praise. **Jeff Richardson** is the developer of the product and his wife **Lois** is the General Manager of the company, Compliant Spray Systems. The finishing line includes wood fillers, conditioners, stains, and top coats – all of them water based. The fillers were especially interesting in that they have the consistency of soft butter and did not require the usual effort to push the product down into the grain. This was truly a wipe it on, level it out and sand in 15 minutes. Grain raising does not appear to be a problem and is described as minor in the review. For those crafters interested in learning more about the products and finishing in general, the company will hold a finishing seminar on May 18, 2002. The cost is \$150.00. Call either Jeff or Lois at 1-800-696-0615 for further information.

APRIL VISITORS **Steven Jones, John Berreyes, Jim Debatty, Joe Prado, Mike Crain, Bill Yarber** and **Nancy Mathews** visited with us in April.

APRIL NEW MEMBERS Joining the club in April were **Alan Culp, Charles North, Wolfgang Ludeking** and **Harry Poschman**.

APRIL PRIZE WINNERS

Enduro Hats -----**Linda Sands, Gene West**
Enduro T-Shirts – ----**Jack Lursen, Mike Crain**
Enduro clear grain filler----- **Joe Ormsby**
Enduro Starter Kit ----- **Robert Coyle**
Vix-Bits -----**Richard Kingsbury**
Small Parts Holder----- **Mike Crain**
Wizard Metal Detector -----**Ken Johnson**
Wooden Plane -----**Bill Brandt**
Nielsen Plane -----**Norm Peterson**

(Norm has had a bad year and we are glad to see him back. He says his new hip is working just fine.)

MAY MEETING The May meeting is at the usual time and the usual place. We ask that the members arrive early so that the meeting can end on time since we must vacate the room at 9 o'clock. The doors open at 6:30 – come early, socialize and help set up the auditorium. We really need to start the meeting by 7:00. May 3 is badge night so all attendees start looking for your badges and make sure that you wear them to the meeting. All members wearing badges will be entitled to a free cup of coffee and some cookies.

MAY PROGRAM A representative from the Lie Nielsen Toolworks will be demonstrating its wares in May. Brad Ormsby tells us that the rep will give a 15% discount on all orders taken at the meeting. For those of you unfamiliar with these tools, Lie-Nielsen makes a line of high quality planes and specialty saws. The full tool list is available at <http://www.lie-nielsen.com> or call 1-800-327-2520 for a catalogue.

MAY PRIZES We have another Lie-Nielsen plane, a couple of Bessey K-Body 36 inch clamps, a blade-lok and a Starrett digital tape measure.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS THANKS AND OTHER STUFF

PROFILE – THE PREZ – IRA GOLDBERG

In October '95 Ira's wife, Susan, saw a newspaper article on our Club and told him if he ever was going to get back to woodworking, he should either look into the club or quit talking about it. He joined CVWA in 1995 and found the club had no communication among members, so he offered to start a newsletter, *The Bladerunner*, which he edited for five years. He is looking forward to assuming the Club's presidency in March.

Ira's interest in woodworking started with shop classes in the 7th and 9th grades, but there was no opportunity to enjoy this as a hobby. The interest lay dormant until graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he met his wife Susan. Her family is truly hands-on. "My father-in-law loved woodworking and I learned a lot from him, especially things that I shouldn't do." Both grandfathers-in-law were excellent furniture makers and finishers. The day after he arrived for a visit with his grandfather-in-law to be in New Mexico, he was taken into the four car garage-woodworking shop to build a box. "All of my grand children can make a box and you shouldn't be any different." Those experiences reawakened his interest in wood. Even then it took another 25 years, particularly because of the "Club" and the encouragement of the members before he became an active woodworker.

Ira has been a research scientist at Rockwell Scientific for 30 years. His specialties are the physics and chemistry of magnetic materials, microwave heating processes and the designing and testing magnetic and microwave devices. He also teaches chemistry at CLU, and has small research projects in electrical engineering at UCLA. His fascination with science carries over to woodworking in his interest in wood properties and structure and the interaction of wood and wood finishes. "Wood is a unique material with properties and textures that cannot be easily reproduced artificially. It is exceptionally strong, but also exceptionally vulnerable to the environment." Because of his work in electricity and magnetism, he is also knowledgeable on electric motors.

His woodworking interests include marquetry and veneering, turning pens, chip-carving, wood finishing and generally small projects. He has made pens, a few boxes, and numerous accessories for hand weaving - one of his wife's avocations. Presently he is in the process of learning and developing skills useful for furniture making and furniture restoring. He spends most of his time woodworking with his closest friend, Stephen Case-Pall. We enjoy learning and making challenging projects. Sometimes it seems like 'the blind leading the blind' but we learn by talking out different approaches to solving woodworking problems. Even when we make mistakes, we learn.

Future projects will include some classical furniture, a grandfather clock, and a near replica of a wall clock owned by a friend, a replica of a Tiffany lamp, several jewelry boxes, and a doll house for his now 15 month old granddaughter. The greatest immediate challenge is clearing the wood shop to do these projects.

Email Address Changes

Since the acquisition of Verizon cable by Adelphia, many members have had their email addresses changed. Please send Brad Eden a note with your new address so that he can update the roster.

The Woodworking Show

The Show runs from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5 at the Pomona Fairplex – Building 4. If anyone is interested in going, ask for a car pool at the meeting. Further information about the show may be obtained by calling 1-800-826-8257.

Breakfast Anyone?

A number of members has been meeting at IHOP in Newbury Park for breakfast once a month. The next meeting is Wed., May 15 at 9:00 a.m. This is a no business, strictly social, just come and have a nosh and talk.

Roster

The Board has decided to publish a list containing the member's names, city, phone numbers and email addresses. If you wish to be excluded from this roster, either send an email to gkocis@bigfoot.com or leave a note with a member of the board at the next meeting.

Membership

The by-laws state that anyone not paying their dues will cease to be members 60 days after the due date. Unpaid members, as of May 2, have been dropped from the roster. These people will no longer be receiving the Bladerunner and will be ineligible for prizes at the meeting.

Library

Bob Coyle has returned for another stint as librarian. If you have a particular book you would like to see in the library, please give him a call.

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