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May Meeting – Show-and-Tell, and Introductions

To allow sufficient time for our special guest, Denim Puchalski, from Lie-Neilsen Tool Company, Show and Tell and new member and guest introductions were suspended for the meeting. While the presentation was well-received, you can be sure that the President received sufficient feedback on how important these are. So, please bring you show-and-tell items to the June meeting.

May Program- Using Handplanes

Denim first described hand planes and then demonstrated flattening a board with a series of hand-planes.

A scrub plane has a curved blade and is used to remove a lot of material. It creates a certain amount of unevenness that is removed easily with the other planes.

A primary mistake is that many woodworkers use too large a cut. If the cut is thin the plane is easy to move and tear-out is minimized.

The typical plane angle (blade to wood) is about 45 degrees. Higher angles such as 50 degrees are used for highly figured woods. Small angle planes (15-20 degrees) are used for end grain.

To flatten a board, place the cupped side down. Find the thinnest point and use this to determine the thickness. Set the thickness on a marking gage and scribe the edges all around the board. Start planing with a scrub plane. Then remove the ridges with a jack plane. Shave relatively heavy chips to remove the rides left by the scrub plane.

The longer planes ride the “bumps” so the high spots are shaved off. Next use a jointer plane (No. 7 or 8) with a fine cut until you get continuous shavings. Then switch to a smoothing plane (No. 1 to 4½), depending on the size of the wood or the plane that you have available. When the board is flat the shavings should be very thin and curl as they are planed.

A hint to check whether the blade is parallel to the sole of the plane, shave a thin board on either side of the plane, and compare shavings.

Denim also briefly reviewed sharpening plane blades and when they need sharpening. (This will be discussed in more detail in this month’s meeting) He also compared Stanley planes to Lie-Neilsen’s. Lie-Neilsen planes are ready to use and should provide years of service. Stanley planes need to be trued and sharpened, and checked frequently.

May New Members and Guests

Welcome to our new members and guests. New members are John Berreyes, James DeBatty and Stephen Jones. Guess were Michael Crain, John Jauss, George Radmiller, Barry Nishman, and Donald Hendrixson.

May Prize Winners

The prize winners for May were:

Shaun Millington	- Besey Clamps	Arlen Hanberg	- Chisel set
Wolfgang Ludeking	- Blade Lock	Hans Olsen	- Digital tape measure
Ed Bianchi	- Miter Box	Larry Hoopes	- Lie-Neilsen block plane
Chuck Deidrich	- Bessy Clamps		

June Meeting The June meeting will be held as usual in the Redwood Intermediate School Cafetorium The social period starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

June Program

One of the biggest problems that woodworkers face is sharpening tools. How sharp is sharp enough? What is the best way to sharpen? When does a tool need resharping? How can I recondition an old blade? Do I use a whetstone, a water stone, a diamond file, or carbide paper? Different woodworkers use different sharpening techniques, but all woodworkers need have sharp blades.

Fortunately CVWA has an expert among our members. Stan Wolpert will once again present a program on sharpening techniques. This is a good time to ask questions and get some good tips.

June Shop Visit

Learning about sharpening is not the same as hands-on experience. The Saturday following the meeting, June 8 at 9:00 PM, Stan Wolpert will host a sharpening workshop at his home shop. His address and phone number are: Stan Wolpert; 4187 Oakplace Drive; Westlake Village, CA 91362; 805 496-2326

June Prizes

Consistent with this month's topic, the Members Prize is: *The Complete Guide to Sharpening* by Leonard Lee (Taunton Press)

The Grand Prize is a DeWalt DW682K Heavy Duty plate Jointer Kit. The additional raffle prizes are a Veritas Sharpening System and a Little Wizard Metal Detector

July Program July 11, 7:00 PM

Tim Albert, a new member of CVWA writes articles for woodworking magazines. At the meeting he will review miter gages based on an article that he submitted, and will also talk about writing for woodworking magazines.

Note: The meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month to avoid conflicts with the July 4th holiday.

Announcements

Christmas Toy Project – Bill Aurand would like to start organizing the annual holiday toy project. Please fill out the form that is enclosed and return it to Bill. This is a great opportunity for the club to help the community, especially those less fortunate, as well as for members to meet and work together.

Flag Cases – The April issue of Wood featured an article on woodworking clubs thjat were making flag cases for families of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. More are needed. If you are interested in making one, contact Dan Gallo. You can get the plans from the website www.woodworkersunitedforamerica.org.

Refreshment coordinator wanted – The club needs a new refreshment coordinator to purchase and set up coffee and “goodies” for meetings. It doesn’t take much time, and it makes the meetings more enjoyable. If you are interested call Bill Aurand, or talk to one of the members of the board.

Saturday Shop Visit – Would you like to host a Saturday shop visit at your workshop? Years ago the club visited one or two shops each month on a Saturday morning between 9 AM and noon to talk about woodworking and to help with projects. Typically 8-12 members attended. We would like to start doing this again. If you are interested let one of our board members know.

Board Notes – This is to let you know that your Board has been busy. We recognize the need for a better sound system and we looking into affordable alternatives. The program committee is working on programs that include finishing techniques, selecting the proper finish, shop safety, caning chairs (repeated from several years ago). Some workshops that parallel the programs are being discussed. Finally, several “field trips” are under consideration. One of them might be to the Gamble House and to Rockler in Pasadena. While none of these are firm, we hope to have more information for you in the next several weeks. The board is also looking into obtaining CVWA T-shirts.

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Christmas Toy Project

Hello Fellow Woodworker:

Members of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association have donated many hours and energy to give back a little to those less fortunate or needing a helping hand. Last year, CVWA made over 900 toys that were donated to Interface. Interface distributed them to underprivileged children. Again the season is approaching and in order to be ready, it is time to start planning. This year's director, Bill Aurand, is asking members to pledge making 25 toys and having them available for the December club meeting. This year the club will be purchasing wheels (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch dia.) along with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch axles for all the cars and trucks. Some members prefer to make toys on their own while others may want to attend workshops that will be held during the months of August, September, October, and November.

Please spend a few moments completing and returning the form, either at the next meeting or by mailing it to Bill Aurand. I would you to select the toys that you would like a child to have. Keep in mind that both boys and girls items are needed. Toys should not be too small or dangerous. Some plans are available by contacting Bill Aurand. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at one of the following phone numbers or by e-mail.

Bill Aurand

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Choose from one of the following options:

1. I pledge to make a total _____ of _____ for the 2002 Toy Project.
(#) (describe toy)
2. I pledge to have a workshop at my house for other members to help build projects.
3. I pledge to work at one of the workshops during the months of _____.
4. I would like to donate material to be used for the projects. (please circle)
 - a. Dry kilned 2x4
 - b. Dry kilned 4x4 redwood
 - c. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Baltic Birch
5. I cannot do any of the above, but I am willing to:

Thank you for time and consideration. Please make your choices and return this form to the above address.

Please print your name and phone

number _____