

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION  
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**Editor's Message**

While most of us are planning our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, the CVWA board of directors is actively planning a number of upcoming events including the Toy Project, the Michael Dresdner Seminar, Annual Auction and even the upcoming meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

July's meeting will be something new. Members are invited to bring along and show off their best Tips, Jigs and Fixtures. Whether you've built a great jig for cutting tenons or you have a terrific tip on sharpening, we want to hear from you. **Greg Charles** will be the moderator for the evening. If you have any questions please contact Greg, his number is on the back of this newsletter.

**Toy Project Progress**

*Toys, toys and more toys; that's our objective.* **Bob Fahrnbruch** and **Robert Coyle** continue to work on the club's annual Toy Project. While the majority of the workshops begin in August and run through October, there is a lot of work that needs to take place in July – materials have to be purchased, wood needs to be trued, jigs need to be built and so on. If you'd like to help make the Toy Project a success, please contact Bob and Robert.

**Michael Dresdner Finishing Seminar**

[Register](#)

One of the best events of the year is coming up on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Michael Dresdner, a well-known expert on finishing, will be conducting a seminar titled, "**Practical Wood Finishing**". This should be an excellent event and at only \$50 for members is a real bargain. See page #3 of the Bladerunner for more.

**June Program**

The June meeting presentation was a discussion and slide show by Steve Casey. Steve, a professional woodworker from Agoura, specializes in furniture and cabinetry for home theater systems and entertainment systems. Steve brought along a number of slides of his past work, including everything from giant entertainment centers to furniture and artistic projects. At present Steve specializes in the construction of high-end entertainment centers and home theater systems. Through his slide show he displayed a number of past projects and discussed the construction of many unique

projects. . Many of us were amazed at some of Steve's artistic pieces including, "Motor Head" a wooden jewelry box shaped like a motorcycle helmet and the "Zipper", a giant sized zipper made entirely from wood.

Steve also discussed some of his construction techniques and the use of man-made materials, like MDF, in his work. He noted that some his most expensive lacquered pieces are made



from MDF. Before the presentation was over we had a quick course on the 32mm hardware mounting system that Steve uses along with the Blum European style hinges and Accuride drawer slides.

**June Show & Tell**

We had six more great projects at the June meeting. **Milton Kretch** started off the evening

with his cradle. He coupled great craftsmanship with an equally great design. Next up, **John Witt** brought along two projects – a toilet paper holder and an adjustable table saw fingerboard.



**Carl Stude** displayed artistic piece made from a turned object that was later cut into strips and reassembled. **Bill Gourlay** brought along two small band saw boxes, **Gene West** delighted us with another wooden toys; this time it was two kids playing in a bathtub. And, lastly, **Chuck Diedrich** showed us an orchid and flowerpot carving. Check out that smile....



**June Prize Winners**

The first prize of the evening, the \$50 membership gift certificate went to **Ross Ireland**. **Doug Laird** took home some scroll saw blades; **Dan Gallo** won one Bessey Clamp with **Don Andersen** walking away with the other. Dave Studley won the Ryobi drill, plate jointer biscuits went to **Bob Pratt** and **Barbara Kaufman** won the PC Random Orbit Sander.

John Knittle and his dog, Denita, won the main prize of the evening.

Bill Aurand was holding #7142611 to start off the raffle winning a \$50 Home Depot gift card. **Doug Laird** took home a set of chisels, **Don Hanson** won a block plane, **John McLaine** won another \$50 HD gift card, **Thom Bratz** got the sharpening jig, **John Knittle** grabbed the dial calipers, **Dwayne Nightingale** won a special dime and **Gene West** took home the final prize, a Forrest Manufacturing hat.

**June Shop Tour**

About 15 members made their way to **Howard Ford's** shop on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the donuts and coffee we had a chance to tour Howard's shop and see some of his many projects.

**Member Profile**

**Howard Ford's** interest in woodworking started at a very early age. For materials he recycled old orange crates or apple boxes reusing not only the wood, but the nails too! Howard became very busy with other interests after becoming a pastor at age 19 and after eight years of higher education. In his adult years he spent his time with various hobbies such as oil painting, ceramics, carving coins, brass engraving and Encaustic Art. The opening of the Shop Smith Store was his first exposure to how to do woodwork. When nearing retirement Howard furnished his shop with "Early Garage Sale" equipment that he continues to use today. He adds that he enjoys making jigs as much as projects. Howard was the founding member of the CVWA and continues to volunteer hundreds of hours each year. Although Howard has built many projects over his life, woodturning is his favorite type of woodworking.

## General Information

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### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will include a new presentation format. Club members will be displaying their best **Tips, Jigs and Fixtures**. If you'd like to participate bring along your favorite jig and tell us a little bit about it.

On the Saturday immediately following the meeting, July 5<sup>th</sup>, **Keith Williams** will be hosting a Shop-Tour. Look for flyers at the July meeting with the location and times.

### Announcements

The AWFS (Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers) Fair will take place in Anaheim this year, from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. While much of the show is geared towards major manufacturers, there are a number of items for the small shop. If you've never attended a show like this before, it's worth the visit.

Register online at <http://awfsfair.org/> before July 9<sup>th</sup> and pay only \$10. Don't try and register at the show.

### Upcoming Prizes

**Important Raffle Update...** Beginning in July, we're changing the format for the raffle. The raffle prizes, except for the "Major Prize" will be pooled with the ticket holder having his or her choice of the prize. When all regular prizes are awarded we'll have the "Major Prize" raffle and the "Member Prize" raffle.

The raffle prizes this year have been great and July is no exception. Be sure to buy plenty of tickets for your chance to win a book on band saw boxes, a \$50 gift certificate to Mayan Hardwood, a set of FasTTraK Angle Heads or a Forrest saw blade. In addition to all that we'll be giving away a \$50 gift certificate as the member prize.

### Seminars, Demonstrations and Field Trips

#### **PRACTICAL WOOD FINISHING with MICHAEL DRESDNER**

Wood finishing is a mystery to most of us. Help demystify the process with this great seminar.

**Time:** Fri, 7/25, 7:30pm to 10pm, and  
Sat, 7/26, 8:30 am to 5:00pm  
**Where:** Rockwell Scientific Auditorium  
1049 Camino dos Rios, TO  
**Cost:** Members: \$50.00  
Non-Members: \$65.00

Contact **Ira Goldberg** for more information.

Michael Dresdner is one of the best-known experts in the field of wood finishing. At this seminar he will present practical ways to finish your woodworking projects. The seminar will include both a discussion and demonstrations.

Wood finishing at the professional and hobbyist level has been Michael's primary business for thirty years. He has written five books and created four videos on the subject. In addition he lectures at woodworking shows around the country.

Topics covered will include wood preparation, oil and water based finishes, dyes and stains, finishing in a not too dust free environment, hand applied and spray finishing and many more.

Those who have heard him speak have been delighted and entertained. Besides being very knowledgeable, he is entertaining and understands his audience.

Sign-up and pay at the June meeting or send a check made payable to CVWA to Ira Goldberg at 54 Westbury Court, Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360.