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Editor's Message

We're nearing the end of summer and the CVWA Toy Project and many other upcoming events are in full swing. While some of the [Toy Project](#) workshops have already taken place, most begin the first full weekend in September and continue almost every weekend through October. If you have the time and can help we would like to see you there.

It's Auction Time – Bid, Bid and Bid Big!

That's right, the October meeting will once again mark the date for the CVWA annual auction. I've been privy to some of the items coming up for auction and wow, there's some great stuff. Many local tool retailers are donating items, we've had some great donations from members, heck, I'm bringing a restored band saw to sell. So break open the piggy banks and search the sofa for spare change and ask your wife to write you a check, you're going to need it. **Brad Ormsby** will once again serve as Auctioneer Extraordinaire and Master of Ceremonies. Cash and checks will be happily accepted, but No IOUs.

We need your surplus items! Remember, the real success of the auction comes from the many great items that members of the club donate. So search those shops and bring out all the old tools!

August Program

Paul Henry a furniture maker at Palomar College gave a very thought provoking presentation. He discussed and showed slides of some of the furniture that he's made over the years. He assured us that based on the number of woodworking groups, the enrollment at Palomar College and the number of woodworking supply stores, that woodworking should not be considered a lost art, but rather a thriving one, with new ideas constantly evolving.

Paul outlined the features of a successful piece of furniture. First, it must be technically correct for its function. Second, it needs to be well made. Third, it must be designed for its intended location and finally, it should have a uniqueness and creativity all its own. It shouldn't be a reproduction, but a creative outgrowth of successful furniture of the past. Classical furniture was successful because the old masters

made it to all of the above requirements including creativity. This creativity led to the evolution of styles. No one or two of these is sufficient by themselves.

Paul showed some slides of classical furniture followed by how he adapted it to modern use and style. For example, he restyled a baroque



William and Mary table to fit into a modern household. The overall shapes were similar, but his lines were simpler and more modern and the colors brighter. Another example was a

Sheraton style table that he adapted with streamline curves but with similar grace.

Paul also uses some unconventional materials. For example he modified a simple shaker cabinet by using sheet steel for some of the panels. He used tire treads in several pieces of furniture. The tread served as drawer fronts or trim. Especially in modified Craftsman style furniture. Other found materials included brass pieces, reinforcement rods, chalkboards, gears and paper (for parquetry). In a Hoosier style cabinet he used cast iron doors from an old oven. He has brought “dumpster diving” to a very high artistic level.



Whether or not you liked his style of furniture, the presentation was aimed at making one rethink the furniture making process. If you are interested in seeing more of his work and ideas, visit www.paulhenryfurniture.com

August Prize Winners

Raffle winners in August included **Oliver Mahannah** who won the Makita Belt Sander, **Fred Hughes** who took home the Finishing book by Michael Dresdner, **Carl Stude** walked away with the \$50 gift certificate and **Marshall Nathanson** won the Porter Cable brad nailer.

August Show & Tell

The August Show & Tell included some beautiful band saw boxes made by **Richard Kingsbury**. **Howard Ford** brought in a special purpose kitchen stool, another member displayed the construction of knives and their handles and of course we saw the latest progress on the Toy.



July Shop Tour

Stephen Case-Pall hosted a shop and museum tour on August 9th. Approximately ten members made their way to Stephen’s home and enjoyed donuts, cookies and coffee. We spent several hours in the shop where Stephen broke out his collection of wooden planes and other tools and allowed members to make some shavings and sawdust. It was a very interesting morning.



General Information

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4th and will be another Workstation format. The meeting will take place in the science room.

Workstations will include:

- **Brad Ormsby** on the Tormek
- **Tim Albers** using the cabinet scraper
- **Stephen** will serenade the wooden plane
- **Bob Farrnburch** on the jointer
- **Marshall Nathanson** making bandsaw boxes

And, Abe Effiom will display and sell Ebony **Brady Andresen** will have a discount wood sale **Don Hanson** will show off Festool products

On September 6th the Saturday immediately following the meeting, **Greg and Eileen Charles** will host a Shop Tour. Look for flyers at the meeting with the location and times.

Announcements

The Woodworking Shows will return to Costa Mesa on November 7th, 8th and 9th - It's not too early to start planning.

Ever find a piece of wood and wonder what it was? Now's your chance to become a wood expert and impress your fellow club members. We'll be having a **Wood Identification** contest at the November meeting. There will be 25 to 30 samples of wood and each member will receive a ballot to enter their answers (guesses).

Upcoming Prizes

Bring some money for the raffle!

We'll continue with the same raffle format for September. The raffle prizes, except for the "Major Prize" will be pooled with the ticket holder having his or her choice of the prizes. Up for grabs in September will be a set of dial

calipers for woodworkers, a knife setting jig for the jointer, a set of three machinist squares, a Ryobi oscillating spindle sander and the ever-famous \$50 gift certificate from Home Depot.

Seminars, Demonstrations and Field Trips

TOY PROJECT WORK DAYS

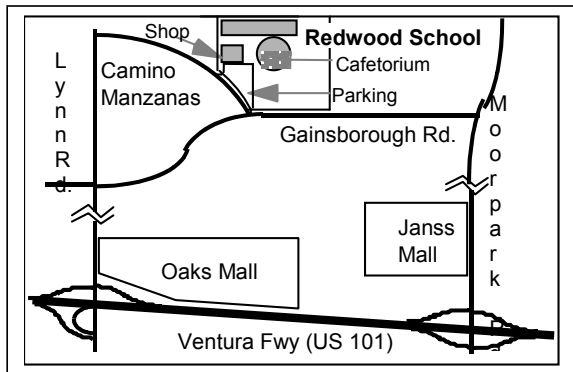
Please note that the dates may change and more dates may be scheduled to meet our goals.

Many of the projects already have volunteers assigned, so please check with the coordinators or host.

Sept/Oct Weekdays	Cars & Trucks Bill Aurand (805) 527-6092
August __?	Animated Animals Arlen Handberg (805) 527-0211
Sept 6,7,13 th	Heart Boxes Felix Masci (805) 495-6505
Sept 20 & 27 th	Helicopters Robert Coyle (818) 591-2635
Oct 4 th	80 Cars Paul Brockway (805) 371-1295
Oct 11 th	Doll Cradles Gene West (805) 483-1210
Oct 18 & 25 th	Cedar Boxes Marshall Nathanson (805) 495-4820
Nov __?	Boxes Greg & Eileen Charles (805) 499-4890

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Meeting Dates	
First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM	
Upcoming Programs	
Sept. 4 th	Workstations – See listing within this newsletter
Oct. 2 nd	AUCTION!
Upcoming Trips and Events	
Sept. 6 th	Shop Visit with Greg and Eileen Charles

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