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Editor's Message

The Toy Meeting

As always, the December meeting will focus on the club's annual Toy Project. Members will display and discuss the many hundreds of toys made during the year. The December meeting is also a time when the club dedicates a few extra minutes for members to discuss their woodworking projects from the past year. It doesn't matter what the project is, bring it along and share it with your fellow club members. Goofs and problems are always welcome as we can all learn from someone else's mistakes.

December is also the best time for members to reflect on the last few months and discuss the toy workshops, planning and organization of the toy project. In early November, members closest to the Toy Project held a review meeting. Those in attendance came up with some great ideas for next year and openly discussed the workshops and number of toys made. There was general consensus that the last few years have been extremely successful, but like nearly everything there's always room for improvement. Specifically the group discussed ways of encouraging more members to participate, expanding the type of toys made, developing workshops that are based on teaching and sharing of information and less production driven, and making the toy project a year-around event.

November Program

Wood Finishing is a mystery to most of us, but **Ira Goldberg** helped make some sense of it with his presentation at the November meeting. Ira recently attended a two-week finishing seminar at the Dakota County Technical College and shared much of what he learned with the club members.

Ira's presentation began with a discussion on the correct sanding technique and the grit that bare wood should be sanded. Ira noted that open pore woods like oak should only be sanded to 150 or 180 grit while closed pore woods like maple should be sanded to 220 grit. It was also noted that the edges of panels should be "double" sanded for a consistent finish.

When it comes to adding color, Ira discussed both stains (think pigments) and dyes. Ira

discussed the advantages and disadvantages, noting that stain is relatively easy to apply and accentuates the wood grain but can also cause blotchiness. Dyes on the other hand are less subject to blotchiness, highlights the wood grain without projecting the pores and can be applied in a number of methods. However, dyes not readily available at the local home centers and are not forgiving, thus they must be applied uniformly. Ira also discussed combined stain and dye products.

Ira continued the presentation with alternatives for protecting wood. Ira discussed oils, shellac, lacquer and varnish. Ira noted that while oil is easy to apply it provides little scratch or moisture protection. Lacquer is a more durable finish with catalyzed lacquers being harder and more scratch resistant than Nitrocellulose. Polyurethane is a very durable finish, but is often not considered to be very good looking.

November Prize Winners

Our youngest member, **Kyle Young** (along with dad, **Dan Young**) walked away with the Ryobi



spindle sander to start the raffle off. Up next, **Wolfgang Ludeking** took home a \$20 gift certificate, as did **Dwayne Jackson**.

Hal Schroeder selected the corner square and another member (sorry, I lost track) won the scraper burnisher. **Wayne Jackson** was the big winner of the evening taking home the Delta dust collector.

November Show & Tell



We had five Show & Tell participants at the November meeting. **Dave Blackburn** brought along some great trays and boxes. **Thom Bratz** showed off a turned natural edge platter, **Gene West** brought along a neat little pop-up toy, **Richard Kingsbury** displayed another of his Bandsaw boxes. This one had an elaborate six-draw configuration. Lastly, **Jordan Greer** displayed a chair he recently refinished along with a handy Push-block.

CVWA Member Profile

We've all seen him helping out at the meetings and more recently working on some of the Toy Workshops. But now we have the opportunity to get to know Stephen Case-Pall a little better. Stephen is retired from the police force where he began his career as a patrolman in San Diego for four years. After completing college he went on to work in narcotics, felons and eventually worked with the sexual assault specialist team before retiring. Stephen is credited with helping to found the State's sexual assault multi-task force. After retiring Stephen worked in the electronics industry for a short time, but later drifted back into retirement.

While Stephen has been into woodworking his entire life, his current shop is his first dedicated shop. While in the shop he enjoys working with his vast collection of antique wooden planes and you can often find him tuning up a recently acquired addition to his collection. He also spends time working on small projects like boxes and especially enjoys working with rare veneers. He recently constructed a small box for his wife from rosewood, walnut and lacewood, but liked it so much he wouldn't part with it! Like most of us, he complains that he can't spend enough time in his shop.

In addition to woodworking, those members who have been to Stephen's home (museum) know that he is an avid collector of imperial headgear and medals.

Wood ID Contest

The Wood ID Contest was held at the November meeting. **Stephen Case-Pall** organized the event and gave us some great woods to identify. Rumor has it the winner is a woodworker, but we'll know for sure when he, or she, is announced at the December meeting.

General Information

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 4th** where those in attendance will see more wooden toys than any of us have seen before. **Bob Fahrnbruch** and **Robert Coyle** will coordinate the presentation. In addition bring along a project for our End of the Year Show & Tell. Big or small, complex or simple, pretty or ugly, it doesn't matter.

• January Meeting •

Be sure to attend the January meeting for another great Workstations meeting format. Just remember, since the first Thursday is New Year's Day, the meeting will be held on the second Thursday, January 8th.

Announcements

• The Woodworks Shows •

The Woodworks Show will return to Ontario, Ca. on January 30th, 31st and February 1st. The club is organizing a bus trip to the show on Saturday, January 31st, which will leave the Redwood Intermediate School at approximately 8am. Look for information at the next meeting. Pricing is estimated at \$30 per person which includes entry to the show; the return trip is free. Go to www.woodworks2003.com/home_ca.shtml for more information.

• Annual Dues •

The annual dues for the new year have increased. A single membership is \$30 for new members and \$25 for renewing members. Family memberships are \$45 for new members and \$30 for renewing members. New family memberships needing more than two badges will be charged \$7 for each additional badge.

• Officers and Directors •

December is the time of year when we start thinking about new officers and directors for the upcoming club year. The club's fiscal year runs from March 1st to February 28th. Elected positions are:

- President
- 2 Vice President positions
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Chairman
- 3 general Director positions
- Librarian

If you're interested in helping out with any club functions or activities make sure your voice is heard. See a board member for more information.

Classifieds

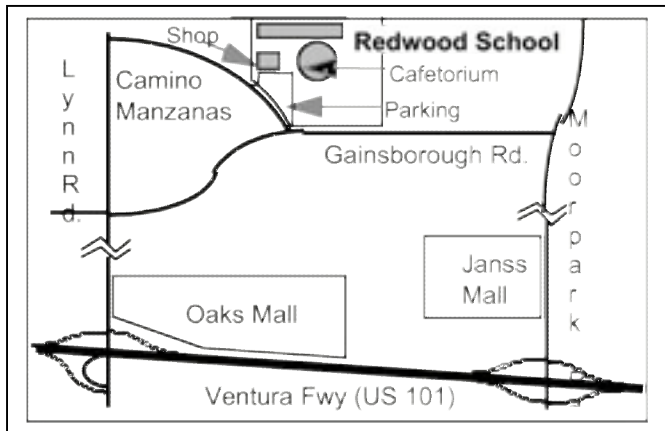
Howard Ford has a couple of great workbenches he is selling. His main bench is 8' long and 34" deep with plenty of storage and a vise. He has another smaller storage cabinet as well. Contact Howard at #498-8489 for more information and a price.

Miscellaneous Items

With the closing of the local Klinspor warehouse in Ventura, the club was asked if members wanted to be included on the Klingspor mail list for specials and pricing discounts. For those members unfamiliar with Klinspor, they are a manufacturer and seller of abrasive products and equipment. If you **DO NOT** want your name and e-mail given to Klinspor, please contact **Marlene Peters**.

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Meeting Dates	
First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM	
Upcoming Programs	
Dec. 4 th	Toy Projects
Jan. 8 th	Workstations
Feb. 5 th	Bill Aurand on Cabinet Making
Upcoming Trips and Events	
Jan. 30 th to	WoodWorks Show
Feb. 1 st	Ontario Bus Trip

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