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**Editor's Message**

**A look back at 2004**

2004 marked the completion of the tenth year anniversary of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers' Association. And, like each year before it, 2004 will be remembered as a very successful year for the CVWA. Our membership has grown to approximately 170 members, we just completed another successful holiday toy project, we had a fun and exciting auction where we raised plenty of cash for the New Year, and we enjoyed weekend seminars, a bus trip to the woodworking show, the CVWA Holiday Party and countless entertaining and helpful demonstrations and workshops.

**January Presentation**

And, speaking on entertaining demonstrations, **Marlene Peters** has managed to arrange for a real exciting guest presenter at our January meeting - Kenny Sanford, a professional prop maker in the entertainment industry. Kenny has expertise in furniture duplication, lathe turning, scroll saw, woodcarving, special effects, prop jokes and stand-up comedy. His recent screen credits include Mystic River, Minority Report and Blood Works. Quoting Kenny from an article in Woodworker West, "We deal in abstract realism, creating fantasy. We are professional counterfeiters. You have to be a master of all talents, everything from a cabinetmaker to a bricklayer. One day you are making fine furniture, next day a rock. Most of what we create will be trashed after production completes the picture. However my furniture is more enduring. It can often be found in some movie executive's living room after the production is complete." Kenny's presentation promises to be a unique insight into a profession that utilizes woodworking talent and I suspect fully loaded with Kenny's comedic flare.

**Upcoming Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, January 6th	Monthly Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Saturday, January 8th	Shop Tour	Chuck Bercy's Shop
Wednesday, January 19th	Breakfast Gathering	Newbury Park IHOP
Thursday, January 20th	Board Meeting	
Thursday, February 3rd	Monthly Meeting & Elections	Redwood Middle School
Saturday, February 5th	Shop Tour	Austin Ivey's Shop
Saturday, February 5th	Woodworking Show Bus Trip	Meet at Redwood School
Wednesday, February 16th	Breakfast Gathering	Newbury Park IHOP
Thursday, February 17th	Board Meeting	

## December Meeting

The December meeting brought us another great display of Toys. It's amazing what the combined effort of so many club members can create. Not only in the sheer number of toys produced, but also the variety, ingenious designs and craftsmanship. A special thanks goes out to all those who volunteered their time to build toys in one of the scheduled workshops. And, we can't forget those independent builders who worked in their own shops to build countless toys.



## December Show & Tell

December brought us a number of unique Show & Tell items in addition to the many toys. **Bill Brandt** showed off some wonderful Lacewood



bowls made from the lugs that he harvested with some other club members. **Dan Gallo** once again wowed the crowd with another scroll saw project. **Bill Gourlay** brought along an entire collection of items, everything from recipe holders for the kitchen to whistles and even a



few carved turtles. **Marshall Nathanson** displayed a footstool that he made from Red Oak.

## December New Members

Our membership continues to grow each month. In December we had three new members, **Dick Elsley**, **Keith Hogan** and **Martin Kircher**. Welcome to the club and we look forward to seeing each of you at future meetings.

## Holiday Party

About twenty-five members and spouses gathered at **Stephen Case-Pall's** home for the annual Holiday Party. We had an unofficial and unannounced eating contest and I think I won! In addition we had a great raffle with nearly everyone in attendance winning a raffle prize. Except for myself, that's why I kept eating, or maybe it was the other way around, I kept eating desserts and didn't hear my number being called? Regardless, it was a great time had by all.

## Member Profile

With everything happening it's been a few months since we featured a member in our newsletter, and **Marlene Peters** is our featured member for this issue. Marlene grew up with her dad in the military, thus she tended to move around a lot and meet lots of different people. Marlene attended first grade first in South Carolina, then Riverside and finally in French Morocco. She continued living there for several years and then moved to Portland, Oregon before finally ending up in Los Angeles where she attended high school.

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## General Information

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### • January Meeting •

We're starting the New Year off in pieces. The January meeting will include a presentation on building frangible furniture by Kenny Sanford, who works in the motion picture industry.

#### • January Shop Tour •

Chuck Bercy will host the January Shop Tour at his home in Camarillo on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for flyers at the January Meeting.

#### • Ontario Woodworking Show •

The Club will be chartering a bus for the Ontario Woodworks Show. The cost is \$25 for club members. We'll be attending the show on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the Redwood Middle School in the morning and returning in the late afternoon. In addition to attendance, there will be donuts and coffee in the morning and plenty of snacks and drinks for the trip home. Be sure to sign up at the January meeting, as space is limited.

#### • February Meeting •

More workstations are on tap for the February meeting. **Bill Aurand** will be making dovetails, **Dan Gallo** is going to demonstrate pen turning, **Bill Brandt** is going to give a primer and safety discussion on the tablesaw and **Stephen Case-Pall** will be discussing the lost art of Flocking!

#### • February Shop Tour •

Austin Ivey will be hosting a shop tour on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Raffle Prizes

Prizes for January include:

- \$50 Home Depot Gift Certificate – Attending Member Prize
- Drill Accessory Set
- Laser-Trac Scroll/Jig Saw

- Router Raizer Kit
- More Shop Aprons from Arlen
- Flip Top Saw roller stand - as the Grand Prize.

### Announcements

CVWA T-Shirts and hats are available for purchase – look for more information at the January meeting.

### Member Profile Continued

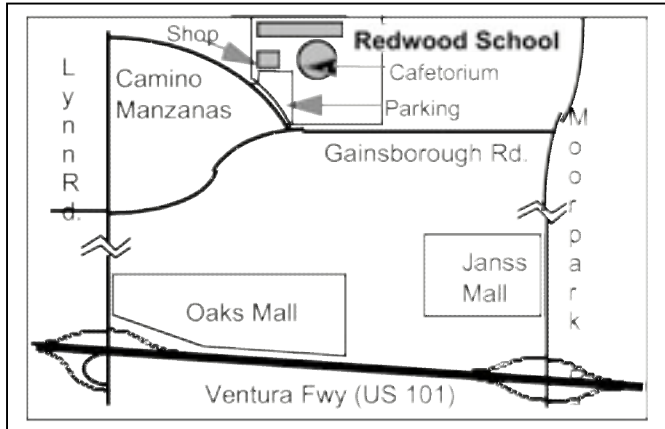
Marlene's first couple of years of college were spent back overseas at the American University in Germany before finishing college in California. After school Marlene went to work in the restaurant business for about fifteen years before leaving to start her own regional credit bureau business. She sold the company in 2001 and semi-retired – now she only works about five days a week.

When asked about her woodworking hobby, Marlene mentioned that she got involved in woodworking about six years ago through the Thousand Oaks night school and later learned about the CVWA. Marlene joined the CVWA after attending one of the meetings and meeting other members. Marlene mentioned how especially thankful she is to all the great people in the CVWA club for their willingness to share knowledge, teach others, and just generally being a great group of people.

At present Marlene enjoys making all types of tables from bedside tables to dining room tables. And, when not building tables, she's continuing to build her cabinet making skills. She's also looking forward to conquering the lathe and doing some woodturning. Her favorite tool is a tie between her Unisaw and a router. When not in the shop, Marlene spends most of her time looking through the latest Woodworking catalogs for new things to get.

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<b>Meeting Dates</b>	
First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM	
<b>Upcoming Programs</b>	
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Furniture & Props
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Workstations
<b>Upcoming Trips and Events</b>	
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck Bercy's Shop Tour
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Austin Ivey Shop Tour
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodworking Show Bus Trip