

Editor's Message

I would like to thank this year's President, **Tim Albers**, for his thorough effort during the past few years in producing our newsletter. During that time it has seen continued improvement in both content and format. I'd like to remind members that the content of the newsletter essentially depends on you. Please to bring items to my attention that you would like to see in **The Bladerunner**, and remember it is a great place to sell woodwork-related items when you upgrade, or find you're not using them. Either email the editor at casepall@adelphia.net or call 805 491 3660.

Be sure to attend the April Meeting. Following the plane building class, **Shepherd Tools** will talk about the history of planes, demonstrate the use and building of hand planes, and show examples of handplane kits, including those made by CVWA members!

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, April 7 th	Monthly Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Wednesday April 6 th	Plane Building class	Redwood Middle School
Wednesday, April 20 th	Breakfast Gathering	Newbury Park IHOP
Thursday, April 21 th	Board Meeting	Stephen Case-Pall's home

March Meeting



Our member, Don Hanson, who works for Festools, brought a huge array of Festool

products to demonstrate. One of the unique characteristics of Festools is that their cases interlock and stack, giving a stable platform for a work table or other purpose.

Festools has made considerable effort in reducing the noise level of many of their tools, in particular the shop vacuum. That's certainly a plus for many of us who have been damaging our hearing for years by using tools with universal motors. Don secured the donation of Festools' new router for our raffle, which was won by our member **Istvan Veml**.

March Shop Tour

More than 20 people showed up for the March Shop tour at **Stephen Case-Pall's** "spacious" shop, braving what threatened to be bad weather, but turned into a beautiful day. At one point, the shop was so full of people that **Jack Lührson** had to wait for someone to leave before he could enter.



We had a good time swapping ideas for jigs, and modifications of existing tools to improve their efficiency. The shop is a classic example of the maxim: "If you have space, fill it with something"



March Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our March raffle winners! The first ticket up went to **Paul Walgrow**, who selected the DeWalt orbital sander as his prize. Next up was **Gene Strojek**, who took home the Bonus Bucket. We were fortunate in having Microplane donate several sets of their renowned Microplane drum planes, which cut faster and

smoother than drum sanders. Those winning Microplanes were **Bob Van Barys, Jack Lührson, Paul Brockway, Duane Dulay, Dan Gallo, Gene Kocis, Ron Taylor** and **Wolfgang Ludeking**. **Don Johnson** won the Veritas tool, as did **Dennis Zurcher**. **Bill Battatchio** got the Rigid Saw, and one of our three Magyar woodworkers, **Istvan Veml** ran off with the grand prize, the Festool router.

Lidded Boxes

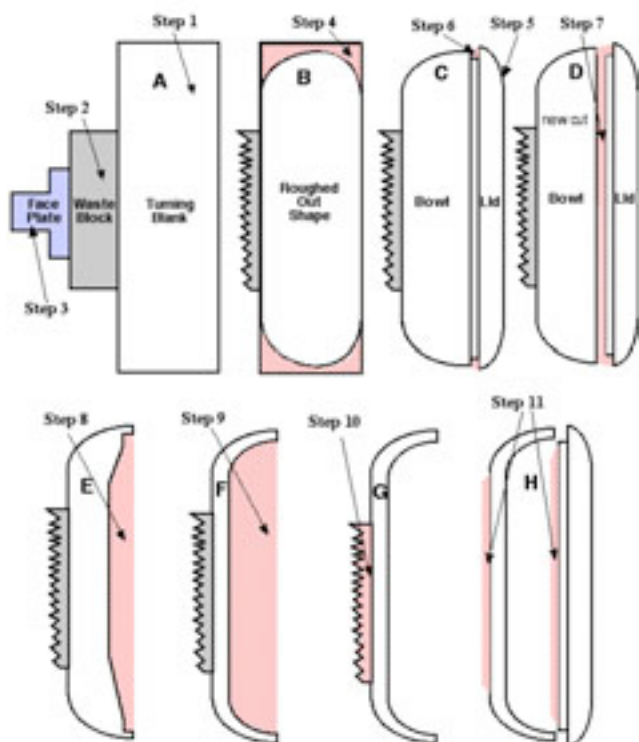
During the February meeting, many members remarked about the thorough and informative presentation by Paul Brockway, a natural teacher, on lidded boxes. Paul was kind enough to produce this graphic instruction sheet for those who wish to turn their own:

- STEP 1** Select a stable wood and band saw a round turning blank. The blank should be at least 2" thick. (Diagram A)
- STEP 2** Glue a 1" thick waste (sacrificial) block to your turning blank. Be sure to let the glue cure overnight if you are using carpenters (yellow or white) glue. (Diagram A)
- STEP 3.** Attach a faceplate to the waste block. (Diagram A)
- STEP 4** Turn the approximate out side shape of the lidded dish. (Diagram B)
- STEP 5** Finish shaping and sanding the outside of dish's top. At this point you must determine where you will make the cuts for the top's shoulder and how wide your parting cut will be in order to accept your parting tool. Remember once you have parted off the lid you will be finished with the sanding and shaping the top of the lid. (Diagram C)
- STEP 6.** Use the parting tool to make a cut that forms the lid shoulder or step. This cut should be at a slight angle to assist the "fit" of the lid's shoulder into the bowl. (Diagram C)
- STEP .7** Move the parting tool away from the shoulder cut and start making the parting cut. It is important to leave a little play, or space, on each side of the parting tool when making this cut. This will help prevent both heat buildup and having the tool jam in the stock. (Diagram D)

Try to leave as clean a cut as possible. A clean cut can save time because you still have to sand the bottom of the lid.

- STEP 8.** Make some shallow parting tool cuts into the body of the bowl and test to see if the lid will fit into your cuts. Leave the lid quite tight at this point. Later on you can sand to a looser fit. Once the lid has a "tight" fit you can finish turning out the interior shape of the bowl. (Diagram E)
- STEP 9** Do the final shaping and sanding of the interior and exterior of the bowl. The lid should have a "loose" fit at this point. (Diagram F)
- STEP 10** Use the parting tool to separate the bowl from the waste block. (Diagram G)
- STEP 11.** Sand the bottom of the bowl and the bottom of the lid. (Diagram H)
- STEP 12** Apply a finish to the lidded dish using a process of your own choosing.

LIDDED DISH
 CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION
 Paul Brockway, February 3, 2005



to meet others with similar interests, learn new woodworking skills, and see different shops, use new tools and enjoy the camaraderie of working with others. The most important aspect is the fun members have while making the wood toys for kids.

Members have always found that when sharing their knowledge and experience, they also learn something new in return.

We have a variety of projects, including cars and trucks, helicopters, small boxes, cradles and puzzle boxes..

Sign-up sheets for all the workshop hosts and some workshops will be available at the April meeting.

In addition to the scheduled workshops, many members are independent toy builders. If you build independently, contact this year's Toy Project Director, **Brian Connell** for more information.

Workshops planned so far are:

June: (date to be determined) - Cars and Jewelry Boxes hosted by **Paul Brockway**

July: Hhosted by **Martin Kircher** on a yet to be determined toy.

September: (date to be determined) – Helicopters hosted by **Bill Aurand**

Ongoing: Toasters, Hosted by **Howard Johnson** Contact Howard or Brian.

Carl Stude

We regretfully note the passing of one of our members, Carl Stude. Carl died of lung cancer on the 24th of March. Carl was known for his generosity with "Stude Wood" and for his sense of humor. Services are 10 am, April 2nd, 1st Lutheran Church 1001 S. Glenoaks Blvd. Burbank

Annual Toy Project

We need to get started early on the club's Annual Toy Project so that we will be ready for our December meeting.

These workshops are a great deal more than simply building toys. Club members get a chance

General Information

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Upcoming Meetings

- **April Shop Tour** •

Wolfgang Ludeking's shop

- **April Meeting** •

We're excited to have Shepherd Tools at the April meeting. Shepherd Tool Company is a small custom infill plane maker from Canada. While they make completed planes, their specialty and primary products are infill plane kits, which are built and tuned by the end users. The April presentation will include the history of hand planes, their use and adjustment and the construction of one of their plane kits.

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T-Shirts & Hats

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

Raffle Prizes

Raffle Prizes for April include:

- Grand Prize: Porter-Cable 894 Dual Base Router (\$240)
- Cabinet Scraper Kit (\$68)
- Drill Doctor (\$70)
- Two 36" Aluminium Clamps (\$45)
- Deluxe Marking Gauge (\$43)
- B & D 6 volt Drill/Driver (\$20)

Membership Renewals

If you haven't already done so, **March is the month to renew your membership.** Thanks to the guys who keep track of our membership and man the tables at the meetings, we've had a number of members already renew their membership. Dues for renewing members are \$25. If you don't renew your membership **before** the April meeting, you must pay the new member prize of \$30. **No exceptions.**

You can mail your dues to the club's Membership Chairman at –