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### Editor's Message

One of the rising, regular costs to our club is the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, especially with the addition of color photographs. To minimize that cost CVWA will soon follow the lead of Channel Islands Woodturners and several other clubs, where the newsletter is posted on our website, and each member receives email notification that the current issue is available. This will get more information out, faster with more photographs. Members can download a hard copy of each issue at their discretion. This will take effect for the June Bladerunner. Members who do not have computers will continue to receive mailed hard copies of the Bladerunner.

It is therefore important that the roster reflects your correct email address. Please be sure that Marshall Nathanson has your correct email address.

Make sure to attend the May Meeting. There will be a "stations" demonstration of several methods of sharpening. Learning to sharpen and keep edges sharp is one of the keystones to fine woodworking. Once you have gotten used to correctly sharpened handtools, nothing else will do. You'll be surprised how easy it is.

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Wednesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Gathering	Newbury Park IHOP
Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	Marshall Nathanson's home

### Summer Classes

If you haven't tried the woodworking classes at Cerritos College, talk to someone in the club who has. Cerritos offers a wide range of classes in an outstanding woodwork shop. The drive is quite a distance, but carpooling makes the whole thing fun. For the summer they are offering carving, woodturning, furniture, jigs & fixtures, cabinetware, and, of course Intro to Woodworking, which is a prerequisite for many of their other classes. Cerritos is at 11110 E. Alondra Blvd. Norwalk. Check out their website at [www.cerritos.edu/wood](http://www.cerritos.edu/wood)

## April Meeting

Two very pleasant gentlemen from Canada brought us a wealth of information on the use and construction of handplanes, specifically on the early Spiers and other infilled plane types. **Doug Evans**, and **Ben Knebel**, proprietors of **Shepherd Tool Company** in Ontario Canada provided us with examples, history use and construction of infilled hand planes.



Both have embarked on new careers in starting the Shepherd Tool Co., an outgrowth of their love of hand planes and collecting hobby. The meeting "dovetailed" with their conducting a plane-building session for CVWA members the previous night (See related story and pics)



Doug and Ben brought examples of their plane kits, which are the mainstay of their current business. These kits make those fine and expensive planes available to the average

woodworker/collector at a reasonable cost. Their plane kits are for dovetailed planes using either all-steel, or a magnificent combination of dovetailed steel and brass. For wood infills they use cocobolo, which truly makes the final product outstanding.

## Plane building class

On Wednesday prior to the April meeting, Shepherd Tool Co., in the person of Doug Evans and Ben Knebel, instructed **Chuck Pearson**, **Tim Albers**, **Brady Andreson**, **Stan Wolpert**, **Stephen Case-Pall**, **Arnold Handberg**, **Barbara Kaufmann**, **Brad Ormsby**, **Neil Rogers**, **Robert van Parys**, **Jim Leeds**, and **Thom Bratz** in the making of fine infilled hand planes. The varieties included shoulder planes, smoothers, and small block planes. The kits are laser-cut from steel and brass, and the wood parts are CNC machined for a truly good fit.



To dovetail the sides and the sole, it is necessary to undercut the sides of the dovetails 5 and 15 degrees. Doing so prevents the dovetail from moving once it is hammered into place. It was truly a scene from the "Anvil Chorus" with about twelve people simultaneously banging away at their planes with heavy ball-peen hammers.



**Tim Albers**, being ever prepared, saved our ears by providing ear plugs for all. Between the filing and hammering we all got smudged up and looked like amateur blacksmiths. **Chuck** brought refreshments and we worked past 10pm. Due to the work involved, no one finished their planes that night, but we are looking forward to seeing some beautiful ones at future show'n'tell's. Instruction was provided without charge based on the participants purchase of the kits. **Tim Albers** arranged the class and paid for the kits out of pocket, pending repayment for his costs. Be sure to repay Tim by the May meeting.

### April Show & Tell

Our show & tells are becoming a real tour-de-force of woodworking talent. **Bill Gourlay** brought a puzzle box, of laminated poplar, another of walnut, poplar and purpleheart, and a female figure carved in sugar pine.



**Marshall Nathanson** brought in a rocking horse based on a **Gene Strojek** design with new added features.



**Dave Blackburn** brought a box made of innumerable woods and epoxy. **Richard Kingsbury** brought a beautiful jewelry chest of walnut and stained glass.



**Gene West** deviated from toys and made a trammel point. **Andrew Purdy** brought a life-sized Carolina Wren carving in basswood, mounted on a walnut plinth and branch.



It was so realistic, I honestly thought someone had brought in a stuffed bird. Andrew says this is his first attempt at carving! We're looking forward to his second and subsequent efforts!

### Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our April raffle winners! **Dave Blackburn** won the Drill Doctor, **Don Johnson** won a set of clamps, **Don Tannhauser** got a B&D Drill driver, **Bruce Meretith** picked up the Bonus Bucket, and **Gene Strojek** the marking guage. **Marshall Nathanson** won the grand prize, a Porter Cable multi-base router, but was gracious in returning it to the drawing, where it was captured by **Wayne Jackson**.

### April Shop Tour

## General Information

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### May Meeting •

May will be a presentation of sharpening methods. Sharpening is one skill that improves all your other skills.

#### • May Shop Tour •

There will be no May shop tour.

#### • June Meeting •

June meeting will be about fixtures, and will be augmented by a workshop the following Saturday

### Raffle Prizes

Raffle Prizes for May include:

- Kreg 2000 Pro Pack for cabinet making (\$135)
- 2 Bessy K-Body 40 inch clamps (\$85)
- Veritas tool sharpening system (\$43)
- Set of 6 chisels by Two Cherries (\$130)
- Marlene's Bonus Bucket – including a tape and stud sensor, 2 rust sanding

blocks, 5 sanding cubes, a corner chisel and a saddle square (\$50)

### Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your membership by this time, the cost is now \$30.00. Please renew at the meeting or mail your dues to:

Membership Chairman  
Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association  
P.O. Box 1838  
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### Members in the News

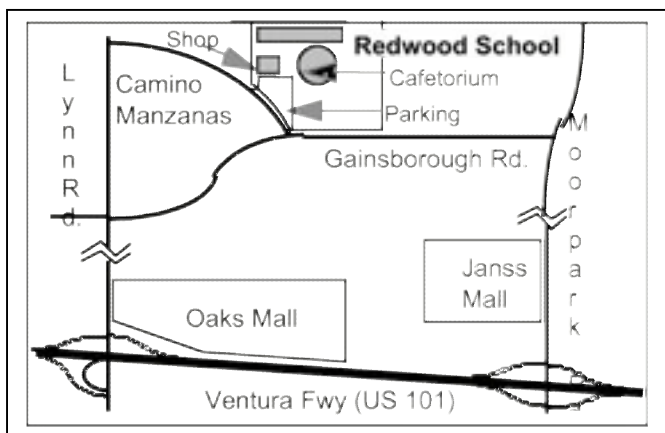
Stan Wolpert's shop was featured on pg. 30 of the June issue of **Woodworker's Journal**. **Stan** will be building a new shop soon, and we're anticipating a super tour!

### T-Shirts & Hats

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

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<b>Meeting Dates</b>
First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM
<b>Upcoming Programs</b>
May 5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting- Sharpening
May 7 <sup>th</sup> Sharpening Workshop; At Brady Andreson's shop

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