

Editor's Message

As I mentioned in the May **Bladerunner**, the ever-increasing costs of printing present a constant drain on our treasury, money that could be used for seminars, speakers, or equipment that could benefit all members. Beginning with the July issue all members who have access to email will receive notice that the **Bladerunner** is posted to our website. A simple click on the blue [hypertext](#) will bring up the current issue in a printable, downloadable form. Members who do not have computers will continue to receive printed copies.

Don't miss the June Meeting!! Mr. William Ng will give a presentation on furniture construction and useful jigs and fixtures. Mr. Ng. teaches woodworking and is a well-respected member of the woodworking community. Formerly an instructor at Cerritos College, his engineering background is reflected in his approach of precision and accuracy in woodwork. He makes some neat cut-out coins too.

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, June 2 nd	Monthly Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Saturday June 11 th	Toy Workshop: Paul Brockway's	1517 Longridge Court
Wednesday, June 15 th	Breakfast Gathering	Newbury Park IHOP
Thursday, June 16 th	Board Meeting	Barbara Kaufmann's

May Meeting

We drew upon the skills of our members for this meeting's demonstration of sharpening methods. **Stan Wolpert** demonstrated sharpening on glass/marble using ever finer grades of sandpaper. He emphasized the importance of flattening the back of cutting blades to get a clean, smooth edge Stan does not use jigs to hold the blade while sharpening, but relies on kinesthetic sense. He said the use of a jig was optional, and certainly recommended when starting out. **Brad Ormsby** demonstrated sharpening using the Tormek wheel and associated jigs. Tormek has a wide variety of jigs for its machine to sharpen about anything that

needs it, but the cost can run quite high. Clearly, there was no contest as to which method was cheaper, but sharpening becomes a matter of intense personal preference, and many methods



work well. The main message was how to get those tools sharp and keep them that way. Remember the immutable rule: **“If you can see the edge, it is NOT sharp”**



An anonymous donor brought a huge bag of avocados and dip mix from **Mission Produce**. **Tom Denton**, who does such a great job if setting up refreshments, got assistance from **Barbara Kaufmann** and **Marlene Peters**, and

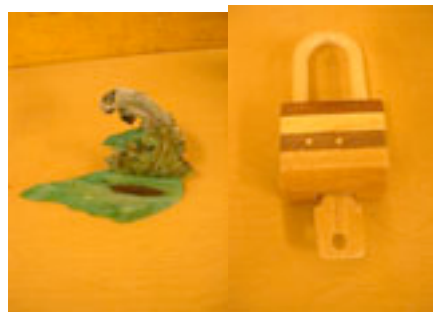


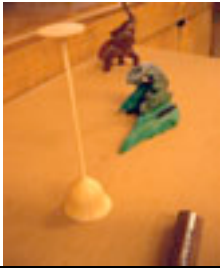
whipped up 25 pounds of guacamole, none of which was left at meetings end.

Saturday, following the meeting, a sharpening workshop was held at **Brady Andreson’s** shop. Many members turned out to put into practice the information from the May meeting. Your reporter, who jotted down names of attendees managed to lose the list. Hopefully that didn’t effect the resulting skills that were gained.

May Show & Tell

Mark Cher brought in an ambitious, musical cascading marble tower. He credited **Gene West** for the plans and assistance. **Tim Albers** brought a thin-stem goblet turned from freshly felled ash. **Gene West** brought a bevy of animated toys, **Bill Gourlay** brought a carved elephant. **Bill Aurand** brought a giant working wood lock. **Howard Johnson** brought a toaster with pop-up bread, that will be the output of his toy workshop.





Mentor List

One of the great things about CVWA is the sharing of skills and knowledge among its members. **Arlen Handberg** has prepared a list of members who are willing to do so. All phone numbers are 805 area.

Stephen Case-Pall: 491 3660. Hand tool sharpening, pen turning, veneering, pistol marksmanship, Furniture restoration, lathe turning.

Greg Charles: 277 0627. Radial arm and table saw use and setup, Reverse pin router.

Howard Johnson: 498 9316. Shopsmith techniques, table saw, hand tools, shop setup.

Dan Gallo: 532 2338 Scroll saw, pen turning.

Ira Goldberg: 495 7580 Wood finishing, wood behavior, veneering.

Marshall Nathanson: Toys, boxes, dust collection.

Brad Ormsby: 4952298 Planes, hand tools.

Marlene Peters: 499 1015 Intro table saw, router, biscuit joinery, glue-ups.

Gene Strojek: 523 3113 Jigs & fixtures, rocking horses, layered animals.

Gene West: 483 1210 Wooden action toys.

CVWA LIBRARY

Interested in a special wood book? Contact Wolfgang Ludeking, 526 4575, and request it for the library. He enjoys spending the money, and the books are there for your benefit.

Woodworking Challenges

CVWA is considering having bi-monthly challenges. Some of the subjects could include a new toy, a box, the thinnest wood shaving, a tool refurbish, a birdhouse, a mailbox, etc. Members who enter into the challenge will be eligible for a special prize drawing. There will be no judging of winners, or ranking. If you participate, you will be eligible. Send your ideas for challenges to casepall@adelphia.net.

Cerritos College Woodworking Swap Meet

This annual event was held May 20,21 at the College in Norwalk. There were bargains in Ebony, Blum hinges by the box of 100s, full extension drawer slides by the box and oak, cherry and poplar doors for 50 cents each. Carbide router bits were from 25cents to \$2. Several CVWA members were found stuffing bargains in their bags, already bulging from the **Old Tool Swapmeet** at Anderson's Plywood in Culver City. They were last seen giving a rough time to a Pasadena **Rockler** employee named Steve. I doubt Steve will forget about CVWA.

For Sale

Craftsman Lathe. Robust full-sized 1946 model with cast iron, machined ways. Separate motor and pulley are included. Babbit bearings. Some Craftsman lathe tools also thrown in the bargain. \$50.

Call or see **Stephen Case-Pall 805 491 3660**

General Information

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Upcoming Meetings

- **July Meeting** •

The July meeting will feature techniques for glue-up of projects.

- **Future Happenings** •

We're hoping to have several workshops this year, including one with Yeung Chang, a bus trip to the woodworker show, and one or more in-house workshops completing a project in one Saturday.

Raffle Prizes

Raffle Prizes for June include:

- Grand Prize: Delta 8" variable speed Grinder
- Two 31" Bessey K-Body clamps
- Porter-Cable Trim router
- Flexible flush-cut saw
- The ever-popular Bonus Bucket
- Member Attendance Prize: Gripper push block

Membership Renewals

New members and returning members who have not yet renewed can join at the meeting or mail dues to the membership chairman, Marshall Nathanson, at the following address:

Membership Chairman
Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association
P.O. Box 1838
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-0838

Members in the News

It seems we made it through another month without some member getting arrested or testifying at the Michael Jackson trial.

T-Shirts & Hats

CVWA T-Shirts and hats are available for purchase – look for more information at the meeting. Marlene is investigating the possibility of ordering some T-Shirts in size XXL for roomy, hot weather comfort. If you're interested please let her know.