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### Editor's Message

We had a pretty eventful month this time, and there are lots of great pics of members at the various activities. This issue will be mostly photographs.

This month's meeting will be a much-requested return demonstration of beginning lathe turning. The presenter will again be from Channel Islands Woodturners, and will continue the introduction with spindle turning: Tool handles, dowels, finials, balusters, pummels, etc.

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 7pm	Monthly Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Saturday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Shop Tour	Bill Aurand's
Saturday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> 12pm	Toy Workshop (Helicopters)	Bill Aurand's
Thursday, Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Board Meeting	Chuck Pearson's
Saturday, Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Toy Workshop ('Copters)	Bill Aurand's
Wednesday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9am	Breakfast Gathering	IHOP Newbury Park
Sat. & Sun. Sept. 24/25	Workshop: Yeung Chan	
Sat. & Sun. Oct. 15/16	Toy Workshop (Cedar Boxes)	Marshall Nathanson's

### August Meeting

The planned demo by members of **Channel Island Woodturners** club ran into a last-minute snag. Fortunately, **Stephen Case-Pall** is also a member of CIW, and he gave an impromptu presentation outlining the basics of turning bowls. While turning a small bowl from ash, he discussed methods of tool presentation, keeping the bevel on the wood, different methods of making the same cut, lathe and tool nomenclature, wood characteristics and parting off the bowl. The presentation was aimed at inspiring interest in turning among the members. Judging from the turnout at the following turning workshop, there is a lot of interest.

Be sure to see the article on Yeung Chan, page 6!



**August Challenge and Show & Tell**

As August was our first Challenge, to make an easily crafted toy, and as many members were currently engaged in toymaking for December, the turnout was fantastic. Below are some of the toys brought in. Those who brought challenges were treated to a special raffle just for them.

The many Show n' Tell items are pictured below





Bring your donations to the Oct. meeting and, if you will, solicit donations from local businesses of any kind. Pick up a letter of introduction from President **Tim**, and call **Marlene** for assistance if you need to store items before the meeting.

### Woodturning Workshop

Our Skill Building Workshop for turning was August 20<sup>th</sup>, and a rousing success. Hosted by **Brady Andresen** at **Heartwood Milling**. Serving as mentors were **Paul Brockway**, **Tim Albers**, Channel Islands Woodturners members **Russ Babbit** and **Joel Oksner**, **Dan Gallo**, **Brad Ormsby**, and **Stephen Case-Pall**. Both mentors and students brought lathes. To quote one participant: "It looked like a Jet mini lathe demo" Fifteen members turned out for instruction in both bowl and spindle turning. **Arlen Handberg** provided pre-rounded wood and **Paul Brockway** provided the waste block wood, and glued them up for turning. One could hear the howls of success as projects were finished as well as the cries of despair when things went awry. When we got up to our ankles in sawdust we were treated to a pizza lunch (but there were healthy snacks and drinks available all day, thanks to Heidi Albers).



### Annual October Auction

Now is the time to think about those things you don't use any more, be they woodworking things or not. The auction is the main reason the club can perform its mission by covering the costs of chartering busses to woodworking shows, hiring speakers, presenting workshops and providing refreshments at meetings and workshops. **Brad Ormsby** will repeat his always enjoyable performance as Auctioneer, and **Marlene Peters** will be coordinating the auction.





### Woodworking Challenge

The woodworking challenge for October, a trivet, is postponed to November, so that it will not conflict with the October auction

### Welcome New Members

We welcomed two new members to the club at the August meeting. They are: Sandy Johnson and Debi Johnson. Give a personal "Hi, and Welcome" to them.

### Members in the News

CVWA members **Tim Albers** and **Stephen Case-Pall**, both members of **Channel Island Woodturners**, spent a couple of evenings at the Ventura County Fair, turning wooden tops for the kids. It was amazing how quickly a spinning piece of wood on the lathe drew a crowd. Notice the little girl's nose flattened against the window observing Tim with great fascination!



### Vendor List

The following vendors support us by offering discounts to those with a valid membership card.

- Carbide Saw** 2521 Grand Ave, Ventura 805-644-5917
- Conejo Hardwoods**, 31275 La Baya, Westlake Village. 805 497-0025
- Far West Plywood.** 18450 Parthenia St. Northridge. 818 885-1511
- Lane Estanton** (H&M Hardwood) 19 Aviador Ave. Camarillo. 805 987-3877
- Integrity Wood Products.** 7836 Alabama Ave. Canoga Park 818 704-7490
- Mayan Lumber** 2930 Los Olivos, Oxnard 805 981-4555
- Roadside Lumber & Hardware** 29112 Roadside Drive, Agoura Hills 805 497-1486 Code: 1230
- Rockler Torrance.** 20725 Hawthorne Bl. Torrance. 310-542-1466
- Siggia Hardware.** 16260 Raymer St. Van Nuys 818-787-1650

Sign up on [www.siggia.com](http://www.siggia.com) and mention CVWA for contractor pricing  
**Sun Brothers Enterprises.** 4350 Eileen St.  
Simi Valley 805 526-5794  
**Conejo Electric Motor.** 31200 La Baya #305  
Westlake Village 805 495-0556 See Bill Butler

### CVWA LIBRARY

Reminder to those who haven't returned books in several months: *PLEASE* bring them to the meeting in September. Thanks

### A Day with Sam Malloof

Several of our members have taken this class through the UC Riverside Extension, and they have raved about it. A class is scheduled for Nov. 5 from 9am-3pm Sam is now 90, and still active and highly regarded in the woodworking community. He will show students his joinery techniques and tour his home. At the last class, participants took home signed pieces from his workshop. Registration number for the class is 052-AHE-J15.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### • September Meeting •

The September meeting will feature techniques for spindle lathe turning. The presentation will be by **Stephen Case-Pall**. This will be a follow-up to August's bowl turning presentation. Stephen will demonstrate the differences between spindle and bowl turning, roughing to a cylinder, marking points, making tool handles, center drilling, coves, vee-cuts, beads, sizing a tenon and turning pummels (or pommels) for furniture. Questions during the demo are highly encouraged. Paul Brockway's technique for parting off bowls will be discussed (See photo below).



### Yeung Chan - "He's a great teacher!"



There are a couple of openings for the Yeung Chan two-day toolmaking seminar on Sept. 24 and 25. Originally from China, Yeung Chan came to the United States in 1973, and began work at a high-end furniture company in the San Francisco area, where he was responsible for product development, making prototypes and patterns for new furniture designs. In 1989 he set up his own workshop, designing and building furniture for design firms and furniture manufacturers. He studied fine furniture making at the College of the Redwoods, under the tutelage of master cabinetmaker James Krenov, and now teaches there. He has twice won American Woodworker magazine's Excellence in Craftsmanship award, plus numerous other awards for his work. He now spends his time

designing and making one-of-a-kind furniture, and continues to build prototypes for the furniture industry. He also teaches and demonstrates woodworking around the United States, and writes about woodworking for various woodworking magazines. If you'd like to attend, see or call **Tim Albers**

### Raffle Prizes

Raffle Prizes for September include:

- Lie-Nielsen low angle block plane in bronze \$95
- (2) 48" Universal All Clamps \$50
- Veritas Wheel Marking Gauge \$27
- Rosewood 3" Try Square \$13
- Preppin' Weapon Sanding Block \$20
- **Attendance Prize:** (2) Bessey 12"
- K-Body Clamps \$67
- **Grand Prize:** Bosch Jigsaw and \_ Sheet Sander Combination \$140

### T-Shirts & Hats

Show your pride and skills as a big-time woodworker by wearing our cool t-shirts and caps. Available near the raffle table at meetings.

### Oxalic acid for lightening wood color and removing stains from iron, by Ira Goldberg

The notes below are summarized from **Wood Finish Supply, Ft. Bragg, CA** – <http://finishsupply.com/OxalicAcid.html>. [The notes in brackets are my additions – IBG.] Presently I have some available, and would be happy to provide some to CVWA members who would like to try it.

[Important notes:

- Oxalic acid is one of the strongest organic acids. While not as strong as pool acid (hydrochloric) or battery acid (sulfuric) it can

cause skin or eye irritation. If the exposure is prolonged it can cause permanent damage.

- It is somewhat toxic.
- [If oxalic acid is mixed with other bleaches it could cause a violent chemical reaction.– ibg]

### Uses of Oxalic Acid

Bleach Bare or Uncoated wood.

Remove black water spots and tannin stains.

Gently lighten wood tones darkened by age or finish.

### Safety:

**Avoid contact with skin and eyes.** – Protect eyes with goggles. – If eye contact, flood with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes; get medical attention promptly.

- May cause burns or irritation. – Protect Skin from splashes. Wear rubber gloves. – [If skin contact, wash with water or soap and water followed by baking powder. If skin redness and irritation persist, call physician.– ibg]
- Harmful if swallowed. – If swallowed, drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and call a physician immediately.
- Do not inhale dust. Keep out of reach of kids
- **Mix With Water Only! DO NOT MIX OXALIC ACID WITH ANY OTHER MATERIAL.** [Especially, do not mix with commercial bleaches. Oxalic acid and chlorine bleach, for example are not compatible, and can react and spatter.]

### Cleaning wood:

- Wood must be clean; free of paint, waxes, oils, and dirt.
- *ALWAYS test results in an inconspicuous area -- dilution may need adjusting for desired results.*

### Removing stains:

- Dissolve 2 to 4 oz. of oxalic acid crystals into one quart of hot water.[or 1-4 tablespoons per pint – ibg]
- Use solution while hot, with a scrub brush.
- Apply liberally allowing solution to remain on surface until desired lightness has been achieved.
- Reheat solution if it cools (do not boil).
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water and dry.
- Difficult stains may need repeated application

- When completely dry, lightly sand the surface. Surface must be clean and completely dry (not just surface dry) before refinishing. Incomplete drying and retained subsurface moisture can cause finish adhesion failure.

**After Stripping and to Lighten:**

- To restore wood tones (especially for oak) Restore clarity and the natural tones of the wood without effecting the patina.
- Use 3 to 5 oz. per gallon [1/2 tablespoon per pint (ibg)] of hot water then apply by spray, brush or wipe on. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

For Sale by CVWA Members

Reliant 10", 3HP, 210 volt cabinet saw. Includes fence with 52" rails, mobile base, Delta folding runout table, manual, regular and dado inserts. Very reliable tool. Charles North 805 427-5370

Dewalt scroll saw stand: Free to good home.  
Makita router table, all steel with fence, 16x20"  
\$20 Ed Bianchi 805 498-8698

Wood Mizer ultracompact sawmill, 7.8 HP engine, will cut up to 100 board feet per hour, and handles logs up to 11' . Great for making your own lumber. No room for it in my shop. Almost new. \$200 805 218 6672

Craftsman Hi-wheel weedwacker, 5hp Tecumseh engine froze up. I don't want to deal with it. Free to even a lousy home. 805 491 3660