

# CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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### Editor's Message

February's meeting will be a presentation on pattern routing. Routing with templates, vacuum jigs, and pin routing. The challenge for March is to make something of wood for the kitchen. That makes it pretty much open to everyone, so get working on it now.

### Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, January 3rd	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
Throughout the month	SIG meetings: Keep in touch with your	SIG leader
Wednesday, February 21st	Informal Breakfast at "Pickles"	Pickles Deli
Thursday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
Thursday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Election of Board of Directors	Redwood School

### BOD Elections

It's time to elect board members, and appoint appointees to the board. The elections will be held at the March meeting. Please consider joining the Board of Directors in some way, either by elected office, or by accepting an appointment. Being active on the board is certainly the best way to enjoy all the benefits of CVWA Membership: You have a direct hand in deciding what the club will present for meetings, workshops, tours and SIGs. You get to know other members faster, and it certainly improves your woodworking skills. If you would like to join, or nominate someone for office, please contact me or any member of the board as soon as possible. The proposed BOD consists of the following members:

President: Brady Andreson  
 Vice President: Andrew Purdy  
 Secretary: Open  
 Treasurer: Open  
 Past President: Stephen Case-Pall  
 Librarian: Paul Brockway  
 Membership: Dave Studley  
 Editor: Stephen Case-Pall  
 Webmaster: Aubrey Grey  
 Topica: Stephen Case-Pall  
 Sound: Dan Gallo  
 Video: Rob Crombie

If you are interested in any of these positions, filled or not,  
 Please make it known to me or any board member  
 immediately.

Refreshments: Dale Iddings & Tom Walsh  
 Raffle Prizes: John Knittle Raffle: Gene Moutes

We're seeking members to fill the following two positions: 1. Treasurer: Is in charge of the finances of the club. Balances checkbook, pays outstanding bills and pays members back for money spent on club activities. Sits on the BOD.

Secretary: Basic job here is to keep the BOD honest. Sits on BOD and takes notes of discussion, writes the minutes and sends to BOD in 7 days, with minutes, detailing actions planned, and those responsible for the action.

Neither of these jobs require more than rudimentary skills. It's a great opportunity to join in the workings of CVWA.

### In Memoriam: Gene Kocis

Sadly, we've learned of the sudden death of one of our members, Gene Kocis. On January 24<sup>th</sup> 2008. Those of us who knew Gene appreciated his subtle sense of humor, his passion for improving his woodworking skills, and his love of classical music. He was for some years editor of "The Bladerunner". Services will be held Sat. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 at 10AM at St. Julie Billart Church, 2475 Borchard Rd. Newbury Park. You will be able to see his obituary on Thursday, January 31, 2008 in the Ventura County Star newspaper and on the web site: [www.venturacountystar.com](http://www.venturacountystar.com) Please sign his guest book online. We'll miss you, Gene.



### March Challenge

Don't forget the challenge for March is to make something of wood for the kitchen. That opens up a very wide area for all kinds of woodworkers: Turners, cabinetmakers, floor installers, utensil makers, you name it. The drawing prize will be a Super Bar by Master Gage. This easy-to-use instrument will check your arbor shaft, blade or flange for runout, align the blade and the fence with the miter slot, and can check your router, drill press, band saw runout, make coffee and remind you of your wife's birthday. See it at [mastergage.com](http://mastergage.com)

### Raffle Prizes

If there's a raffle prize you would like to see in our raffle, please let **John Knittle** or **Stephen Case-Pall** know about it. We'll try to get it.

The raffle is one of the things that the club provides, usually at a loss, with your dues. At this writing I haven't heard what the prizes will be, but they're usually pretty good.

We're thinking of having a **MegaRaffle**, with a super prize, and the raffle held over a period of months. It will either limit the number of tickets sold, or the time to buy them. If you have any thoughts on the matter, please share them with **Brady Andreson**.

## Special Interest Groups

At least two of the SIGs have had their initial meetings. The **Handtool SIG**, met at **Paul Brockway's** house. **Paul, Tim Albers, Stephen Case-Pall, Brian Connell, Al Fornier, Arlen Handberg, Gene Moutes, Brad Ormsby, Loren Stone, and Stan Wolpert** were in attendance. Since the skill level of the group varies, it was decided that the first order of business would be to be sure everyone knows how to make a tool sharp. The group will meet Weds. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> for instruction in sharpening and fettling planes. Below are some photos of that meeting.

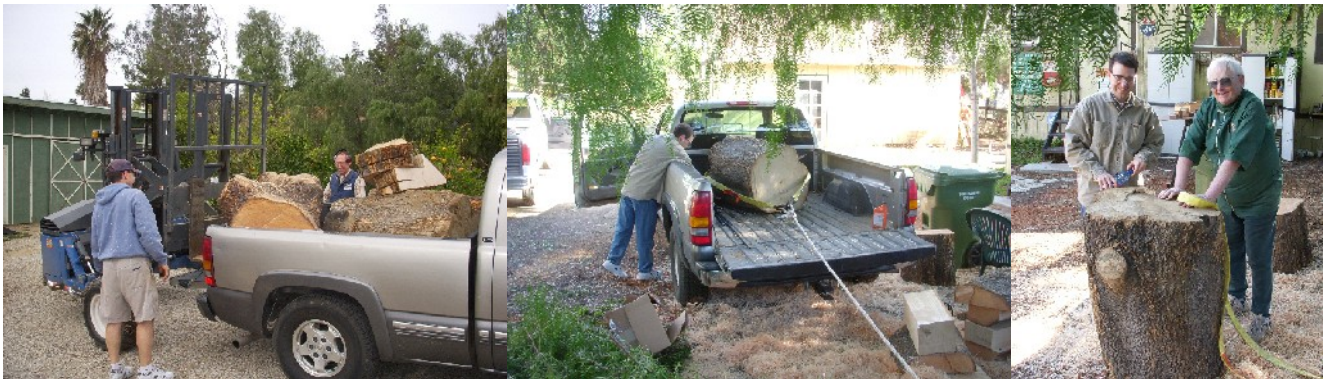


**Gene Moutes & Loren Stone** Listen to planning techniques  
**Loren & Arlen Handberg** listen as **Stephen Case-Pall** forgets what he was saying.  
**Brad, Paul, Gene & Loren** talk of what course to follow with the SIG

Three members of the **Finishing SIG** met at **Ira Goldberg's**. As yet, I haven't heard what they discussed, but leader **Ira** contributed an article on the use of oxalic acid to remove iron stains from wood. See below.

## CVWA Members cut 500 lb. Ash Trunks

CVWA members **Stephen Case-Pall, Tim Albers, Paul Brockway and Arlen Handberg** tackled a huge job salvaging a fallen ash tree at Arlen's house. We were unprepared for the great weight of the freshly fallen ash, which had to be loaded into Tim's truck with a forklift, as they weighed between 500 and 600 pounds! When they arrived at Stephens' yard, they were removed from the truck by tying them to a pepper tree with the tailgate down, while Tim floored the gas pedal and Stephen held the rope to the tree. No CVWA members were injured in this operation. Once on the ground, Tim worked his chainsaw magic on the big stumps, cutting blocks of ash for turning. To create more space, some of the pepper tree had to go, and Tim took care of that, with Stephen helping. See the pics below.





## OXALIC ACID FOR REMOVING IRON STAINS ON WOOD

The following article was contributed by member **Ira Goldberg**.

At the January meeting, Brady Andresen and Tim Albers mentioned black stains in wood that can develop by clamps [or other iron] in contact with wood. One solution is to remove the stains with an oxalic acid solution. 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 a small amount 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.
- While oxalic acid is called a “bleach” it behaves chemically differently from other bleaches such as chlorine bleach or hydrogen peroxide. As a result, it cannot “bleach” wood to lighten the color. 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 [some] 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 [usually oxalic acid comes in crystals and is not easily airborne. – ibg].
- Keep out of reach of children.
- **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.]



More variety  
Free ad in Star under Club Events  
More activities

9. Can you suggest ways to increase the number of people who volunteer to be active in the club?

Comments: Mentoring program

Cash!

Hopefully the SIGs will help

On application for membership, put a line about "you may be asked to volunteer, are you willing?"

Officers approach members personally when looking for volunteers

10. Any other comments? We'd like to hear your thoughts!

More than one vote:

Techniques, not just projects

One vote:

Advertise in the Woodworker West

Have mug shots of board with bios

Appreciate all the officers working so hard for club

Thank you! Great club!

## Vendor List

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

**Far West Plywood.** 18450 Parthenia St. Northridge. 818 885-1511

**Lane Stanton Vance** 720 Graves Ave.

Oxnard, CA 93030 805 987 3877

[www.lsvlumber.com](http://www.lsvlumber.com)

**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

**Woodcraft** Beach Bl. @ 22 Fwy. 10% excludes sale items and power tools.

**Rockler Pasadena**

## Your Board of Directors

President: Stephen Case-Pall	491 3660 (all prefixes are 805)
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Treasurer: Bill Battocchio	482 0832
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Sound: Dan Gallo	532 2338
Refreshments: Dale Iddings &	987 9050

Tom Walsh	300 4665
Raffle prizes: John Knittle	482 1297
Raffle Gene Moutes:	499 5808
Topica: Stephen Case-Pall	491 3660

**More Tools for Sale**

Craftsman 10" Table saw. 3HP, Model 137.248830, Fence, bag and miter gauge \$100  
 Sprunger 15" Drill press. Stand, extra motor, variable speed belt driven \$ 75  
 Delta 10" Radial arm saw. Model 10 Delux w/auto brake, Mod. 33-990, new top  
 Stand w/casters and many blades \$275  
 Or make an offer to Adam Lucas 805 407 8155 [mustangadam65@netzero.net](mailto:mustangadam65@netzero.net)

Hitachi P12R Combination planer-joiner, w/dust hood and asst. parts \$600  
 Craftsman 10" Hybrid table saw. New blade, used very little. \$525  
 Craftsman 14" Professional band saw used only 2x, brand new \$400  
 Craftsman 10" table saw, 10" w/ steel table \$50  
 Gregg Schlender @ 805 766 0106

Sawsmith 2000 Cabinet saw 10" left tilt 2.5HP motor, 30" Excaliber fence, Forrest  
 Woodworker II blade, extra inserts, dado set, HTC mobile base, many extras \$500  
 Shopsmith 20" scroll saw, quick tension release, mounts on Shopsmith \$150  
 Richard Harmon 805 495 4580

**Leader of anti-gang group sentenced for selling guns. (Editor's comment & space filler)**

The director of the anti-gang organization "No Guns", to which the city of Los Angeles paid \$1.5 million pled guilty to selling guns to gang members. Hector "Big Weasel" Marroquin was sentenced to 8 years in prison. Marroquin hired many of his friends and relatives at "No Guns", including his son "Little Weasel" Marroquin.

Think about this the next time someone asks you to turn your guns in to stop gun violence.