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Editor's Message

March's meeting will be a presentation by Andrew Purdy, about furniture design. Those of us who have seen Andrew's work know what a consummate craftsman he is. He'll share both ideas and procedures with us. The presentation will be assisted by Microsoft's PowerPoint.

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, March 6	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
Throughout the month	SIG meetings: Keep in touch with your SIG leader	
Wednesday, March 19	Informal Breakfast at "Pickles"	Pickles Deli
Thursday March 27	Hand Tool SIG meeting	Arlen Handberg's
Saturday, May 3	Woodworking Show	Pomona Fairground
Saturday, November 3	Woodworking Show	Costa Mesa Fairground
May 22 through 24	Woodturning Symposium	Utah State College
August 11-23	Woodturning Cruise-Arctic Circle	MS Gann (Norway)

BOD Elections

After the usual hotly contested debates, caucuses and primaries, CVWA's elections were held at the February meeting. The following members were elected for the 2008-2009 year.

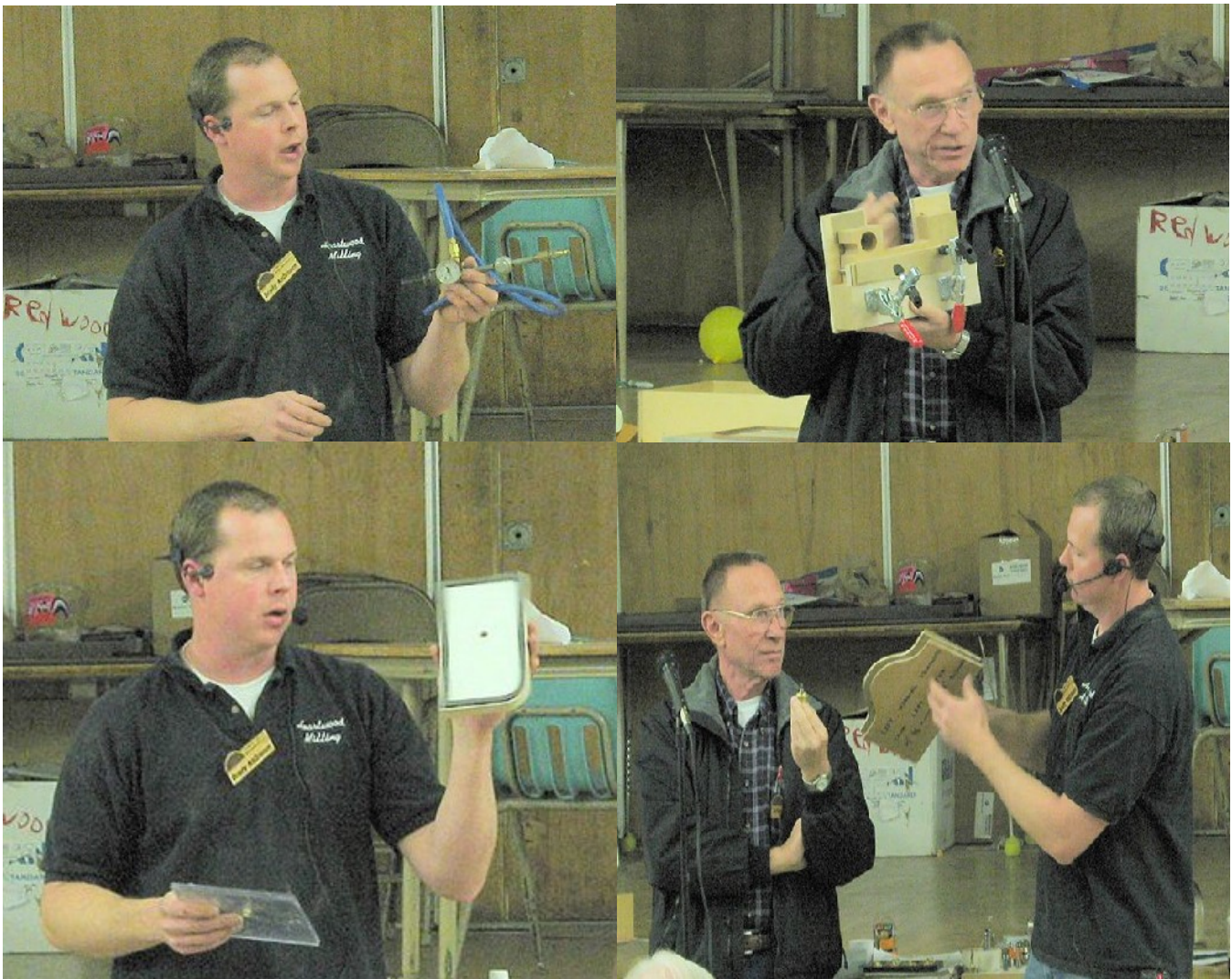
If you like this association, you owe these guys a note of thanks. If you really, like this association, be one of them. President: **Brady Andreson**, Vice President: **Andrew Purdy**, Secretary: **Rob Crombie**, Treasurer: **Al Fornier**, Past President: **Stephen Case-Pall**, Librarian: **Paul Brockway**, Membership: **Dave Studley**, Editor: **Stephen Case-Pall**, Webmaster: **Aubrey Grey**, Topica: **Stephen Case-Pall**, Sound: **Dan Gallo**, Video: **Rob Crombie**, Refreshments: **Dale Iddings & Tom Walsh**, Raffle Prizes: **John Knittle**, Raffle: **Gene Moutes**

February Meeting

As our presenter for February was sent out of state on an extradition, President **Brady Andreson**, assisted by **Arlen Handberg** gave an excellent, well-received program on routing techniques.

Subjects included pin routing, pattern routing, vacuum clamping and other techniques. It's great that we have members who are skilled enough to make such good presentations on short notice.

Photos by **Marshall Nathanson**.



March Challenge

It's still not too late to make something for the March challenge, as "Something for the kitchen" should be easy from concept to completion. Bring as many entries as you wish, but remember, Dan Waingrow, you get one ticket for the drawing, not one for every item you bring. 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 as well. See it at mastergage.com

The challenge for **May** is "Something powered by wind" Now let's keep it clean, we're talking about natural wind currents here, or those **artificially** made by man. That could include fans, compressed air, air trapped in a container, such as a balloon, etc. Prize is yet to be determined, but they're getting better all the time.

Raffle Prizes

The drawing for March will feature a wide selection of items.

Membership drawing; DeWalt 29 piece Pilot Point Drill Set. Drill holes in wood or in your hands, these drills don't care. Handy to use just remember where you put them.

Raffle drawing : 1. **Port-Cable Belt Sander** - This is the new small model that came out last year. Use where the big sander won't fit, or where you're too lazy to do it by hand. Sands wood or your finger nails, makes both look good.

2. **Stay-put Work Lamp** - 24 inches of flexible arm, uses a 100 watt bulb and has a built in heat sink to prevent those unnecessary burns. No longer will the excuse of "I could not see what I was doing" Includes an additional magnetic base for mounting on various machines.

3. **Electronic Digital Caliper, Small 8 inch Wing Compass, and 18 inch Compass/Divider.** For the woodworker who thinks plus or minus a thousand is the realm that they want to work in. Use the compasses for make big circle or an even bigger circle. Helpful in many areas. Be careful that you don't stab yourself

4. **Cub Woodwriter** - Used for burning your name on your creative work. You can mark a board or burn yourself. It's all up to you.

If there's a raffle prize you would like to see in our raffle, please let **John Knittle** or **Brady Andreson** 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.

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

A second meeting of the **Handtool SIG**, met at **Loren Stone's** house. **Stephen Case-Pall, Brian Connell, Al Fornier, Arlen Handberg, Gene Moutes, Brad Ormsby, Loren Stone, and Stan Wolpert** were in attendance. Planing techniques were discussed using both wooden and metal planes. The first SIG project will be a bench hook, to be made perfectly square, without the use of any power tools.

Other SIG leaders: Send a description and photos of your SIG activities to the editor at casepall@roadrunner.com so we can keep the other members informed of what's happening.

First Toy Project of 2008

Over 220 toys were fabricated at the first toy workshop of the year. The event was hosted by **Arlen Handberg** on Saturday, February 16. Most of the toys were made on scroll saws and **Dan Gallo** was on hand to give assistance and tips to the scrollers. The other attendees were: **Dick Harmon, Bill Aurand, John Fowler, Marshall Nathanson, Dan Waingrow, Dave Studley, Al Fournier, Loren Stone** and **Paul Brockway**. The items fabricated were 79 small helicopters, 80 small race cars, and 62 tractors. Photos were taken by Bill Aurand.





The following article was submitted by **Tim Albers**:

Cutting Bowl Blanks on the Band Saw

Regardless of your level of experience or area of interest, most woodworkers revel in the versatility of the band saw and a wood worker who also enjoys turning, will appreciate the band saw for its ability to quickly shape turning blanks and trim large slabs. Yet with all that has been written about the band saw, little is known about the techniques depicted in the photo below. The pioneers of these cutting techniques, **Stephen Case-Pall** and **Paul Brockway** are very secretive about their methods. The two use a serious of screwdrivers and large hammers. From the photo we can see Paul using his technique of

“teasing” the blade by jabbing the wood with a screwdriver directly in front of the blade. From observation, it appears that this practice works best with a large slotted tip screwdriver hitting approximately 1” to 2” in front of the blade. Meanwhile, Stephen “gooses” the blade with another slotted screwdriver and a sharp ‘whack’ of his hammer. From what we understand this causes the blade to cut more quickly, as Paul’s jabbing technique guides the blade while Stephen forces it forward. We look forward to seeing this technique at an upcoming Workstations meeting night.



Editors note: Really, what happened is Stephen was cutting a large wet piece of ash that had so much internal stress, that it clamped the band saw blade so tightly it brought the saw to a halt.

Vendor List

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

Conejo Hardwoods **La Baya**, Thousand Oaks

DoIt Center. 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks 497 2753

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

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 and mention CVWA for contractor pricing

Sun Brothers Enterprises. 4350 Eileen St. Simi Valley 805 526-5794

Pussycat Ranch. 2807 Fargo Ranch Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 404 371 2869

Conejo Electric Motor. 31200 La Baya #305 Westlake Village 805 495-0556 See Bill Butler

American Fastening Systems Inc, 591 Constitution Ave. “D” Camarillo. 388 1552 Ask for Al Redline

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Editor's comment

Currently, the largest SIG, the Turning SIG, is still without a leader. Well guys, you have about two-and-a-half choices here. Someone can step up and offer to lead the SIG, which just means keeping it running, or two, you can just do nothing and let it die, and nobody will get anything out of it. Your half choice is to strike out on your own, and join a turning club. The Channel Islands Woodturners meet on the third Saturday of the month, have good presentations at each meeting, and has lots of skilled turners who LOVE to mentor unskilled new turners. There is a small cost for being mentored, which goes to the club, not the mentor. Compared to taking professional tutoring, the cost is infinitesimal. Membership is \$25/year

See their website at: <http://www.channelislandswoodturners.org/>

Fillers:



Ouch!



Interesting patches



Ouch again!