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Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 2 nd	Reg. Meeting: veneering w/Paul Schürch	Redwood School
July 15 th	Informal Breakfast Meeting	Pickles Restaurant, NP
July 18 th	Toy Workshop	Bill Aurand's
July 18 th	Turning SIG	Stan Wolpert's
July 22 nd	Chisel Refurbishing Workshop	Heartwood Milling
July 23 rd	BOD Meeting (Postponed to)	Stephen Case-Pall's
July 25 th	Toy Workshop	Bill Aurand's
August 5-16	Ventura County Fair	Fairgrounds
August 6 th	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
August 7 th & 8 th	Paul Schürch Veneering Workshop	Paul's Shop, Sta. Barbara
August 13 th	Jig SIG	
August 15 th	Toy Workshop	Bill Battocchio's
August 19 th	Informal Breakfast meeting	Pickles NP
August 22 nd	Turning SIG	Stan Wolpert's
Sunday August 23 rd	Summer Picnic & Woodie Derby	Brady's Ranch
Saturday Sept. 12 th	Hand Screw Workshop	Brady's Shop

June Meeting

June's meeting featured two of our very competent members **Tim Albers** and **Brady Andreson**, demonstrating bending of wood. Brady demonstrated methods of laminate bending and Tim demonstrated steam bending with a shop-made steamer made from a tea kettle and polyvinylchloride pipe. Both demonstrations were very thorough and informative. See Tim's article on the steam bending workshop that followed the demo.





Thanks to **Marshall Nathanson** for the photographs.

July and September Challenges

The challenge for July is “Something made of Arlenwood”. By now, of course, you’ve finished this challenge and are bringing it to the meeting. Sure.....OK, get ready for the September challenge: “Something of bent wood”. If you missed the June meeting, call a member who did, and get the particulars. It can be either steam or laminate bent, and CAN NOT be something made in the June workshop. As usual, all entries receive a raffle ticket for a special Challenge prize. The challenge for September is undetermined. If you have any suggestion, please call **Stephen Case-Pall at 805 491 3660**. We’d appreciate your input.



Thanks to **Marshall Nathanson** for these pics of the May 2009 Meeting.

July Meeting

July's meeting will feature **Paul Schürch**, demonstrating techniques of marquetry and inlay. Paul is internationally known for his highly skilled and innovative work in both furniture and marquetry. His varied background includes advanced marquetry training in Italy, journeyman boatbuilding, Japanese



wood joinery, organ and piano building and design. He teaches at both the Marc Adams and William Ng schools of fine woodworking. I had the good fortune to attend a week long class of Paul's several years ago and found that he is not only superbly skilled, but is also an excellent teacher. We're fortunate to have him for our meeting and for a weekend class August 7th & 8th. Check with **Tim Albers** to see if there is still room for you to attend that class.

Paul will be also teaching a weekend class at Ventura's **Woodcraft** store. **Woodcraft** has donated one place in that class to CVWA in appreciation of our support of their store. It will be available for raffle to our members. Its value is \$250.00. Now, that's something to buy raffle tickets for!

Chisel Refurbishing Workshop

Brady Andreson has graciously offered the use of his shop for a workshop on chisel refurbishing. Those of us who have come to appreciate the use of sharp hand tools, know what a treasure there is in finding a cheap, beat up old chisel and returning it to better than new condition, then using it. Check out swap meets, garage sales, pawn shops, anywhere you can find an old chisel. Look for high quality manufacturing names like E. A. Berg, James Swan, Ashley Iles, Robert Sorby, Henry Taylor etc. The only thing to avoid is heavy pitting on the flat side. Other than that it can be made to work and look better than the day it was forged. **Brady, Tim Albers** and **Stephen Case-Pall** will show you how to make an old clunker into a fine woodworking tool. We'll have some lathes for handles, and even bring some blanks for the "London Pattern" handles that look so good. See the pic below.



Steam Bending Workshop

CVWA Wood Bending Workshop

By Tim Albers

About 13 CVWA club members met at **Brady Andresen's** shop on Saturday, June 6th to participate in the wood bending workshop. With the help of Brady, **Arlen Handberg**, **Paul Brockway**, and **Stephen Case-Pall**, most of the material for the workshop had been pre-milled to dimension and the forms required for bending had been prepared. The steam chamber was switched on at 9am while members prepared their forms, smoothed their bending stock and made compression straps. The first six steam bending blanks went in the chamber and were ready for bending shortly after 10am.



With proper stock selection and ripping with the grain (thanks Arlen), all six of the first pieces were a success. Members had to work fast as they had only about one minute to pull their piece from the chamber and get it bent around the form. And with the chamber losing steam as each member pulled their blanks, it was a crazy few minutes.

With half the blanks steamed, bent and drying, another batch of blanks went into the steamer while some of the members began work on their glue lamination. With the expert stock preparation done all that was left was for everyone to select about 6 pieces of thin ash, prepare a pulling strap, retrieve a couple of clamps and begin spreading glue (although some members did this process in reverse). Most of us had the opportunity to experience Brady's warning to not apply too much glue to the laminations.

Like the steam bending, the glue laminations went well. It was nice to have a few woodworkers standing by to help with clamps and a big mallet if necessary.

By 12:30 lunch had arrived and we had the second set of steamed blanks out of the chamber and drying on forms. This despite **Dave Studley** cutting his compression strap in two – don't ask why or how he did this... As a matter of fact, some members were completely done by lunch time – one of the quickest workshops in club history!

But most of the members stuck around for another hour or two and we bent a few more blanks, giving some a try without a compression strap – and they failed along the outer edge. **Dave Hutter** brought along some Baltic Birch plywood, which we bent to a 180 degree bend to the surprise of many of us – we're not sure what the dried piece will look like and if the glue bonds will hold. We're hoping Dave will give us a report.

The last few members stuck around and glued up a few more laminations. By about 2:30, the steam chamber was on its last legs, having been heated with steam for many hours, so we decided it was time to shut down, throw the chamber in the trash bin and call it a day. All in all it was a fun workshop. I was just happy to be on the road home by 3:00pm, as opposed to the last workshop that went until 7:00! It must have been the planning☺.

The steam chamber took a lickin' but kept on steamin'



This pretty much sums up my review of the day –



Club Roster

Any member wishing to have a roster of CVWA members, please email a request to Dave Studley, DaveStudley@sbcglobal.net

Raffle

At the time of writing, I have no information on what the raffle prizes will be.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the MegaRaffle from **Stephen Case-Pall**

CVWA Summer Picnic

We're going to try something new this year: We will have the summer picnic **CATERED** by **Wood Ranch restaurant**. Club members are asked to bring only beverages and dessert. There will be a contribution jar available if you would like to defray expenses. That will be optional at your discretion. Alternately, you can bring something for a raffle table which will be raffled to offset catering costs. Because it is catered, it is **very important that you RSVP**. In this way we'll be able to order the correct amount of food. **RSVP to thesawdustmill@gmail.com**. Dan Gallo has offered to repeat his popular scroll sawn nameplates again, and will need an assistant to type up the names. See Dan at the next meeting. We are also planning to set up the **Woodie Derby** track, so bring your cars from the last race, or test run your new one.

Mega Raffle

This time the club has purchased a Jet drum sander from our new Woodcraft store. We are just over halfway to the raffle time in ticket sales. This is the open sided sander that allows one to flat sand a piece about 32 inches wide. It has a moving platen belt and takes strips of sandpaper spirally wound on the drum. The cost was over \$1000, and is something we usually wouldn't buy for ourselves. You can see it at the Woodcraft store until the raffle drawing, and tickets will only be available to CVWA members. Tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20, and will be available at the June and subsequent meetings. See **Stephen Case-Pall** for tickets.



Features:

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- Self-cooling, precision-machined and balanced 5 x 16 extruded aluminum drum
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- Max. Thickness (In.) 3
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- Overall Dimensions (HxWxD/in.) 18x23x32
- Drum Dimensions (dia.xL/in.) 5x16
- Drum Speed (RPM) 1,725
- Drum Bearing Diameter (In.) 1
- Dust Port Diameter (In.) 4
- Conveyor Motor 43 in. -Ibs. Torque, Direct Drive, DC
- Conveyor Variable Feed Rate (FPM) OtoIO
- Motor (TEFC) 1-1/2HP, IPh, 110V
- Net Weight (Lbs.) 145

Tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20, and will be available at the January and subsequent meetings.

Good Woodworking links on the net

As you surf the net for good working information, share them with the rest of us. Email any good links to our Webmaster, Aubrey Grey. cvwa9@iders.com

Special Interest Groups

SIG leaders: PLEASE 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. Emailed photographs are welcome also.

Due to vacation schedule, there will not be a **Jig SIG** in July.

The June meeting was held in **Arlen Handberg's** shop on the 11th and was led by Tim Albers. He showed us how to make a fixture for the router to make mortises in rails and stiles. This was similar to the one he showed at the joinery meeting a few months ago.

Also due to Arlen's being out of town the early part of July, there will not be any "Arlen wood" this month, but be sure to be there early for the August meeting.

Turning SIG. **Stan Wolpert** is back from his Colorado "vacation" and will host the Turning SIG on the 18th of July. Be sure to check with Stan to verify that date.

Toy Workshop: **Bill Aurand** will be hosting a double workshop on July 18th and 25th. Bill will be making heart boxes this year. See Bill to sign up, or just show up at Bill's shop on those dates

Finishing SIG Unknown for July

Hand Tool SIG. Unknown for July. They may take credit for the **Chisel Refurb Workshop**, though.

Vendor List

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

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Do It Center. 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks 497 2753

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

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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

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

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

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October Shop Tour

Lee Truman is organizing the shop tour for October . It will cover the Oxnard/Ventura area. Contact Lee if you'd like to have your shop on the tour. It will terminate at Heartwood Milling for lunch.

Contact Lee Truman at leetruman@aol.com

Miscellaneous

Last month I got a complaint about posting the VD poster to this page. This one should be acceptable to anyone.

