

# CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

## *The Bladerunner*

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### Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Auction	Redwood School
Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shop Tour and Lunch	See Handout @ Meeting
Tuesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jig SIG	Arlen Handberg's
Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	BOD Meeting	John Budney's
Saturday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Turning SIG	Stan Wolpert's
Wednesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Informal Breakfast Meeting	Pickles, Newbery Park
Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bus trip to Costa Mesa Woodworking Show	Leave from school

### September Meeting

September's meeting was a member-participation meeting, where the members brought odd or unusual tools. It was a fun learning experience. I learned the proper use of a tool I'd had for years (one of those things you buy without knowing why). The evening is best described in the pictures below.



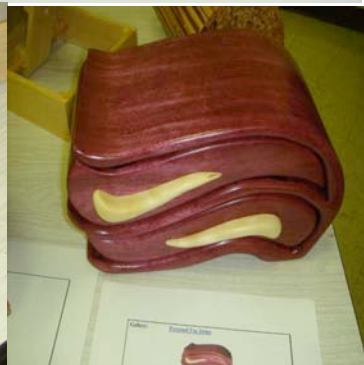


From "Show n' Tell at the September meeting:





**Bent Wood Clock**  
 By Dan Gallo  
 Wood: Mahogany  
 Finish: Boiled linseed oil  
 Top coat: Deft Spray Lacquer



**November Challenge**

Remember the November challenge is to bring a toy made between September and November, that was NOT made at a workshop, that you will donate in the December meeting.

If you have any suggestion for coming challenges, please call **Stephen Case-Pall** at 805 491 3660. or email to [casepall@roadrunner.com](mailto:casepall@roadrunner.com) . We'd appreciate your input.

**October Meeting**

October is our annual fund-raising auction. It's one of the most fun meetings we have, so be sure to arrive early (about 6pm) and check out the lots up close. Because we have always run out of time, and not been able to get some lots to the block, we will be changing the procedures to get more accomplished in one

evening. So, as Gunney Sgt. Lee Erney says, LISTEN UP!! There won't be any discussion or passing around of items once they reach the block. You will need to inspect all items before the auction, and make your own notes of the lot numbers on which you want to bid. Secondly, there will only be two times you can check out and pay for your purchases: For those who wish to leave early, there will be an intermission mid-way through the auction, when you can pay and check out. Once checked out, you can no longer bid on further items. You could, however, have a friend who's staying bid for you, but he'll have to pay for and check the item out. Work that out with a friend if you leave early. The only other time to check out will be after auctions close. We are also planning to move the viewing tables away from the door and the checkout area near the door to facilitate an easier checkout. Be sure to have larger items at the school by 6pm, and all items by 6:30. Also, some of the best selling items are those made by fellow members, so you're encouraged to bring something you made too.

### Bus Trip to Woodworking Show

We've hired another bus for the Woodworking Show in Costa Mesa. Even though some felt the last show was somewhat disappointing, everyone said that they still enjoyed the ride, food, camaraderie and beer. That's more than half the fun, and you can't do it alone for the price of the bus ticket. Still at \$30, including a luxury bus, admission to the show, doughnuts and coffee in the morning, food, snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine, transportation back with your loot. Chuck Pearson has again arranged the fun trip. During the auction **at times other than checkout** you can purchase tickets from **Barbara Kaufmann**, or other cashiers.

### November Meeting

November's meeting will feature Woodworker Extraordinaire **Arlen Handberg** with a presentation on "Metalworking for Woodworkers" Topics that will be covered include: Common metals useful for woodworkers, characteristics of these metals. cutting, drilling, tapping, machining, bending and finishing of metals. There should be a good deal to be learned here.

### Membership Raffle Prize

Something new for now and hereafter: Instead of a separate Membership Prize, each member attending the meeting will receive one regular raffle ticket, **both halves**. He/She can then enter half of their ticket in any regular raffle prize of their choice. This will broaden the scope of the membership prizes and give members a greater choice of prizes.

### Hand Screw Clamp Workshop

#### By Tim Albers

On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, nineteen club members gathered at **Brady Andresen's** shop in Oxnard to make wooden handscrews. Almost everyone arrived by about 9am, and we got started at about 9:15. After a brief introduction and construction plan, everyone selected their materials and began working on their clamps. Each member made two clamps, using their choice of hard maple, beech, or African Mahogany for the jaws. Spindles were hard maple and handle materials included mahogany, olive and figured maple.

Before long, members were busy marking out and shaping the clamp jaws and turning handles. Spindles were threaded using a traditional thread box or with a 60 degree cutter mounted in a

router which was mounted on Brady's big metal working lathe. Most found the traditional hand method gave cleaner results. The threaded and through holes in the jaws were drilled on the drill press and mill and threaded by hand using a large tap made just for wood. With 19 people working in the shop it got pretty hectic at times, and I found myself running from one operation to another. For those wondering, we cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ " spindles with six threads per inch.

The day proceeded well, with most members finishing their handscrews by mid afternoon. A few stragglers lingered on to about 5pm, but I think almost everyone but Brady went home with a completed set of handscrews. **Mark Tsujihara** won the award for the longest thread shaving while threading his spindles.

These workshops couldn't happen without the help of many club members. A big thank you needs to go out to everyone who helped organize the event and contributed their time and effort. Club members, **Arlen Handberg, Stephen Case-Pall, Dave Hutter, and Chad Ishikawa** spent countless hours on the Friday before, prepping stock for the spindles and handles. With each club member making two clamps and each clamp requiring two spindles, those guys turned out 88 pieces of hard maple to precisely  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and over 105 handles.

And we can't forget the guys who helped out with tools and food during the workshop! Another special thanks to **Adam Lucas, Doug Tapping, Chuck Pearson, Stephen Case-Pall and Paul Brockway**. Without the help and support of some many of these members, we wouldn't be able to host these workshops.

In addition to Brady, Dave, Chad, Adam, Doug, Chuck, Mark, and Paul, other members in attendance included **Gene Moutes, Dan Waingrow, Ken Drenning, Jack Luhrsen, Tom Denton, George Arra, Joel Oksner, Gene West, Jack Bundy, Aubrey Grey, Lorenzo Gonzales**, and yours truly, **Tim**.

Word has come back that both **Paul Brockway**, and **Joel Oksner** couldn't figure out how to work their clamps once they got home... anyone else care to admit that?

**As a special bonus, all members who attend the workshop and bring their completed clamps to the Show & Tell at the November meeting (remember October is the Auction) will be entered in a special raffle for a chance to win a nearly new (only used a photo shoot demonstration) Dewalt DW625 3HP variable speed router.**



## We get email!

Something we don't see often enough: The following email.

Hey

Thanks for an excellent workshop Saturday. We learned some new woodworking skills and ended up with a new tool for our shops. Can't beat that for a good time. Appreciate all the work you guys go to for the Club and it's members.

Paul

## Tips and Tricks

**Bill Gourlay** sent in a web site url that has a bunch of woodworking tips and tricks.

Check it out at: <http://woodgears.ca/shop-tricks/index.html> **Stephen Case-Pall** sent this one on woodturning in the UK: [http://www.ukflooringdirect.co.uk/info/Woodturning\\_Resources.html](http://www.ukflooringdirect.co.uk/info/Woodturning_Resources.html)

## James Krenov 1920-2009

Another icon of the woodworking world has passed away.

Through his school and his furniture, Krenov inspired a generation of furniture makers with a high regard for both materials and craftsmanship and design with an aesthetic informed by organic, subtle details.

The son of Russian aristocrats, Krenov was born in Siberia in 1920. His family eventually settled in Seattle, then Krenov moved to Sweden in his mid-twenties. He began his career in woodworking there, studying with famed furniture designer Carl Malmsten. Until his work began to take off, his wife Britta kept the family afloat on an economics teacher's salary.

After 30 years in Sweden, Krenov returned to the United States and published his first book, [A Cabinetmaker's Notebook](#), in 1976. It articulated a new way of woodworking, one that intimately involved the maker with the material.

In 1981, he founded the influential College of the Redwoods furniture program in Fort Bragg, Calif. Krenov speculated on the influence he has had on woodworkers throughout his career in March 2003: "It's not that I had a message that was outstanding or unique or anything like that. I just expressed the feelings that a great number of people had ... 'Live the life that you want to live. Don't be unhappy in your work.'"

Since his first book, he wrote four other books on woodworking: [The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking](#), [With Wakened Hands](#), [Worker In Wood](#), and [The Impractical Cabinetmaker](#).

He retired from the College of the Redwoods in 2002 after more than twenty years of instruction and inspiration. He continued to build custom cabinets from his home shop in Northern California until his failing eyesight prevented him. Since then, Krenov continued with his passion for wood building his classic wooden hand planes.

The funeral services will be private and the family plans to spread his ashes at the ocean, likely along the route of his daily walk. Contributions in Krenov's memory can be made to The James Krenov Scholarship Fund care of the College of the Redwoods.

### Club Roster

Any member wishing to have a roster of CVWA members, please email a request to Dave Studley, [DaveStudley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DaveStudley@sbcglobal.net)

### Raffle

Reminder. The Camarillo Lions Club continues to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aides for recycling to third world countries. Check around your homes and bring in all the old glasses that are not needed. Lions will also accept used hearing aids for use in other parts of the world. A recycle pair of glasses or hearing aid can make a world of difference to someone who has never been able to see or hear. Camarillo Lions also collect old cell phones for reuse by victims of domestic violence. If you can help in any way please do so. Your donations are appreciated. For further information contact CVWA club member John Knittle at 805.482.1297.

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

### CVWA's Annual Auction

October's coming up, faster, it seems, than usual. The October meeting/auction is our one big money-making effort, that brings you our programs, workshops, refreshments, pizzas and guest speakers. It's always a great, good time, and a chance to support the club by donating any items (not just woodworking stuff) to the raffle, and also to pick up some good stuff at good prices for yourself or your shop. Be sure to read the notice for the October meeting, above, for changes in procedure. **Brad Ormsby**, aka "Mr. Auctioneer" will again MC the auction. If you have something to donate and can't bring it at the day of auction, contact **Chuck at 805 482 3202**. We'll make arrangements to store it until then. Remember to bring some boxes and/or bags to carry your stuff home with.

### Mega Raffle

For reasons unknown to me, this raffle is not moving as fast as the last one, even though this is a very desirable item that few of us have. For this reason we've decided to close the auction at the **December** meeting, regardless of the amount of tickets sold. What this means to those who have already bought tickets is that you can **measurably increase your chances of winning**, by buying more tickets now. During the October auction tickets will be available at the checkout counter **other than at checkout time**. Tickets will also be on sale during the November, and the first half of the December meeting. If you have any suggestions for the next **Mega Raffle**, please let **Stephen Case-Pall** hear them, or read them by sending them to [casepall@roadrunner.com](mailto:casepall@roadrunner.com)

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: See previous Bladerunner issues. Tickets are \$1 each, 25 for \$20.**

### 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](mailto:cvwa9@iders.com)

**Dick Wakefield** sent in the following two sites:

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

Talks about finding the right glues for different materials.

[www.shavings.net](http://www.shavings.net)

About sharpening.

### Special Interest Groups

**SIG leaders: PLEASE** Send a description and photos of your SIG activities to the editor at [casepall@roadrunner.com](mailto:casepall@roadrunner.com) so we can keep the other members informed of what's happening. Emailed photographs are welcome also.

**Finishing SIG** Due to a rather sudden illness, Ira Goldberg cannot continue to host the Finishing SIG. If you have finishing questions, please **only** email them to Ira at [ibgoldberg@hotmail.com](mailto:ibgoldberg@hotmail.com)

### Vendor List

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

**Conejo Hardwoods** 31275 La Baya, Thousand Oaks 497 0025

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

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

**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

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

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

**Rockler Pasadena** 83 south Rosemead Blvd Pasadena 91107

**Superior Moulding.** 5953 Sepulveda, Van Nuys 91411 818 376-1415 (15% discount)

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### October Shop Tour

**Lee Truman** has organized the shop tour for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will cover the Oxnard/Ventura area, visiting the shops of **Chuck Pearson, Joel Oksner, and Brady Andreson**. At Brady's the club will host a pizza lunch. Contact Lee if you'd like to have your shop on the tour for another time. It will terminate at Heartwood Milling for lunch. Check the flyer you got at the last meeting, or pick up a new one from **Stephen Case-Pall** at the October meeting  
Contact Lee Truman at [leetruman@aol.com](mailto:leetruman@aol.com)

### Miscellaneous