



# The Bladerunner



December 2011  
Issue #192

- Regular Meeting  
First Thursday  
Redwood Middle School
- Monthly Breakfast  
Third Wednesday  
Pickles Restaurant
- B.O.D. Meeting  
Third Thursday



## Toys for Kids

Don't forget to bring any toys that you have created to the December meeting. Remember that these toys will be donated to a local children's charity.

Stephen and Joel will collect the toys at the end of the meeting.

If you have questions, please call Stephen at:

491-3660 or

[casepall@roadrunner.com](mailto:casepall@roadrunner.com)

## Heart Boxes Galore!



Felix loves to spray poly!



## **Christmas Party**

This year's party is to be held at Dave and Vicky Hutter's home.

**5138 Faircrest Lane  
Somis, Ca**

**Sunday, December 04, 2011  
12:00 p.m. - to 4 p.m.**

- Bring something you made for the gift exchange.
- If your last name begins with A-L please bring a main or side dish to share.
- If your last name begins with M-Z please bring a dessert to share.



Happy Holidays from Bill, Wendy, and Milt Swan

It's time to sign up for our annual holiday Wood Art Fair! On December 10th, we'll turn our store into a spectacular extravaganza of wood art for sale by our customers. **IF YOU ARE A WOODWORKER WITH WONDERFUL PROJECTS TO SELL, THIS IS A GREAT EVENT IN WHICH TO PARTICIPATE!**

In the past, we've featured woodworkers with everything from high-end furniture to turned bowls, didgeridoos, wood sculptures, carved wall hangings, jewelry boxes, musical instruments, toys, kitchen implements, pens, and scores of other wood items that range from functional to purely decorative.

Space is limited, and our criteria for accepting participants is totally subjective – if it's of high quality, unique, and beautiful, we want to talk to you! There is no cost to participate, and we provide everything, including tables & tableclothes, decorations, signage, snacks, and advertising. All we ask is that participants (once selected) stick to their commitment to attend, bring their art and get set up before the store opens on Saturday, and stay in attendance throughout the day to talk with customers and make sales. If your artwork sells, we ask for a modest 20% fee to help cover our administrative costs.

The purpose of our Wood Art Fair is to support our customers by providing a venue for them to sell their wood art or gather referrals for future work, to provide the Ventura community with a unique holiday shopping opportunity, and to bring new customers into our store. Everyone attending has had a blast in the past, and wood art sales have been vigorous!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Wendy or Bill at 805-658-9663. (Pictures of your work are always appreciated.) And if you are uncertain if you'd qualify, don't equivocate, just call! Most of our participants are non-professional, home woodworkers who just do extraordinary work. So if you make lovely wooden things and you'd like a chance to sell them, give me a call right away!



Laila & Milt

## Spotlight on Woodworking

As a child Milt Swan was dyslexic. Growing up in Pittsburgh, PA with this “disability” channeled him into the trade program during his school years. Industrial arts, woodshop and metal shop, were the formative classes that sparked his passion for creating things. His junior year in High School exposed him to a teacher/mentor who identified him as a visual learner. With this new insight he excelled in mathematics, ultimately getting a degree in Engineering and Physics. He worked in the Intelligence Community for a while and then at the Hughes Space Lab during the early years of the Space Industry. During all of these activities, creating in wood was the therapy that kept him sane. He built furniture for clients on weekends while slowly building a complete shop of machines and hand tools. In 1970 his Grandfather passed and he inherited his collection of hand tools. This was the real beginning of his passion with hand tools.



Available Swan Tools

Milt’s style is definitely Shaker influenced. He values simplicity, eye appeal, utility, value, and style. He meets with his clients in their home or office to visualize their “lifestyle” and to acquire a clear picture of “who” they are and what their expectations are. An example of this was an exotic desk he built for a school principal. The desk allowed her to stand and lecture her staff while also enabling her to accomplish work and have smaller staff meetings. Most of the tools in Swan's current catalog are tools that Milt needed to complete the various projects that came into his shop over the last twenty five years.

His current objective is to design a combination marking tool that will mark a board both across and along the board starting from a Zero X and Y point. This tool will reduce the time we typically take to mark out 90 degree layouts.

Milt Swan will be our February meeting speaker.

This is part 1 of a 2 part series.

Swan Tool Company-USA



## **Mega Raffle at December meeting!**

The December meeting is your last change to purchase Mega-raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the end of the meeting.

## Vendor List

**Conejo Hardwoods** 31275 La Baya, Thousand Oaks 497 0025 [www.conejohardwoods.com](http://www.conejohardwoods.com)

**Do It Center.** 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks 497 2753 [www.doitcenter.com](http://www.doitcenter.com)

**Far West Plywood.** 18450 Parthenia St. Northridge. 818 885-1511 [www.farwestplywood.com](http://www.farwestplywood.com)

**Mayan Lumber** 2930 Los Olivos, Oxnard 805 981-4555 [www.mayanhardwood.com](http://www.mayanhardwood.com)

**Roadside Lumber & Hardware** 29112 Roadside Drive, Agoura Hills 805 497-1486 Code: 1230  
[www.roadsidelumber.com](http://www.roadsidelumber.com)

**Rockler Torrance.** 20725 Hawthorne Bl. Torrance. 310-542-1466 [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)

**Siggia Hardware.** 16260 Raymer St. Van Nuys 818-787-1650 [www.siggia.com](http://www.siggia.com)

**Sun Brothers Enterprises.** 4350 Eileen St. Simi Valley 805 526-5794 [www.sunbrothersenterprises.com](http://www.sunbrothersenterprises.com)

**Conejo Electric Motor.** 31200 La Baya #305 Westlake Village 805 495-0556 See Bill Butler  
[www.conejoelectricmotor.com](http://www.conejoelectricmotor.com)

**American Fastening Systems Inc,** 591 Constitution Ave. "D" Camarillo. 388 1552 Ask for Al Redline  
[www.americanfasteningsystems.com](http://www.americanfasteningsystems.com)

**Woodcraft Orange County** Beach Bl. @ 22 Fwy. 10% excludes sale items and power tools.  
[www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=553](http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=553)

**Rockler Pasadena** 83 south Rosemead Blvd Pasadena 91107 [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)

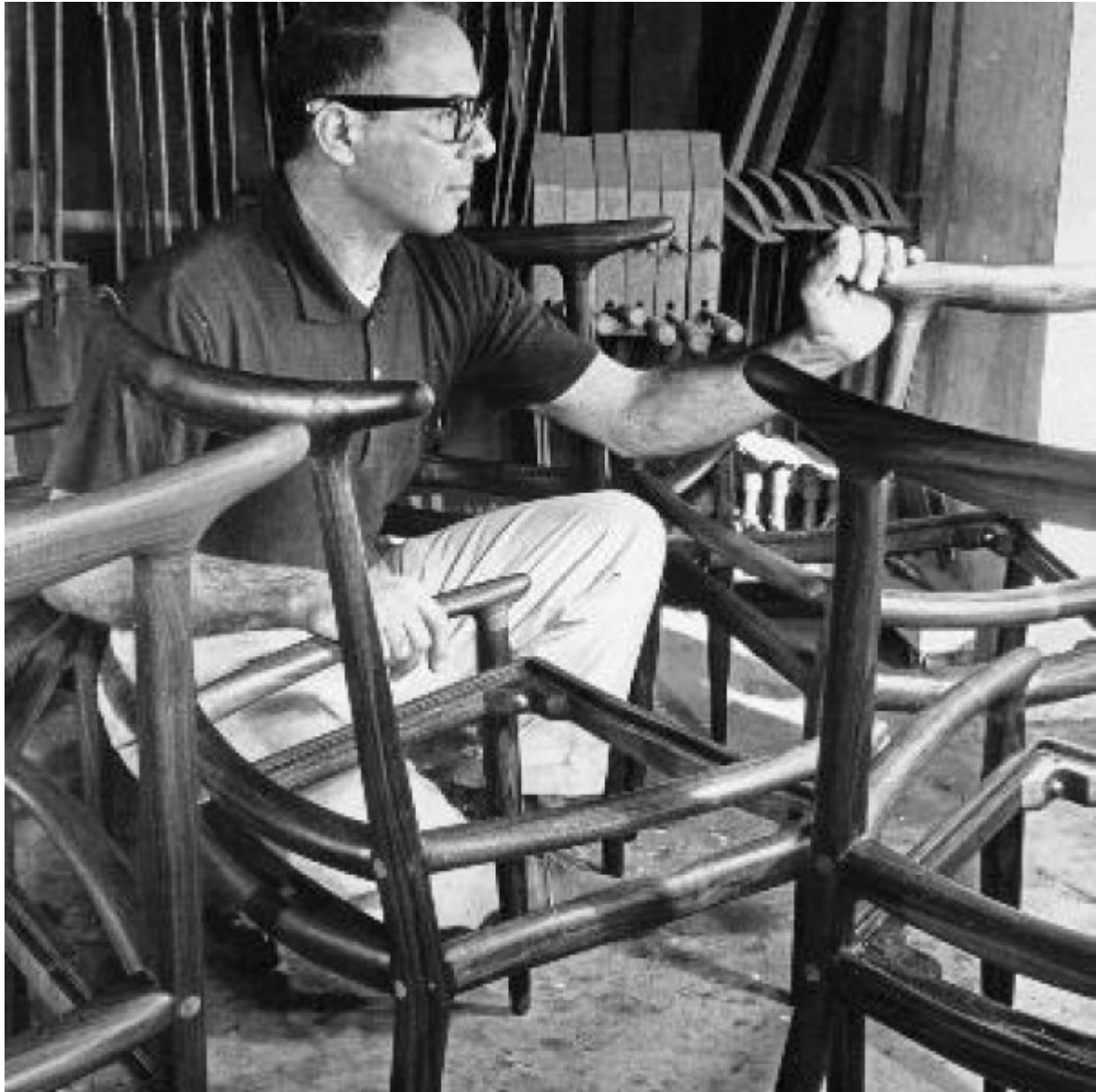
**Superior Moulding.** 5953 Sepulveda, Van Nuys 91411 818 376-1415 (15% discount)  
[www.superiormoulding.com](http://www.superiormoulding.com)

**Stock Building Supply** (Manager Joe Figueroa) 2800 Barry Street, Camarillo, 482-4621

**H & M Hardwoods Molding** 720 Graves Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030 805-987-3877 [www.handmhardwoods.com](http://www.handmhardwoods.com)

**Woodcraft of Ventura** 3860 East Main Street Ventura, Ca 93003, 1-805-658-WOOD 9663  
[Ventura@Woodcraft.com](mailto:Ventura@Woodcraft.com)

**California Carbide Inc.** 2521 Grand Avenue Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 644-5917 [www.carbide.com](http://www.carbide.com)



## The House That Sam Built

Sam Maloof and Art in the Pamona Valley, 1945-1985

September 24, 2011 - January 30, 2012

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