

**CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION**  
*The Bladerunner*

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## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Thursday of the Month	Regular Meeting	Redwood Middle School
Third Wednesday of Month	Monthly Breakfast	Pickles Restaurant
Third Thursday of the Month	B.O.D. Meeting	To Be Determined

## Important Announcement

- ⚙ **January - Paul Brockway**
- ⚙ **February-Milt Swan**
- ⚙ **Several positions are opening up**
  - ❖ **President**
  - ❖ **Secretary**
  - ❖ **Membership**
  - ❖ **Bladerunner**
  - ❖ **Auction**

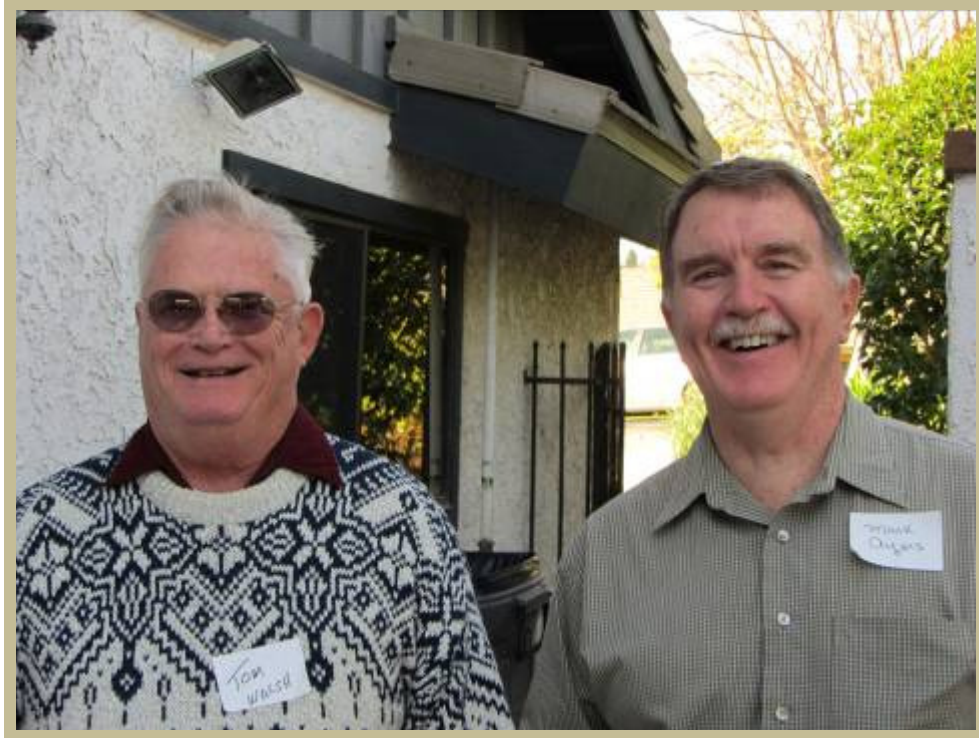
## Christmas Party

Thank you Dave & Vicky Hutter for hosting the Christmas party.

Everyone had a great time!







## **Paul Brockway**

Paul will be presenting the artful technique of using a Bow Saw.



## Q & A with Milt Swan-February Speaker



1. **How would you describe your woodworking style?**

My style is definitely Shaker influenced with more exposed joinery that they used.

2. **What is your philosophy in designing or creating something for a client?**

I meet with my 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. This meeting allows me to determine if the client and I are able to work together. The design of the project starts after we establish a “good feeling” working relationship.

3. **How did you get started in woodworking?**

My Grandfather had a small woodworking shop that I played in as a child and my early school experience included woodshop and metal shop.

4. **Why did you design these types of tools?**

Most of the tools in our current catalog are tools that I needed to complete the various projects that came into my shop over the last twenty five years.

5. **Do you have plans to develop any other tools?**

Yes, my 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.

**6. What was one of the most memorable projects that you've created?**

An exotic desk for a school principle with details that allowed her to stand and lecture her staff and also sit to accomplish work and have smaller staff meetings.

**7. Did you ever have a major Ah Ha moment when you were developing a tool?**

My major Ah Ha moment came during the design of our Crab Claw Clamp. The choice of placing the control knobs inboard within the clamp opened so many additional clamp applications.

**8. What makes your tools unique?**

Simplicity, eye appeal, utility, value, and style.

**9. Why do you like to use lacewood in your tools?**

Lacewood offers the opportunity to have a very strait forward and clean product design with an exotically elegant appeal. Every time you cut a piece of Lacewood, a new visual design element is released. The unique grain pattern personalizes each tool producing a unique identity for that individual tool.

**10. Is your business family owned and run?**

Swan Tool Company is currently only a family business. My wife and two sons are the active members of the business. Martin and I design the basic tools. My wife Laila and son Kevin work with us to finalize the design, packaging, pricing, and promotion. Martin and I do all of the machining. The products are then assembled, inspected, packaged, and shipped. We all wear many hats to keep things moving forward.

**11. How do you envision the future for your company?**

I am very thorough regarding the design and production of our products. Therefore, growing to a large scale company is in opposition to my way of servicing customers and overseeing operations. Many of our tools are customized to meet the requirements of a special customer. Therefore, I need to maintain direct customer contact in order to satisfy the customers' expectations. Also, we build prototype tools for other companies. However, long term I want this company to live after I am no longer active. My hope is that my sons mature in their abilities to fuel continuation of what we are doing at Swan Tool Company.

**12. What are some of your other interests?**

I am involved in too many other things according to my wife. I am a serious fly fisherman from Pennsylvania and I drive my 911 Carrera a little too fast at times. I played basketball in college and I still play on most Sunday afternoons. Isn't this what being 70 years old is all about? We work hard and play hard.

**13. What is one household project that your wife would like done?**

My wife, as with most wives, always wants more closet and storage space. I'm very guilty of not meeting her request for more. You must remember that Lacewood, Maple and Bubinga need space too.

## Toys for the Kiddies

**Thank you to all who built toys and contributed.**





## **January Challenge**

**January Challenge is something for the office (letter opener, paper weight, book ends, gavel, name plate, card holder, etc.)**

**March's is a partner event with no restrictions.**

## **Show & Tell**

**Don't forget to bring your items to the meeting.**

## **January Raffle**

Thanks to Bill Aurand, who has faithfully done this for many years.

Bob Pollard will be taking over the monthly raffle.

## Membership & 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)

The club is currently seeking someone to lead this.

Thank you to Dave for diligently doing this for all of this time.

## Mega Raffle

**Congratulations to Joel Oskner. He was the winner of the hand planes.**

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## Links

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) or Adam Lucas [alucastech@gmail.com](mailto:alucastech@gmail.com)

## Vendor List

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

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## Southern California Tool Swap Meets

<b>Anderson Plywood</b>	Four swap meets per year Third Saturday of February, May, August, and November 6 AM-NOON	4020 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 John Arenson / 310-397-8229
<b>Orange Rockler Swap Meet</b>	Three swap meets per year. Second Saturday of March, July, and October. 6 AM-NOON	1955 N Tustin Orange, CA 92865 Drew Schellenbarger / 714- 450-2365
<b>San Diego Rockler Swap Meet</b>	Two swap meets per year. First Sunday of April (except Easter) and November. 6 AM-NOON	8199 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego, CA 92111 Bill Collins / 619-232-4626
<b>Arroyo Swap Meet</b>	Two swap meets per year. Second Saturday of June and September. 6 AM-NOON / Limited Dealer Spaces	2707 E. Foothill Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107 Bob Wilbur / 626-447-5466
<b>PAST San Diego Swap Meet</b>	One swap meet per year. Friday before the Third Weekend of January. 6 AM- NOON	Four Points Sheraton Hotel 8110 Aero Dr. San Diego, CA 92123 Bob Wilbur / 626-447-5466

To be on an email reminder list for upcoming SoCal Old Tool Swap Meets send your name and E-mail to: [laura@toolswapusa.com](mailto:laura@toolswapusa.com)