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Upcoming Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| May 5 th | Regular Meeting. Marquetry tutorial by Dave Seidler. Challenge: A birdhouse. | |
| May 7 th | Saturday Marquetry Workshop by David Seidler at his workshop, Scroll Saw required. | |
| May 18 th | CVWA Breakfast, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100 | |
| May 19 th | BOD Meeting 7PM, TBA | |
| May 21 st | Member Workshop Tour, By Brian Connell and Dan Waingrow | |
| May 27 th | Breakfast, Denny's Camarillo at 9am | |
| June 1 st | Regular Meeting: 7:00pm, two workstations, Brian Connell: Making a wooden plane, 2nd station to be announced. (Note: Wednesday not Thursday!) | |
| June 7 th | Just Coffee get-together, Oaks Mall, Food Court Patio, 10am - 11:30am | |
| June 15 th | CVWA Breakfast, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100 | |
| June 16 th | BOD Meeting | |
| June 18 th | Member Workshop Tour, By two members who win shop tour drawing - location TBD | |
| June 24 th | Breakfast, Denny's Camarillo at 9am | |

President's Message

The membership renewal drive is well underway.

As of 4/22/16 we have 89 Memberships. Our goal is 108 memberships and we are confident we will meet this goal.

Although this is a drop from last year's 127 memberships, we have realized the aging nature of our members. This drop is consistent with the last several years. We do attract new members of 3 to 7 a year, but this is not enough to make up the difference.

There are ways for you to help!

We have seen an increase in guests at our general meetings. You can help by engaging them in conversation and show interest in their reasons to join.

Wear your logo shirts and hats when you out shopping, you would be surprised how many guest says that is how they learned about the club.

When you are engaged in a conversation with a potential member, use the new CVWA business cards to encourage a follow-up action. You can obtain a supply at the general meeting registration desk.

We are pursuing some new member promotions. For example, our meetings are now being routinely listed in Acorn and Ventura Star club news

So if we get them into the meeting, we need members to help close the deal!

Christian Ziegler

Sad News

Chuck Pearson, our president from 2012 to 2013 has died at 76 years of age. Chuck gave a lot more to the club than being president for one term. He was among the most active members, and was always there to support any club activity.

Chuck grew up in Arizona with two brothers and a sister. He played football in High School and College when he attended the University of Colorado. He and Penny were married for 55 years, and they have two sons, Matthew and Mark. They lived in Hawaii for three years, and moved to Camarillo in 1968. Chuck taught math at Camarillo High School, and was retired. Among Chucks woodworking favorites was collecting tools, and rare woods, and turning bowls of star pine. He was always there to help others, without complaint, and had a kind word for everyone. Everyone who knew Chuck will miss him.



April Meeting

The April meeting was a presentation by **Bill Boettcher** of **Woodcraft Store** in Ventura, and his employee, **Mark Chandler**. While Mark was giving his witty presentation, Bill walked around the room and presented every member present with a \$25 gift certificate to Woodcraft.



Naturally, most of us headed straight for Woodcraft like a bunch of lemmings. Thank you Bill!!

Woodworker of the Month

I hope to corner another member for next month's issue. Suggestions?

Member Joe Orendy

Our fellow CVWA member Joe Orendy has officially retired from woodworking for health reasons. Those of us who know Joe, were always impressed with his shop with its wide range of tools all on mobile carts, and kept in immaculate condition. CVWA is helping Joe sell his tools, as he would prefer to see them go to fellow woodworkers. Joe has very generously offered to give CVWA 30% of the sales. All of the tools will be up for online auction in the immediate future, with minimum starting bids. Only **paid up** members will be eligible to bid. After a week of bidding, CVWA will post the high bids on the club's website, and will open a second week of bidding. There's a plethora of immaculate, like new tools of good quality available to us. Below is a few snapshots of part of the offering. Drool now.







And there is more! Keep your eye on your email for the info on the auction, minimum bid list and results. They will be sent to **paid up** members through CVWA mail and **Whoozin**.

Raffle Prizes

Pair of **Hart** C-clamps with quick-tight handles.

A gift certificate to **Woodcraft** store.

Grr-rip push stick system

Flexcut five piece palm carving set.

Maloof Tour

Don't forget the tour of Sam Maloof's home and shop June 11th. \$15 per person. Meeting at Lowes Parking lot Simi Valley at 8am...carpooling.

Club Dues

The deadline for renewing membership was April 7th, the day of the meeting. After that date, there is a \$10 penalty. If you haven't renewed, please bring payment to the May meeting. They will be accepted at the door. And you will be eligible to bid and win in the Orendy tool auction!

The Challenges

Don't forget that presenting something for the challenge gets you FIVE free tickets for the raffle!! The challenge for May is a **birdhouse**. The Challenge for September is **something that flies**. For November it's **something food related**, and for January it's **something for Valentine's day**.

Gamble House Tour

The Gamble house tour, a recent Saturday, went very well despite the travel delay getting there. We had 20 attending – 11 members with 9 guests. Many car pooled to the event. We were divided into two groups with each group having a docent with woodworking experience.

The attached file is feedback from four members.

Here is my feedback on the tour:

Our docent, Michael Oddou, was excellent. He had a copy of the Bladerunner with him – he obviously did his homework about the club.

The tour was to last 1 hour, but since it was the last tour he gave us an extra 45 minutes.

Michael indicated every one of the 17 species of wood used throughout the house.

He was well versed in the Gamble family (Procter & Gamble founders), the Japanese influence in the design, and the local contractors & suppliers to build the home.

Some lessons learned about tours like this in the future

- I think carpooling can work but there needs more experimenting with how this is done.
- We should collect admission fees ahead of the event.
- I think a staging area near the event location is an excellent idea.

Carpooling

There did not seem to be a good location to leave from because there were members from Camarillo, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Simi Valley.

I matched members by city and then emailed contact information – this took a couple of hours of work. Of course, some drivers backed out and some did not connect.

I would recommend a starting location on the way – like Simi Valley Mall. Stage there and match up carpools as people arrive.

Someone recommended the Redwood school – that would have required some folks to travel a good distance away from the direction we were travelling.

Admission Fees

This worked out since we prepaid for 20 and 20 showed up. As late as a week before there were 24 going to attend.

If we were short, then club was out the money. Not sure how the Gamble house would have handled extras – 2 or 4 might not have been a problem.

We should collect fees in advance. Whoozin has feature for this.

Staging Area

Getting to the event location early takes the traffic problems out of the planning.

I could not find a suitable restaurant to meet – i.e. food variety, seating, parking.

I think either a food court at a mall, a cafeteria style restaurant (e.g. Lemonade), or a restaurant with outdoor seating and varied menu might work the best.

I had a thought about boxed lunches if we had a common starting location and meet at a park for a picnic – however, this would require the advance payment.

Christian Ziegler

Memo from Judith re: Silent Auction

Hi Talented Members, just a reminder.

At the April monthly meeting I asked you to ask your significant others if they would want to contribute to the silent auction at the August picnic. Many had expressed interest last year in contributing to the auction this year. It doesn't have to be a wood project. Also to the members, I am hoping we will get another response of wonderful donations from you like last year. When you contribute, you will establish the starting price on bidding. We want everyone to get the value of their work.

Any members or partners who want to promise a donation or have any questions please email me at judithaz@atechmar.com. Never too early to start thinking about contributions.

Southern California Tool Swap Meets

Anderson Plywood

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

San Diego Rockler Swap Meet

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

PAST San Diego Swap Meet

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 email address to:

laura@toolswapusa.com

Club Roster

Any member wishing to have a roster of CVWA members, please email a request to **Dave Seidler**,
Davedebby@roadrunner.com

Woodworking Ideas

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 or Editor **Stephen Case-Pall**
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Sign up on www.siggia.com and mention CVWA for contractor pricing

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www.conejoelectricmotor.com

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www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=553

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