

The Bladerunner



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Events Calendar

- May 2** -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM, Program: Sharpening by Stephen Case-Pall
- May 14** -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court
- May 15** -- CVWA Breakfast, 8:30 am, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road
- May 15** -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home
- May 24** -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo
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- June 6** -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM; Challenge: Something for the home office;
Program: Set design and prop construction for motion pictures by Beth Goodnight
of Goodnight & Co.
- June 8** -- Tour Goodnight & Co shop in San Fernando Valley
- June 11** -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court
- June 19** -- CVWA Breakfast, 8:30 am, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100
- June 20** -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home
- June 28** -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo
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- (NOTE: Due to the 4th of July holiday and the closure of school for the summer, new date and location for the July monthly meeting)*
- July 9** -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court
- July 11** -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM, Location: TBD, Challenge: TBD, Program: TBD
- July 13** -- Tiny Shop Tours (more information to follow)
- July 17** -- CVWA Breakfast, 8:30 am, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100
- July 18** -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home
- July 26** -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo
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- August 3** -- Annual Picnic and Silent Auction, Location/Time: TBD
- August 13** -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court
- August 15** -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home
- August 21** -- CVWA Breakfast, 8:30 am, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100
- August 23** -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo
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- Sept 5** -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM, Program: TBD
- Sept 10** -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court
- Sept 18** -- CVWA Breakfast, 8:30 am, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road
- Sept 19** -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home
- Sept 27** -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo

President's Message



The CVWA is a happening place! There is so much going on that I can't wait to share it with you. Here's the latest in upcoming events.

Did you see the big article about the club in the Star newspaper? If you didn't, it's reprinted in this issue of the Bladerunner. I think Alicia Doyle did a great job on catching the spirit of the club. And, thanks to Mike Gorn for suggesting the article to Alicia.

As you told us in the survey, sharpening skills are highly valued. We listened -- this month's meeting presentation and following Saturday workshop are on tool sharpening. It's often been said that dull tools are dangerous, and sharp ones make all the difference. Here's your chance to increase your knowledge so that both your sharpening skills and your tools are razor-sharp.

Your Board approved a new activity for meetings. The goal is to share personal experiences and opinions about new tools and equipment. When you check in, there will be a new pile of forms on the table. If you have recently bought a new tool or other piece of equipment, grab a form and fill it out. Then, during Show and Tell, briefly tell us about the tool and what your thoughts are about it. Undoubtedly another member is thinking of buying something similar, and will appreciate your insights. Plus, your contribution will earn you an additional raffle ticket.

Everybody has a home office, or at least a corner devoted to home office stuff. Do you need a new letter opener, or pencil holder? What about a little tray to hold those invaluable sticky notes? June's challenge is something for your home office. I'm hoping to see lots of your creative ideas about making the office look and function better.

June's meeting has another fascinating activity planned. Bill Aurand's neighbor Beth Goodnight builds sets for Hollywood. You've seen her work on the latest Academy Awards broadcast. She's going to speak to the club in June, and allow us to tour her humongous shop in the SF Valley on the following Saturday. You won't want to miss this fascinating experience.

Coming up in July will be our Tiny Shop Tour. I'm really looking forward to this one. So many of our members have done wonders with limited spaces. It's time to recognize them for their efficient use of the space they have available. Great things can come from tiny shops.

So, as you see, there are lots of great experiences in the club's future. I'm glad you're a CVWA member to enjoy them. Don't you know someone who would like to join us? Invite them and share the fun.

Deena

Deena Case-Pall
President
Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association

Professionals carve out time to practice 'unacknowledged art' of woodworking

Alicia Doyle, Special to The Star Published 8:00 a.m. PT April 19, 2019



Deena Case-Pall, president of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association, holds a wooden toy truck made by her husband, Stephen, and Arlen Handberg, who are both members of the association. (Photo: Alicia Doyle/Special to The Star)

As a captain with the L.A. Fire Department who's nearing retirement, and a self-taught woodworker as a hobbyist, Stacy Gerlich joined the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association, where she enjoys mingling with fellow crafters in the spirit of creativity and camaraderie.

"I like the idea that we're craftspeople," said Gerlich, of Westlake Village, who is among about a half a dozen women in the male-dominated club founded in the 1990s. "It's a very welcoming group with a lot of talent. There are people that can draw and make what they draw, and there are those who can look at something and re-create it...it's endless."

The club, which has about 100 members, recently selected Deena Case-Pall as president, making her the second woman to lead the group. In her organizational role, the Agoura Hills resident plans the club's annual auction, meetings, summer picnics, field trips, shop tours, breakfast get-togethers and other tasks.

The club is open to anybody, she said, and folks are welcome to attend monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Redwood Middle School in Thousand Oaks. During these gatherings, there's a speaker on a specific woodworking topic, a show-and-tell of objects made by members and demonstrations.

"Woodwork can go from strictly utilitarian to strictly artistic, from massive things to very tiny things, so there's a huge scope," said Case-Pall, a psychologist who specializes in companion animal behavior. Her husband, Stephen, has been a member of the club for decades, serving as president several times.

The professional backgrounds of members are diverse. For instance, Case-Pall's husband worked for the San Diego Police Department, and Michael H. Gorn, of Thousand Oaks, is an author and historian specializing in the field of aeronautics and space flight.



A shadow box made by Bill Aurand, a member of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association. Aurand brought the box to show members during a meeting at Redwood Middle School in Thousand Oaks, where the group gathers on the first Thursday of the month. (Photo: Alicia Doyle/Special to The Star)

Bill Aurand, a member since 2002, worked at the Los Angeles Police Department for more than four decades.

“We’ve got teachers, police officers, firemen, lawyers and historians,” said Aurand, of Simi Valley, who found out about the woodworkers group from Deena Case-Pall, who while working at the police department as a psychologist, saw a duck he had carved out of wood sitting on his desk.

“That was my first attempt at ever carving in my life,” Aurand recalled. “She said, ‘Come to the meeting,’ and that’s when I joined.”

Since then, he has made shadow boxes to hold keepsakes for members of the fire and police departments. During a recent meeting, he brought two shadow boxes he had made, one of which contained his personal items, including his handcuffs and pistol.

Simi Valley resident Arlen Handberg, a toy maker and jig master, joined the group nearly two decades ago after discovering the club on the internet.

During his first meeting, he said, he was impressed that the members made toys for underprivileged children, “so I was hooked.” He later led the club as president twice, and continues to appreciate all the skill levels of the woodworkers.

“We’ve got turners, we’ve got cabinet makers, we’ve got toy makers, we’ve got carvers, you name it – men and women,” Handberg said. “We’ve got people who don’t even know how to turn on a saw to people who are blue ribbon winners at county fairs, so it’s a wide spectrum.”

Woodworking “is not a lost art,” Deena Case-Pall said, “but it’s an unacknowledged art.”

“When you say art, you think of painting or a sculpture. You don’t think of making utilitarian objects. You don’t think of the grandpa who makes the toy chest for the child just made out of simple materials but tons of love,” Case-Pall said.



Ducks carved out of wooden golf clubs were on display during a recent meeting of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association. The group gathers on the first Thursday of the month at Redwood Middle School in Thousand Oaks. (Photo: Alicia Doyle/Special to The Star)

"I think people don't realize how diverse woodworking is," she added. "We have a member who's a professional cabinet maker and installer...we have people who specialize in making toys.

"We have some real artists in the group; one of the men attended a workshop and made this gorgeous walnut bench. You just look at it and you smile, and you can't keep your hands off it."

If you go

What: Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association

When: Monthly meetings take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Redwood Middle School, 233 W. Gainsborough Road, in Thousand Oaks.

Information: www.cvwa.org

Contact: president@cvwa.org; 805-229-1559

April Program

Bill Aurand spoke about the beautiful shadow boxes he builds. Thanks Bill!



Show & Tell

Tom Denton: Beautiful oven/pizza spatula!



Dave Seidler: Ice Cream Scoop...tastefully done!



Dennis Stevens: Beautiful joinery on your box!



Bill Watkins: The ducks are great!



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“Is there a reverse switch on the drill?”

May Raffle Prizes

25 ft Retractable Metal Cord Reel



Spring Miter Clamp Set

45 Degree Miter Sled



Drawer Front Installation Clamp

For Sale

Wen Model 3410 Air filtration system. Essentially brand new. I used it for a couple of months, when I got an offer of a giant size system that I couldn't refuse. It does a great job of clearing that 1 to 5 micron dust that is so damaging to one's lungs. Quiet too. Comes with remote control, has three speeds and a built in timer. Original cost: \$248.00 Will sell for \$100 to CVWA Member or \$150 to non-member.

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YouTube Woodworking Videos

Bill Aurand submitted some video suggestions that he thought CVWA Members would enjoy:

- <https://youtu.be/S409v9cOrBk> Dan Smith's Dream Shop & Tool Chest 4:22 mins
- https://youtu.be/aD6qdJNU7GE?list=PL4Nqc5cyyUqoR_By2zofOw96t7IMI-tdK Interlocking Chinese Joinery with Andrew Hunter – No Glue 20:26 mins
- <https://youtu.be/d56soExZllo> Essential Stop Blocks with Bob Van Dyke 9:22 mins
- <https://youtu.be/VS6WFuQQQjk> The Modern Master Allan Breed on Carving 5:22 mins
- https://youtu.be/eqWbgkl_ryM Mike Pekovich's Go-To Holding Jigs 12:15 mins
- <https://youtu.be/P331qV3KE6M> Tim Coleman's Bench Puppies 3:27 mins
- <https://youtu.be/q3u22DjBiaw> Masters of the Craft, The Experimental Woodworker with Carl Swensson 4:54 mins
- https://youtu.be/k4_sIrEfdKM Can the Canned Shellac by Mike Pekovich 10:39 mins

Board Members

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