

# The Bladerunner



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## President's Message



Hello fellow woodworkers:

Well, we made it to another year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe New Year's.

After checking with all board members and receiving a consensus agreement I am suspending all in-person club meetings, functions, dues, and elections until June 2021. With Covid 19 still on the move and increasing, I do not see the Conejo Valley School District allowing us to use the Redwood School facility any time soon and the Governor continues to keep us quarantined with the stay-at-home orders. I would hope that the current Board members and appointees remain in their positions until an Election can be held. I will remain President (unless someone else wishes to take over the position). I ask that all current Board members and appointees do the same.

I am having Jeff Bock set up a Zoom meeting for all Board members sometime this month. An e-mail advising the date will be sent to Board members and others who have been participating in the past. Board members please have your reports ready and send them to me prior to this meeting.

I received an E-mail from Linda Voller, who is looking for a club member to make a cremation box. She will need this box by April 2021. At that time, she will be flying to Minnesota, provided Covid 19 is under control. If anyone feels they have the time and wishes to help her, please contact her for further details using the information below:

Linda Voller  
Phone: 1-805-491-3647  
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I received a call from Larry Ashim of Thousand Oaks. He is cleaning out his garage and has a couple of boxes of wood pieces less than 12 inches long and varying thickness. He has a few tools and handsaws as well. I will pick them up and then let members know what I found.

I also learned that Rockler founder Norton "Nurdy" Rockler died December 28, 2020 at 98 years old. He was born 2-22-22.

Let us hope that 2021 will be a better year than 2020. Keep safe my friends and, as always, these days, continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing.

*Bill*

Bill Aurand  
President

P.S. Almost (?) done with the birdhouse..... working on wooden shingles (donated by Rande Bence).  
Finished date will be end of January 2021!!!

P.S.S. If Bill had known he would basically be building a house he would have thought twice! LOL!



## Toy Project

**From:**

**Crystal Stratton**  
Program Administrator II  
Ventura County Fire Department

Sent December 23<sup>rd</sup> to **Dick Wiley**

Thank you for the check in – Today is the final day of distribution of the toys before Christmas. We have been in full Santa's Elf mode all month long!

I will be sending out a larger, more detailed email to all of our wonderful partners, but really wanted to make sure to reach out to you and your crew directly.

Can you please share with everyone our sincerest thanks and praise in craftsmanship and amount of lovingly crafted toys that you were able to deliver to us? Including those donations, we were able to serve over 15,000 children this year – More than double the amount of children last year!

Your gifts were given to specifically chosen organizations and children. We wanted to make sure they didn't get lost in a mass of distributions. They were given to foster children, the families at the Ventura County Family Justice Center, as well as a few others.

I also have to share with you that we had a large amount of volunteers in Toy central that sorted the toys and gathered them for our nonprofits and organizations that were smitten by the beautiful workmanship of your toys – We gifted some of those individuals by letting them choose their favorite wooden toy as a thank you (I noticed this would be so very treasured, when my dad, who put in 45 hours of volunteer time kept admiring the cars, pull toys and tic-tac-toe games. It helped to make our volunteers feel so appreciated!) We also have a helicopter set aside to give to our Air Unit. I cannot express how amazingly special each one of those toys are.

Thank you again to each and every one of you for your time, effort and wonderful hearts. You absolutely made Christmas for so many lucky children! ❤️

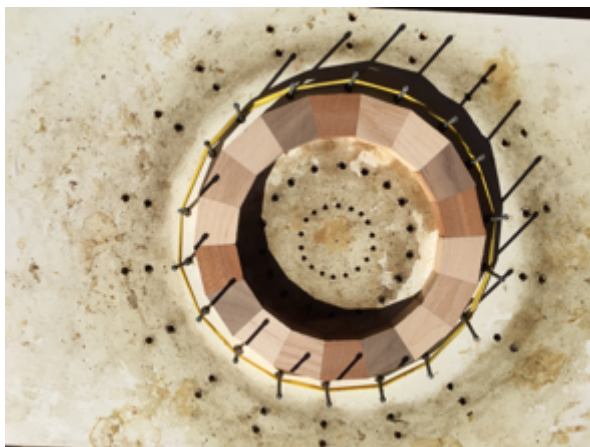
## What We're Working On

**Andy Anderson:** Amazing work Andy!



These are segmented bowls I have made - 7 so far with 10 more underway. Our son sent me 6 bags of segments of different woods. I have used all but 12 with my wife's help.

These are the segments our son cut from 6 different woods. Sanded the two sides to be glued. My wife suggested a pattern to be used, each ring had 18 segments. When one color ran out we started a different pattern.



I laid out each pattern, glued the right side of each segment, then placed nails around the outside followed by 2 large rubber bands. I pulled the nails out which allowed the bands to pull the ring into shape. Aligned the segments and wiped off excess glue. The board is a piece of shelving which I hand drilled with 3/16". It's ugly due to glue buildup.

Each ring was clamped after gluing for 24 hours.



After the rings dried, I took them to my son's house and ran them through the drum sander to remove excess glue and level uneven segments. Then the rings were glued and stacked and patterns were established.



After the bowl is dry I place it on the lathe using jumbo jaws inside and expand the chuck out. The pins here are 2", there are other sizes available. I do the outside and bottom shaping and sanding with the live center in place. Then I clean out the bottom with the live center removed.



Here is the setup for turning and sanding the inside of the bowl. 2" pen are in the most outside holes and clamp inward; live center is in place until the final turning & sanding of the base.



These two bowls are done with turning and sanding, next will be finishing with Danish oil - natural (no color). I apply the oil wait 45 minutes and wipe off excess. Wait until bowl is completely dry before adding another coat. Normally I apply coats until it no longer seems to make a difference (personal choice).



These bowls show the different patterns the colors make. Top moves a full segment up and to left, bottom is 1/2 a segment up and to right. My wife suggested I use the pattern Bill Battocchio used in a piece he helped me with.



Here are the 2 bowls after two coats of Danish oil. Not enough yet, but a start.



## What We're Working On - Continued

**Rande Bence** found this cast iron fireplace cover with a raised picture of a train engine. He painted it and built a frame. Very heavy and beautiful.



**Stacy Gerlich** made this during her recovery this month. So cool Stacy!

**Mike Pearson** with the doll cradle he helped build for the 2020 Toy project.

Mike: Thank you for your help!



**Mike Pearson's** garage.

**Mike Pearson's** carved Woodpecker on a tree next to his wood shop.



## Board Members

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