

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS
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Happy May!



Photo was taken by Deena Case-Pall (Trooper)

President's Message



It felt like old (pre-Covid) times again at the last two CVWA meetings. Andy Anderson provided the refreshments (thank you, Andy!), programs were presented, friends had a good chance to visit before the meeting and during the break, members proudly presented their creations, and raffle items were won. CVWA is back!

This month, Stacy Gerlich is going to talk to us about woodburning. No, not building a campfire, but creating textures and designs using this ancient technique. She has promised to talk about project

development. I'm looking forward to seeing how a design goes from an idea to a pattern to reality.

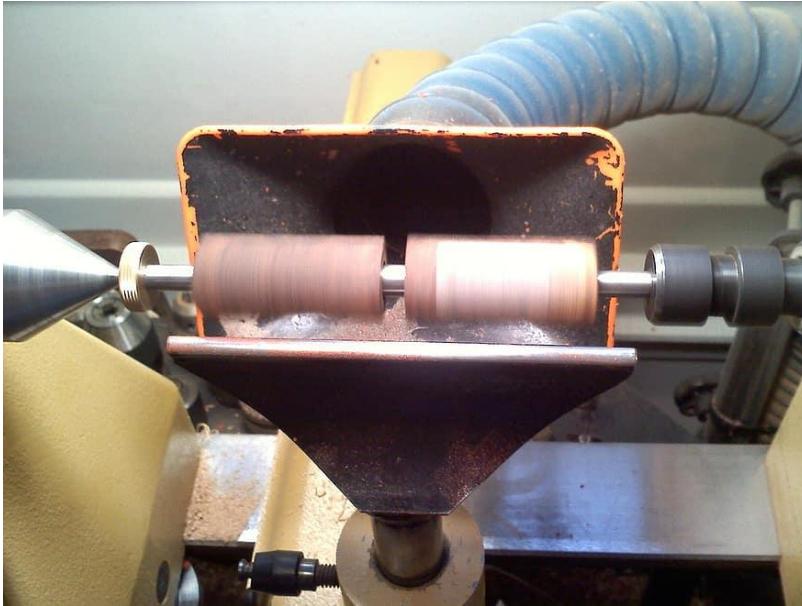
In June, we'll be presenting the ever-popular stations. This meeting will be held at the Case-Pall home, with three different stations presenting three different topics. We're still in the planning stage on the various stations. If you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear them.

As usual, there will not be a meeting in July. However, Stephen Case-Pall will be presenting one of his popular tool-sharpening workshops on a Saturday late in the month. Those who have attended this workshop say that they improved their sharpening skills and now put more attention and effort into keeping their tools well-sharpened. Sharp tools are important, not only for ease and precision in use, but also for safety. For our August social gathering, we're going to try something new. Instead of meeting at a member's home, we're going to meet on the patio of a local restaurant. More details about this at a later time.

For a future program, we want to know what you've built for your home. Is it beautiful cabinet work, or a device to keep your bananas off the kitchen counter and avoid brown spots, or a cradle for a grandbaby? Share what you've done – let us know about your project on a sheet we'll pass around at the next meeting.

Spring is in full force, the days are longer, and the workshop calls. What are you thinking of creating? **Keep the sawdust flying!**

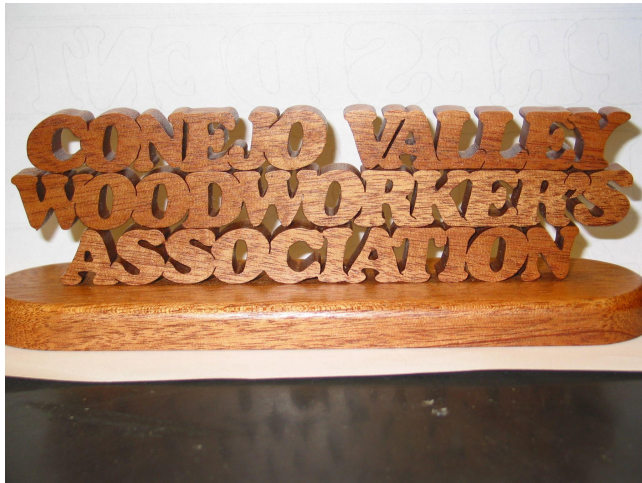
April Meeting Debut



Stephen Case-Pall gave a wonderful demonstration on turning a pen using a lathe. His ability to narrate while turning his pen offered our members a true learning experience. We will be working on getting a camera set up to make it easier for everyone to see future demonstrations more closely. The details below will hopefully provide a more in-depth explanation of all the steps involved in making a pen:

- Select your pen blank (wood of choice)
- Typical dimensions of pen blanks are $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \times 6$ "
- A pen mandrel/bushings to match the type of pen you are turning
- A drill bit to match the size pen you are turning
- A pen kit. Available on several different websites and at wood stores (Rockler, etc)
- A barrel trimmer
- CA glue
- Carbide tools/gouges
- Sandpaper, wax, or desired finish
- A vice or pen vice

Some Ideas for your next project





MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Your membership dues are due by our next meeting, April 7, 2022. If you renew after April, you will be charged a \$10 late fee. To assist you with getting your dues paid, we have attached the renewal form. We are looking forward to a great year with new experiences. Please help make that happen.

THIS YEAR'S DUES ARE DUE!

The dues for the current year are due by the March club meeting.

Dues for Single membership are \$40

Dues for Family membership are \$55

Dues paid after the April club meeting will increase by \$10

Need a badge? Talk to the Membership Chair or any officer of the club. (Replacement badge: \$20)

(Your information will not be given to outside agencies or vendors.)

Payment:
to CVWA)

(Make check payable

Checks may be mailed to:

Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association

P.O. Box 1838

Thousand Oaks, CA 91358

OR Bring it to any regular club meeting.

Please PRINT to complete this form, and return it with your check to update your file, as we are trying to keep our data base accurate and up to date.

Names:

Emails:

(Necessary to receive club communications and notification about club events)

Address: _____

City:

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number(s):

Home: (_____) _____ ,

Cell: (_____) _____

If you are a past member and do not wish to receive club correspondence, please note on this form and you will be deleted from the current data base.

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Our next meeting is May 5, 2022 at 7p.m. Remember, Stacy Gerlich will be demonstrating Pyrography (wood burning.)



BRING YOUR SHOW AND TELL ITEM(S)!

On a sad note, Woodcrafter in Ventura has closed its doors.

There are several sites available to order much-needed materials for your next project. It would be appreciated if each of you would share at least one store or website that you use/used so we can create an updated list of resources for our members. Any catalogs that you currently receive would also be good reference material.

Speaking of reference material, Arlen has about three (3) boxes of books that might be of interest to some of you. Please contact him via email or speak to him directly at our next meeting.

MAY RAFFLE

Bring your cash and purchase tickets for our next raffle. The items below are what we can take home with the lucky tickets.



Basswood for your next pyrography project.



The Versa Tool is a wood burner with multiple tips



The Demel 200. This is a two speed rotary tool.



Table clamps to help hold your project.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. Stay safe and healthy.