

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS
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Happy July. Be safe.



President's Message



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Hi, Sawdust Creators,

Your Conejo Valley Woodworkers group has lots of big plans for the summer and fall.

You've already enjoyed the field trip to the Commemorative Air Force Museum. Thank you to **Bob Mowry** for organizing that interesting adventure.

Here's what the rest of the summer and fall seasons

look like:

In July, there will be no regular meeting.

On July 20, the CVWA breakfast group will try out a new site – the Goebel Senior Center near the Library in Thousand Oaks. The address is 1385 E. Janss Rd, and the meeting time is 9 a.m. **Don Halvorson** suggested this new location. If the group doesn't decide to meet here permanently, the breakfast group will move back to Pickles for its future meetings. Be sure to bring a mask to wear when entering.

On the 23rd, at 9:30 a.m., the lucky people who signed up will learn everything there is to know about sharpening their chisels and similar tools. Dull tools not only do bad work, they are also dangerous. You'll be the sharpest tool in the toolbox once you know how to keep your tools sharp and ready to go. **Stephen Case-Pall** and **Arlen Handberg** will lead the workshop at **Arlen's** shop, 4261 Walnut Ave, Simi Valley.

Does lunch on the patio shaded by a mighty oak tree, with good food and good company sound good to you? Come join the group at Stonefire Grill, 3635 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd at 1 p.m. on August 6th. They have great tri-tip, huge fresh salads, and **Stephen's** favorite, luscious carrot cake. Everyone who comes will be given a raffle ticket for the prize drawing. This will be the club's summer social, and should be a great time for all.

On Saturday, September 17, CVWA will hold its annual auction at **Will and Saxon Robbins'** home. This will take the place of the regularly scheduled September meeting. We need you to help with three different things: first, check your tools to see if you have any that could be donated for sale at the auction. Second, we'll need some strong-backed volunteers to set things up before the auction. And third, at 10 a.m.,

show up at 1457 Mabrey Ct, Thousand Oaks. Bring money! The deals are incredible, and people leave with big smiles on their faces as they carry off their new stuff.

The meeting on October 6 at the Sport Court in Simi Valley will feature **Stacy Gerlich** and **Stephen Case-Pall** demonstrating the use of casting resin in woodwork. We've seen some intriguing projects that use resin in them, so it will be interesting to learn more about how to do this. I remember seeing an absolutely gorgeous coffee table at the County Fair one year that had a river of aqua resin flowing through its natural-edged top. Impressive!

On October 15, Saturday, we'll meet at the Lakes Center's back parking lot at 10 a.m. From there, we'll carpool to a nearby location to visit a lumber processing facility run by a friend of **Stacy Gerlich's**.

November 3rd, at our regular meeting at the Sport Court, will be our Toy Project night. All those clever toys that you're busy creating this summer will be shown off and then collected by **Dick Wiley**. He will hand them over to a representative of the agency who gives them out to children who need them. It's our club's biggest service project, and it's a heartwarming one. Just think of a child coping with a stressful experience, who is given your well-made wooden toy. At that moment, it may be the only toy that child has available to them. Don't forget to give Dick a call at (805) 716-0070 to let him know that you're creating toys for the kids.

We'll finish off our year with our annual Holiday Party. More details about that later.

So, you can see, we're planning a fun, varied year for you. If you don't like this month's activity, stick around and come next month – it'll be different, for sure. Why not plan to come every month, just to see what happens?

Your presidents,

Deena and Stephen Case-Pall

Highlights of Our June Workshops



Our June workshop was held at the Case-Pall residence in Camarillo. Pictured is Dan Waingrow, our resident spoon carver. After a little bit of prodding, Dan agreed to show us how he carves his beautiful wooden spoons. The smile on his face really says it all. Thank you Dan for sharing your passion and talents with the group.



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Stephen Case-Pall was also kind enough to demonstrate how to skillfully turn a plate on his lathe. Thank you Stephen for allowing us to learn from you!!! Unfortunately, we did not get any pictures!!!



Robert Mowry talking us through the Commemorative Air Force Museum.



The Breakfast Club-



JULY MEETING

There will not be a meeting this month. July is typically a very busy month for vacations and as such, we will not have a scheduled meeting. Please enjoy yourselves and stay safe and healthy. Remember, Covid is still around and rearing its ugly head. We need our members healthy for our August get together at StoneFire Grill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CVWA Breakfast-

July 20, 2022 at the Goebel Senior Center 1385 E. Janss Road (near the Thousand Oaks Library.) 0900 A.M. Please bring a mask.

TOOL SHARPENING WORKSHOP

July 23rd at 0930 Arlen Handberg's House located at 4261 Walnut Avenue, Simi Valley. Stephen Case-Pall will be joining Arlen to help us all hone our tools!!

STONEFIRE - CVWA PICNIC LOCATION AUGUST 6TH.

This year we will be having our annual picnic at Stonefire Grill in Thousand Oaks. The party will begin at **1 p.m.** Each member will be responsible for paying for their meals. As you enter the restaurant, you will place your order and pay prior to joining our group. More than likely, we will be outside on the patio. The restaurant does not accept reservations but a few of us will arrive early to reserve the outside dining area. Plenty of shade and room for all of us. Please see the links provided for the menu and directions.

[FY22-Menu-v35.pdf \(stonefiregrill.com\)](#)

**Stonefire Grill, 3635 E Thousand Oaks Boulevard Westlake Village,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**

AUCTION- September 17th at 10 A.M. sharp. Will and Saxon Robbins are hosting this year's event. **1457 Mabrey Ct. Thousand Oaks.**

Yes, it is that time again. Bring your CASH and let's spend some money!!! If you plan on bringing items for the auction, please consider dropping them off before the event. We also need some "muscle" to help set up.

SOME NEW PROJECTS



Meet Broom Man and Candle Man.
Two of Stacy Gerlich's latest carvings.



Stacy also decided to burn some chess pieces into a round of basswood.

How about a few turned pens too:



FOR SALE

Randee Bence is selling his wood mill. This mill is in good working condition and is looking for a good home. He is asking \$1200 for it. He has extra rails and other tools to assist with milling your own lumber. He also has metal racks available. They are 8' high x 12' long x 4' deep. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gerlich, 818-414-9975.

CVWA SWAG–

T Shirts, Hats, and 1 Coffee Mug!! \$15 each. They will be available at our next meeting. Support the group and look good doing it!!!



How about some Trivia

How much water can a mature Giant Sequoia use during the summer? According to Anthony Abrose, a tree biologist at U.C. Berkeley, these giant trees can use 500-800 gallons every day!

Just for reference, 500 gallons is equivalent to 1893 liters. Breaking it down further, that equals 2,000 32 oz water bottles!!