

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKERS BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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The Month of August- Fun Fact

August was named to honor the first Roman emperor (and grandnephew of Julius Caesar), Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14).

President's Message



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 July Workshops

Sharpening Workshop- Six members and one prospective member arrived to participate in the sharpening workshop led by **Arlen Handberg and Stephen Case-Pall**. Members were **Jeff Bock** who brought a plane blade, **John Adams** brought two chisels, as did **Rob Mawer, Dick Harmon, Michael Rosen, Bill Aurand and Camil Sabackic**. **Stephen** had cut 10 pieces of plate glass and glued **Klingspor's** sandpaper to them in 10 inch strips. Each participant took their glass plate home for further use. Everyone ended up with a sharper blade. Kudos to **Michael Rosen** and **Camil Sabackic** who clearly integrated the principles of good sharpening and ended with the finest "scary sharp" blades on two chisels each. Our prospective member (**Jason Cotter**) was an

experienced sharpener who pitched right in and assisted the members as they worked their blades. He spent a great deal of time with **Jeff Bock** and they turned out a very workable blade. We hope **Jason** joins **CVWA** soon. Take a look at these photos from the workshop:















Jason Cotter (New member?)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

October 15, 2022 @ 1000. Lumber processing/mill tour in Thousand Oaks. Meet at the Lakes Center parking lot behind PF Chang's.

SOME NEW PROJECTS



How's this for a nice log??

This is up by Stacy's cabin in the Sequoia National Forest! Road Trip?

Chess anyone? Stacy has been busy carving the pieces for her first Chess Set. The table was made from oak and mahogany.



FOR SALE

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!!!

Hopefully, we are all staying healthy. If anyone needs assistance with anything, please let's reach out to one another and offer support. Looking forward to our next adventures.

If you have suggestions/comments for/about the Bladerunner content, please reach out to me directly. stacygerlich@gmail.com