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The Month of October- What is the month of October known for?



October is best known for its Halloween festivities, but it's also a month loaded with national and global celebrations. In addition to spooky revelry, October's schedule includes multiple days on the topic of bullying awareness. (Google, 2022)

President's Message



CVWA President's message 10-22

We've had an exciting time at Conejo Valley Woodworkers! Our annual auction at **Will** and **Saxon Robbins'** home was a huge success. **Brad Ormsby**, who has conducted this auction for at least a decade, did his usual superb job of entertaining and inspiring his audience to bid for the donated tools and supplies. **Stephen Case-Pall**, who has also been involved in the auction for many years, served as spotter. **Bill and Julie Aurand** and others kept track of the bids to know who bought what. All in all, it was a very good day for the club. Treasurer **Don Halvorson** reported that we made over \$1400 for the club treasury. A big round of applause to all who made the day so successful.

In recognition of the ongoing contributions of **Brad** and **Will**, your club presented both of them with gift cards. We're very grateful for these two dedicated members!

We've got lots of good events and activities to look forward to, as well.

October's meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month, the 6th, at the Sport Court in Simi Valley. **Dave Seidler** will be talking about different options for planning your project. **Dave's** presentations are always informative and well-done. Everyone who is considering a new project now or in the future will benefit from **Dave's** talk. Sometimes just knowing how to get started in the thought process is the hardest step of all.

Also in October, a field trip to a lumber processing facility in Thousand Oaks. On Saturday, October 15th, at 10 am, plan to meet at the back parking lot of the Lakes Center on Thousand Oaks Blvd. From there, we'll carpool to **Stacy Gerlich's** friend's lumber plant. It should be a fascinating experience. Please remember to put your name on our sign-up sheet, available at the next meeting, or email **Stacy** to make sure there is a place for you, since space is limited.

Be sure to have all of the toys you've made ready for our November 3rd meeting. Have you checked in with **Dick Wiley**, our Toy Project Leader, to let him know that you're working on toys? We always have a good time seeing the number and variety of toys made by our members – it's an impressive showing! Our toys are given out to kids experiencing a rough spot in their young lives. Just think of the smiles as they get a toy made out of wood – and loving care – by our artisans.

December's holiday party is still under discussion. If you have suggestions, or would like to volunteer your home, we'd love to hear from you. Would you rather meet at a restaurant, as we did for our Summer Social, or combine the activity with our regular December meeting? Let us know your thoughts, please.

In the new year, we'll be hearing from Camil Sabacknic about a carving project he worked on recently, and from Stacy and Stephen about the use of epoxy/resin. These are just two examples of the varied and interesting programs on tap here at Conejo Valley Woodworkers.

Another note – after trying an alternative location for the breakfast gathering, the participants decided to go back to Pickles. We're also considering trying other locations, such as Denny's or IHOP. Your suggestions are welcome for other locations to try.

See you at the October meeting. Keep making lots of sawdust, and work safe!

Deena and Stephen Case-Pall

Highlights of September

Can I get the first bid? BRAD ORMSBY, you ROCK!! We had a great auction on September 17th and the home of Will and Saxon Robbins'. Approximately 20 members of CVWA showed up to support the club by spending close to \$1450. It was a beautiful day of fun and camaraderie once again. Our new treasurer, Don Halverson, was quite happy with the day's haul." \$\$\$\$\$\$



Thank you to all who shared their Saturday morning to make this auction a big success!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December, 2022. We are actively looking for suggestions for our holiday party. If you have ideas, we want to hear them!!!

SOME NEW PROJECTS

Here are a few pictures of Stacy Gerlich's latest creations. Now that she is retired, she has lots of shop time. Much learning still to do!!



Brass Mallet with Olive Wood handle



Stratocaster Guitar- made with Cedar, oak, purple heart and padauk.

FREE

10" Craftsman Radial Arm saw in excellent condition. This saw is mounted on a heavy-duty stand and includes a new, high quality blade. This item is ready for pick up. Please call: Mike at 805-265-6150.

If you have pictures or items that you want highlighted in the new Bladerunner, please send them to me. Have a great month!!

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