

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS
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Happy JUNE !



President's Message



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This month, we're reviving another CVWA tradition – the Work Stations meeting. On June 2nd, we'll meet at the Case-Pall home, 1122 Saddleback Circle, Camarillo. (There are three Saddlebacks, so be sure to enter the Circle in your GPS).

As I write this, we have a major concern. We have two stations ready to go: **Stephen Case-Pall** will turn a plate on his lathe. **Dan Waingrow** will show how he carves his decorative spoons.

We tried very hard to get you a third station but we were not able to get volunteers. Please consider sharing your talents with the group at future meetings. This is how we all learn from each other. Also, it is a great opportunity for all of us to share.

Every group has a small core of members who handle most of the duties, from administrative functions to programs. Our club is no different. We need to enlarge that small core with a team of members who, once in a while, step up to show the group – something! It doesn't have to be a smooth, professional presentation – you're among friends. So, be brave, and let's see what you have to offer. We'll all be so appreciative and grateful!

CVWA is like filling a pitcher of lemonade on a hot summer day – the more you put in, the more we all have to enjoy!

For this June meeting, make a note to yourself to **bring a folding chair, eye protection, and a respirator**. Sawdust and chips will be flying!

You'll also get the opportunity to try out our new individual cup coffee maker. Thanks to **Stacy Gerlich** for selecting it.

Save the day – on June 17th, we're planning something fun – touring our local air museum – the Commemorative Air Force at the Camarillo Airport. One of our members, **Bob Mawry**, will show us the small shop where he and other volunteers restore and repair the WWII aircraft. It should be a fascinating tour. Join the group for lunch at Wayside Café afterwards.

No regular meeting in July. For those who signed up, **Stephen Case-Pall** will be teaching tool sharpening skills at **Arlen Handberg's** shop on the 23rd at 9:30 am.

How about lunch with good friends and great food on a patio shaded by a giant oak tree? Our Summer Social will be on August 6th at **1 pm at Stonefire Grill in Thousand Oaks**. You can choose tri-tip, pizza, great salads, or **Stephen's** favorite, a huge slice of carrot cake. We'll ask for RSVPs closer to the date.

On Saturday, September 17th, from 10 am to 2 pm, we'll be meeting at **Will and Sexton Robbin's** home for our annual auction. Our favorite silver-tongued auctioneer, **Brad Ormsby**, will conduct the auction. The auction will take the place of the usual first Thursday evening meeting for September.

It's going to be a great summer at CVWA!

Stephen and Deena Case-Pall

Co-presidents

May Meeting Debut



For our May meeting, Stacy Gerlich, presented a wood burning (pyrography) demonstration. The main points of the demonstration were to show how any image can be transferred to a piece of wood (basswood) and then burned to

create a beautiful image that can be treasured by all. One of the main points to remember is that anyone can do it! The process does not require a huge expense to get started. I have listed some of the supplies to get you started:

Supplies

- Woodburning pen. Quick note about the pen: I started out with this one: Walnut Hollow Value Pen. The heat is simply on/off, and it comes with 4 tips. After I lost a couple of the tips, I upgraded to this model: Walnut Hollow Versa Tool. ...
- Carbon paper.
- Tape.
- Sandpaper.
- Wet paper towel.
- Design or artwork to woodburn.

Pyrography, or pyrogravure, is an art form traditional to cultures around the world. It involves using heated metal tools to burn designs into wood surfaces.

Common items decorated with pyrography designs include cups, bowls, chests, and furniture. Light-colored woods like beech, birch, sycamore, and basswood have been commonly used in this art form, with pine and oak being other desirable alternatives.

Some Ideas for your next project



JUNE RAFFLE

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



\$50 Gift Certificate



7" Rafter Square



Bench Plane



Orbit Sander



Table clamps to help hold your project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commemorative Air Force, Southern California Wing, Camarillo, California.
We are confirmed for **June 17th between 10am-4pm.** **We need to have a head count by June 7th.**

Fee is \$10.00 per person

Members can call or Text Bill Aurand on his cell phone # 805-231-9656. If he doesn't answer, please have leave him a message. He gets a lot of Spam and may not recognize your phone number.

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is an all-volunteer organization, with members from all walks of life, dedicated to preserving the history of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States. The CAF is a non-profit, privately funded and totally self-supporting 501 (c)3 organization. Our CAF aircraft fly!! Each year more Americans see them, touch their metal,

smell their exhaust smoke, and listen to the ROAR of their piston engines than visit static displays of all other aviation museums combined! The CAF aircraft throughout the U.S. perform before nearly 10,000,000 spectators every year, recalling the hard-won victories of Americans and other freedom-loving people around the world during the years between 1939 and 1945. The Southern California Wing, CAF was formed in March, 1981, and now has 350+ members. The Wing holds an Open House during most summer holiday weekends.

Fund raisers and social events are held during the year as well. The Wing is actively involved in air shows – primarily in the Western United States. Our CAF hangars are located at the Camarillo Airport in Camarillo, CA. The airport is just off Highway 101 in Camarillo. Take the Las Posas exit and go south to Pleasant Valley Road. Turn right and take a right onto Eubanks Street (2nd light) into the airport. We are on the corner of Eubanks and Airport Drive – you will see the sign on our hangar.

The WWII Aviation Museum is currently only open on Friday and Saturday from 10AM to 4PM, and Sunday 12-4PM and closed Monday through Thursday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. We accept donations Adults – \$10.00; Students (10-18) – \$5.00; Children (6-10) – \$3.00; Children under 6 and Current Military – No Charge. Our volunteers are at the hangars working on our aircraft on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays – from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our cadre of volunteer docents are very knowledgeable and are glad to give tours of our facilities to groups (including school groups/classes). We need reservations for tour groups of ten or more in order to line up docents to guide you through. Please call (805) 482-0064 to make a reservation. We'll have someone to show you around our facilities and make your visit a memorable one. We have an ever-growing museum of World War II aviation artifacts and displays, along with an aviation library. There is a gift shop in the museum for you to purchase mementos of your visit with us.

STONEFIRE - CVWA PICNIC LOCATION

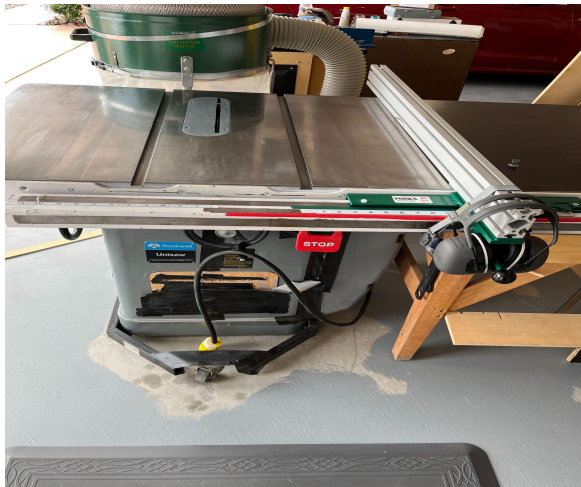
This year we will be having our annual picnic at Stonefire Grill in Thousand Oaks. The party will begin at 1 p.m. Each member will be responsible for paying for their meals. As you enter the restaurant, you will place your order and pay prior to joining our group. More than likely, we will be outside 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**

FOR SALE

2 HP Rockwell Unisaw tablesaw with super cool tools fence. Dust collector with pleated filter. No. 6 Bailey hand plane. Call Art at: 805 890 8335 to discuss price.



Porter Cable 7518 motor, Woodpecker QL420 router lift. \$600.00 for both. Call Tom Bennet at 805 527 9193

NO PHOTO AVIALABLE

For sale: walnut pieces and boards, up to 1,000 ft total. Reasonable prices. Call Paul, 805-584-9167

Some Fun Trivia Facts

51 facts about trees – Weird and wonderful wood

- 1. Wood is made up of a combination of living, dying, and dead cells.**
- 2. The world's shortest tree is the dwarf willow, which lives in northerly and Arctic Tundra regions and rarely grows more than a couple of inches high.**
- 3. The tallest trees can grow as high as 100 metres, more than 320 feet. They include the Coast Redwood, Giant Sequoia, Sitka Spruce and Australian Mountain Ash.**
- 4. The world's tallest living standing hardwood tree is a mountain ash called Centurion in Tasmania. It's about 329 feet 8 3/4 inches high.**
- 5. Trees never die of old age. Insects, diseases and people are usually the killers.**
- 6. The mighty Giant Sequoia is thought by many to be the biggest living organism in the world, although a 2,400 acre fungus mycelium in eastern Oregon – almost ten square kilometres of it – is a strong, if less-visible, contender.**
- 7. The world is home to more than 23,000 different kinds of trees.**
- 8. The terms softwood and hardwood describe the leaves, seeds and structure of the trees rather than the type of wood they produce.**
- 9. Redwood bark can be as much as two feet thick.**

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10. **City trees tend to live for an average of 13 years less than country trees.**
 11. **The Amazon Basin is the biggest area of tropical forest on Earth, spanning a whopping eight and a half million acres.**
 12. **The plane tree, common in London's streets, is excellent at absorbing pollution and sheds its bark regularly so it can absorb more.**
 13. **Just one tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide a year and can sequester a ton of CO2 safely by the time it's 40 years old, which is why they're so important in the battle against climate change.**
 14. **Balsa, though seemingly soft, is actually a hardwood!**
 15. **Every US state has its own official tree.**
 16. **Softwoods are not always softer than hardwoods.**
 17. **White oak is the easiest wood to bend using steam.**
 18. **Buddha experienced enlightenment under the wisdom tree. And ancient British graveyards often contain a yew tree, planted by pagan worshippers before the Christians took over and built churches on the same plots.**
 19. **The Osage Orange tree's wood generates the most heat when burned.**
 20. **The tree with the widest diameter trunk is the African Baobab, just under 50 feet across with a 155 foot circumference.**
 21. **Kingley Vale in West Sussex contains a host of ancient yew trees, some of which are more than 2000 years old.**

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- 22. The tree called "General Sherman" is not only the biggest giant sequoia, but it is also the biggest tree in the world. It is 83.8 m (274.9 feet) tall and its girth at breast height is 24,10 m (79 feet) (near the ground it is 31,3 m or 102,6 feet).**
 - 23. Oak woodland was the most common vegetation in Britain before humans got their hands on it.**
 - 24. British Oak trees can live for 500 years. We'd have a lot more of them if Henry VIII hadn't cut almost all of them down to build warships.**
 - 25. The world's heaviest wood is Australian Bauhinia Red.**
 - 26. The bark of the Cork Oak is used for bottle corks and cork flooring.**
 - 27. Some bristlecone pines are thought to be more than 5000 years old. But the famous lime tree at Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire is probably nearer 6000 years old, and The Fortingall Yew in Perthshire could be as old as 9000.**
 - 28. Softwoods come from gymnosperm trees (evergreens), while hardwoods come from angiosperm trees (deciduous types).**
 - 29. Softwoods don't have vessels like harder woods. Their cells are open, and are used to feed, water and bring nutrients to the tree.**
 - 30. Because softwoods take wood finishes so well, they were responsible for the pine furniture boom of the early 80's to late 90's.**
 - 31. Trees trap 50% of all the sun's energy caught by living organisms.**
 - 32. All wood is biodegradable.**

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- 33. Wet wood, unlike dry wood, can conduct electricity.**
 - 34. The world's blackest wood is ebony, the world's whitest wood is holly.**
 - 35. Lignin is what makes a wood hard. Softwoods have less of it, hardwoods contain more.**
 - 36. The heaviest American wood is Lignum Vitae Holywood, particularly rich in Lignin.**
 - 37. Softwoods are usually a lighter colour than hardwoods.**
 - 38. Pine is denser than some hardwoods so is an affordable alternative.**
 - 39. Softwoods account for about 80% of the world's timber production.**
 - 40. Well-maintained trees can increase a property's value... some say by as much as 27%, others hang their hat on 14%.**
 - 41. Place trees in the right way near a property and they can cut air conditioning by 30%.**
 - 42. Hardwood is denser than softwood and burns for longer, with more heat, as long as it's properly seasoned.**
 - 43. Softwood is not as dense and doesn't burn for quite as long, but it can still give off as much as 75% of the heat than hardwood.**
 - 44. As long as forests are properly managed, wood fuel is renewable. Modern appliances can achieve a 90% burning efficiency, and the net carbon emissions from wood tend to be less than for fossil fuels.**
 - 45. Trees get 90% of their nutrition from the atmosphere and only 10% from soil.**

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- 46. Trees grow from the top, not the bottom. Watch for 100 years and you'll notice the branches only move a few inches up the trunk as the tree grows.**
 - 47. Insects hate the taste of tannin, the tea-coloured chemical trees contain in varying amounts.**
 - 48. Some trees talk to one another. When willows are threatened by insect pests, they emit a chemical warning to nearby trees, who secrete more tannin to put the invaders off.**
 - 49. Trees mean rain. Every day, just one acre of maple trees emits as much as 20,000 gallons of water into the air.**
 - 50. In the USA, the shade and wind-proofing that trees deliver reduce annual heating and cooling costs by \$2.1 billion.**
 - 51. Some ironwoods are so dense, with a specific gravity of more than 1, that they sink in water.**