

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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The Month of September- Fun Fact

The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right – September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar. 2. The Romans believed that September was looked after by the god of fire. (Google, 2022)

President's Message



CVWA President's message 9-2022

The group had a very pleasant summer social at the StoneFire Grill in Westlake Village. Members enjoyed their choices from tri tip to carrot cake (here's looking at you, **Stephen!**) under the shade of a huge old oak tree. Lots of guests took home raffle prizes, too. It was good to see old friends and hear laughter on this warm summer day.

Our September schedule will be different from our usual plan. There will be no regular meeting on the first Wednesday. Instead, on Saturday, September 17th, at 10 am, we'll be meeting at **Will and Saxon Robbins'** home for our annual auction. Their address is 1457 Maybrey Court, in the north end of Thousand Oaks.

Be sure that you bring your items for auction to the **Robbins'** home on Friday, the 16th, so we'll be ready for the Saturday auction. And, as usual, we'll be calling on our strong members with good backs to help move the heavier pieces. Thank you in advance to all those of you that donate items or muscle to help with the club's biggest fund-raiser! **Brad Ormsby**, our silver-tongued auctioneer, will lead the proceedings.

October's meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month, the 6th, at the Sport Court in Simi Valley. A big "Thank you!" to **Dave Seidler** for agreeing to present a program this month, due to a change in our schedule. **Dave's** programs are always full of good information delivered in a dynamic style, so you won't want to miss hearing him.

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.

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.

For 2023, we've got more ideas for great programs and activities. As always, if you have a suggestion for a program or activity, we'd love to hear from you.

Good friends, good projects, good programs, good times together – that's the heart of Conejo Valley Woodworkers!

We'll see you at the auction.

Deena and Stephen Case-Pall

Co-president

Highlights of August

The CVWA Picnic at Stonefire Grill was a hit. Our members enjoyed a beautiful lunch and gathering under the giant oak. Many of our members commented on how nice it was to just order food, sit down with friends, and enjoy others doing the dishes!!! This might just be the future of our picnics. Thank you to all who attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. (the night before.) We also need some “muscle” to help set up.

BREAKFAST CLUB: September 21 @ Pickles Deli (1940 Newbury Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320

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**.

SOME NEW PROJECTS



Stacy Gerlich combined a beautiful piece of oak (Rande Bence) and pyrography to create this commissioned cabin sign.



Coastal Cedar top with manzanita legs. Stacy Gerlich and her brother created this table up in the Sequoia National Forest.



Stacy has been busy. This is her first handmade Chess Board (milled mahogany and oak.) The darker pieces were hand carved using a $\frac{3}{4}$ " dowel then scorched to create the burned effect. The lighter pieces were cut on the scroll saw using $1\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$ " basswood.

FOR SALE

Members should have received an email from Randy Speigler with a list and photos of tools that are available for purchase. These tools belonged to a friend of a CVWA member who recently passed away. Please read the email and call the numbers listed in it if you are interested in purchasing any of the tools.

Hope to see everyone at the auction on September 17, 2022. Stay healthy and safe. Also, please feel free to send any photos of your projects directly to Stacy so she can include them in our next newsletter.

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