

# CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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## The Month of January- Fun Fact

January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. What a fitting symbol for this first day of the year; this month is our door into the new year.

## President's Message



President's message Jan, 2023

All right, it's time to dust off the powdered sugar we're wearing from all those holiday cookies, and move into a new year. Hopefully this one will be a better one for all of us.

Our holiday party at the Black Bear Diner in Simi was well-attended and fun. The gift exchange included several items that had their recipients oh-ing and ah-ing as they opened the wrapping. The club's gift cards put smiles on their winner's faces. Lots of laughter was

heard, and the room was bright with holiday sweaters and other cheerful, colorful apparel. Thanks to Don Halvorson for setting this up.

January 5 th will be our first meeting of the new year. Join us from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at the Goebel Senior Center, next door to the Thousand Oaks Library. We thought we'd start off the new year with a discussion on shop safety. We'll have a brief presentation, and then a discussion of ways to prevent injuries while working with wood. Woodworking is not and should not be a blood sport! I'm also hoping that, if you got a new tool for Christmas, Hanukkah, or just recently, you'll share your experience with the group. What do you like about it? What would you change? This is such an important source of information for the group – there's nothing like talking to someone who has had hands-on experience.

Don't forget to bring what you've made lately for show-and-tell. If the item is too big to bring, bring a picture on a flash drive so that everyone can see it. Many members tell us that this is their favorite part of the meeting. They get good suggestions for a future project, as well as a chance to admire the varied talents of our members.

On **January 28 th at 10 am**, we should have a special treat for our members. **Brady Andresen will give us a shop tour of his Heartwood Milling facility in Santa Rosa**

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**Valley.** The address is **9715 Santa Rosa Road.** Coffee and donuts will be served. Thank you, Arlen Handberg, for arranging this tour for us.

**February 2 nd 's** meeting will include our **annual election of officers.** We're still looking for some volunteers to take leadership roles in the club. Please contact either of us, or any Board member. The program will be on using epoxy or resin in woodworking. Stacy Gerlich and Stephen Case-Pall will be our presenters. This technique can allow the use of burl and smaller pieces of wood that could not be used without it.

As you can see, your Board has planned a variety of experiences to catch your interest. We look forward to you joining us.

Deena and Stephen Case-Pall

## Highlights of December

Well, we finished the year off with a wonderful holiday party at the Black Bear Diner in Simi Valley. Thank you Don Halverson for setting up this venue. We had a packed room of approximately 30 members with spouses. We were having so much fun that we didn't snap any pictures. You will have to take our word for it that it was a memorable evening.

The club finished another year of fun, learning, and renewed artistry. As we prepare ourselves for 2023, I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for always showing up with great attitudes and projects for sharing. Let's pray that 2023 brings good health, wealth, and new skills.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 5, 2023- Goebel Center 1385 E Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (6-8:30 pm)**

Safety talk and reminders for all of us. This is a great topic as we come into the new year!! Please be willing to share any mishaps you may have had in 2022 that relate to safety. We can all learn from one another.

**February 2, 2023- Goebel Center 1385 E Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (6-8:30 pm)**

This is an important meeting for the club. We will be conducting the election of New Officers. Please consider running for leadership roles so we can keep the club going. It goes without saying that it is much easier to just show up to the

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meetings without having to worry about how they are scheduled, what programs are presented, and all the other behind the scenes work that goes on. Step up and throw your name in the hat!! You will have plenty of help from past board members. Also, Stacy Gerlich & Stephen Case-Pall will be demonstrating the use of resin/epoxy on a small project.

If you have any pictures of projects that you would like highlighted in our Blade Runner, please send them to [stacygerlich@gmail.com](mailto:stacygerlich@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

### January Raffle Prizes-



8 piece rasp set



**Cutting Board Kit**



Double edge push saw



Impact Driver bit set



TiteBond III Glue

See you all at the next meeting. Bring lots of money so you can win one or more of these great prizes.

