

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Cherry Tabletop update. The top is still face or top down in the shop attempting to flatten the board. I am hoping the moisture in the cement floor will be enough to bring it back to flat. At that point, I will need to decide on a finishing approach. The cherry has acquired a nice patina which I would like to maintain. The board also has some dark black areas which is most likely water damage. The challenge continues. My second current project is refinishing some dining room table legs on our Duncan Phyfe Table.

We are looking forward to our next meeting, July 6th at the Goebel Center. Our own, **Dave Seidler** will be presenting on the subject of **stains and dyes**. Finishing is always a topic of interest. Most all projects end in some type of finish. Bring your thoughts and questions for discussion.

We are planning our Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 5th again at Stonefire Grill, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please save the date and plan to attend. Everyone in attendance will receive a free Raffle Ticket and you will have a chance to win one of our gift certificates.

Please remember it is that time of the year again to pay your dues. If you have already paid your dues, thank you for your continued support, if not, please mail in your payment or bring it to the next Club meeting so our Membership Chairman can get your membership renewal up to date. Speaking of "up to date", it would be helpful if you would fill out the renewal application, so we can make sure our database is current and accurate.

See you at the next meeting.

Brad Ormsby

Highlights of June

Well, summer is upon us but we are having a lot of June gloom as they say. It's been a relatively quiet month for the club since we didn't have our regular meeting. I'm sure many of us had our own issues to deal with and I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the months ahead. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2023 already. Time sure flies!!

Members Projects

Arlen Handberg was at it again. He made a new piece of furniture called an "Onit." It is a chair that conforms to a step stool and an ironing board so you can sit "onit", stand "onit" or iron "onit." This beauty is made of maple.







Stacy was at it again making cedar planter boxes and wishing wells from reclaimed redwood.





Raffle Prizes:



5" Hole Saw



1.5x1.5x18" cocobolo wood blank



3x3x12" Walnut blank



1" Folding Chisel



Hold Clamp

Places to get things: (Thank you Frank Jones)

<https://austinhardwoodsonline.com/>

<https://reellumber.com/>

<https://bohnhofflumber.com/>

SAFETY TIPS

As most of us know, accidents happen when we least expect them. Because of this, the Board has decided it would be a good idea to start including some safety tips for all of us to remember and practice. With that said, how about we start with the table saw:

- Before cutting your material, adjust the blade height with the machine unplugged.
- Do not wear loose clothing that could get caught in the blade.
- Always use a push stick to keep your hands/fingers away from the blade.
- Do not wear jewelry that hangs from your neck.
- Always wear eye and ear protection.
- Do not attempt to clear cut-off pieces while the machine is running.

We will begin including other tips like these in the upcoming newsletters. If you have any suggestions for safety tips, please email them to me.

We are trying to grow our membership. If you want to earn a free year of membership, bring a friend who signs up for the club and you will receive a one-year paid membership:)

Please remember to send your recent project photos to stacygerlich@gmail.com so we can post them in the following newsletter.

Free Wood****

Rich Bryne 818-366-1187, has a Silver Maple tree that was felled about 8 months ago. If you are interested, please reach out to him. Sizes range from 9" - 36".

Board Member Request

Jeff Bock is looking for ideas on where to rent a workspace for his woodworking. If you have any ideas, please contact him at:

fejibo@gmail.com.

