

# *CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS* BLADERUNNER-NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Well, I just checked on the Cherry Table top, and the board appears flat. As I recall, it will need to be sanded, there goes the patina and then refinished. The Duncan Phyfe dining room table base project has received some stain and now I have been applying some shellac to refinish the affected areas. A few more coats and then it might be ready for service.

Our next meeting, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, and Past President, Bill Aurand will be going over Miter Saw usage and tips. Our Challenge will be to make something mechanical made from wood. Wait until you see mine!

At our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, yours truly will be talking about sharpening our tools. Remember, if you talk to ten woodworkers on the subject of sharpening, you will get ten different approaches!

We all had fun at our "Annual Picnic" which was August 5<sup>th</sup> at Stonefire Grill. I am sure all the winners are still elated over their certificates.

It is not too early to make plans for our Annual Auction. Clean out the shop of tools no longer being used and then replace them with tools you need and want! This year, our Auction is scheduled on October 14<sup>th</sup> again at Will Robbin's house, please save the date.

Our Membership Chairman, Jeff Bock is still accepting your dues payment and also, updating your current information. He might even have a new "OLD" tool for you to identify.

See you at the next meeting.

Brad Ormsby

# Highlights of August

Our Annual Picnic at Stonefire Grill. It was another successful get-together and a nice outing for our group. I don't have any photos to show. I apologize for that. Randy won the big prize though!!

Not much to report for August. It was a relatively quiet month for the club.

## **September Events:**

Bill Aurand will be presenting Mitre Saw Basics. This will be during our September 7th meeting at the Goebel Center. Please come and support Bill and gain some great information.

Please consider volunteering to share your knowledge with the group by doing a presentation. We need more of you to show off your talents.

A special Thank you to Jeff Bock for setting up a new way to advertise our club. We are in a 6 month trial period to see if it brings us any new members or just interested people in woodworking. Please click on the link and check it out for yourselves:

Check out this Meetup group:

<https://www.meetup.com/conejo-valley-woodworkers-association/>

**Member Projects:**

Arlen Handberg was at it again. He made this beautiful cross for his church.



Stacy Gerlich repurposed this Giant Redwood Slab into a table. 6'8" x 4'. This was a real labor of love. Hand planned and sanded. Finished with 3 coats of oil base Varathane



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A memorial bench made from Valley Oak:



Daniel Waingrow made these beautiful boxes. Made with walnut, poplar, and birch plywood for the top. Letters are scroll-sawed. The finish is wiped on polyurethane.





Here is our ODD TOOL for this month: Thank you Jeff Bock.



### Stanley #1 Odd Jobs

In 1888, Stanley Tools introduced its “Convenient Tool,” the original Odd Jobs, which was later marketed as “Ten Tools In One.” For 47 years, carpenters relied on the versatile metal gadgets such as tri-square, spirit level, miter square, scratch awl, rule, marking gauge, mortise gauge, depth gauge, and beam compass. It was discontinued in 1935, but some manufacturers, like [Garrett Wade](#) and [Woodpeckers](#), still sell modern versions.

### Opportunity for a club member:

Mr. Michael Apstein has reached out to the club and is looking for someone to make 50, 12” long 4x4 blocks from construction grade douglas fir. They need to be sanded, whitewashed, and laser engraved.

They will need an additional 50 next month as well. If you are interested in this project, please send an email to: [michaelapstein@gmail.com](mailto:michaelapstein@gmail.com).

**Free Wood\***Once again, we have some nice walnut from Simi Valley.



If you are interested, please email Renee.  
[renee.fraser@gmail.com](mailto:renee.fraser@gmail.com)

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Stay safe!

