

# *CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKERS*

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

*Dear Friends and Fellow Woodworkers,*

*As we look ahead, it is clear that the path before us will bring not only new opportunities but also new challenges. Like the grain hidden within each piece of wood, the future holds surprises that will test our skills, adaptability, and creativity.*

*Our group has always been more than a gathering of craftspeople; it has been a place of shared passion, encouragement, and problem-solving. The projects we've completed and the knowledge we've exchanged are proof that when we support one another, we are able to shape even the most difficult pieces into something lasting and meaningful.*

*The changes on the horizon may demand fresh approaches, new tools, or simply the courage to try something different. Yet, just as we know that patient hands and sharp edges can reveal beauty within a rough-cut block, we also know that by working together, we can turn each challenge into growth.*

*I am confident that with our collective skill, creativity, and spirit of camaraderie, we will continue to craft not just fine pieces of woodwork but also a future that reflects the strength and artistry of this group.*

*Thank you all for your commitment, your craftsmanship, and above all, the community you help to create.*

*With respect and appreciation,*

*CVWA Board*

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## **Equipment for sale:**

Jet 10" table saw with outfeed extension- \$2200

Jet 6" Jointer- \$850

Please reach out to Stacy Gerlich @ 818 414-9975.

## **Member Projects:**

John Witt has created a video that illustrates how to make a jig to cut thin strips of wood on the table saw. Please watch his very informative video here:

<https://youtu.be/-gsjMw6pPsA>

This is an excellent way for our members to share and learn new skills. If you have something you would like to showcase, please reach out to me @ 818-414-9975.

## **Woodworker's Retreat Update:**

As most everyone has heard the unfortunate news that Woodworker's Retreat has closed. It would have been 2 years in November when their doors opened and offered an amazing space for community members to create their own masterpieces. They were also gracious enough to allow CVWA to hold our meeting there at no charge for the past several months. Some of us became members of the Retreat, and others were able to visit it from time to time. I can honestly say that if I had the funds to keep it alive, I would have for sure invested. They have done a pretty good job at selling many of their machines and still much available. The plan is to store it and advertise for a while. That is something that John Vanderhoosen will decide.

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## **September CVWA membership meeting recap:**

We had some great presentations given by Robert Wilson and Dan Smith. It was a nice change of venue to learn about the importance of air filtration as well as the dangers of particulate matter in sawdust. Dan walked us through his journey on how he is becoming a true artist in woodworking. He is embracing the idea that things don't always have to be perfect (except teeth!)

Here is a piece of an avocado tree that his neighbor gave him. After many hours of grinding and hollowing, he produced an incredible piece of art.



The beginning canvas



Hollowing Out



The final Avocado Bust

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## **Lifetime Achievement Award:**

The members of our wood group all contributed a few pieces of hardwood so we could construct a nice end-grain cutting board to present to Bill Aurand for his endless support and work in keeping our club going. Thank you Bill.



**Bill Aurand**

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**We are still working on plans for our club. Keep an eye out for emails from our Communication director in the next few weeks.**

**Stay safe as always. Remember to share your work with others by sending it to [stacygerlich@gmail.com](mailto:stacygerlich@gmail.com)**

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- 2) GLUE
- 3) SAND
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