

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKERS

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

It was a "punch to the gut" when I found out back in September that Woodworker's Retreat was closing its doors. It was such a great place, staffed with dedicated woodworkers who had the same passion for woodworking as the members of our club!

And yes, it also caused our club a major inconvenience since they so generously hosted our club meetings after hours at no cost to our club. The NO COST was very significant since our club is down to approximately 30 paying members, and we no longer have the revenue sources the club once had, such as "like new" tools and other items worth significant money being donated to be auctioned off.

*I have spent the past month working with members of the club to find a new location for our meetings. A **big shout-out to Bill Brandt** and his connections in the Conejo Valley School District for putting me in touch with the Newbury Park High School Principal and Woodshop teacher and for playing a large role in making this happen. As a result, we now have a new location to host our monthly meetings, the first of which will be on **November 13, 2025, at 6:30 in the NPHS Woodshop.***

I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Scott Gamber
CVWA President
www.CVWA.org

Camarillo Airport Shop Tour

We do not have any pictures, but we had a great woodshop and museum tour that Rob Mawer hosted on October 18th. It's amazing how much they can accomplish in such a small but very well laid out space in support of the Camarillo airport". The members that were there were George Burdo, Arlen Handberg, John Witt, and his wife (and obviously Rob Mawer).

Member Projects:

John Witt has created a few videos that illustrate how to make a jig to cut thin strips of wood on the table saw and how to make a box with wrap-around grain. Please watch his videos here: ***JW Wood Class on YouTube.***

I have watched his videos, and they are very well done. He explains every step and shows how to achieve what he is teaching. Great job, John!!!

SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY: GARAGE SALE!!!

This Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, between 9 AM-12 noon, Arlen Handberg is having a garage sale. The proceeds will go to our club. Great Prices! Cash or Checks, No Credit Cards

Arlen's address:

4261 Walnut St

Simi Valley, CA 93063

Parking only in the back of Arlen's property. No street parking available, and please do not block the driveway!

Holiday Toys Information:

Those who have made toys for our annual Spark of Love Program, you can bring them to Arlen's house or Bill Aurand's house any time before the end of November. If you can't bring them, Arlen or Bill can pick them up from your residence if you call them.

Arlen's phone number 1-805-527-0211

Bill's cell phone or text 1-805-231-9656

**address: 2468 Knightwood Circle, Simi Valley, CA
93063**

Here are some photos from the fantastic dovetail workshop at Dave Seidler's shop.



1. Measure your clear height at your position.
2. Measure your work table to your height.
3. Measure all cutting mats, blocks, and your paper height.
4. Measure your work piece, wood block, and pencil.
5. Do the math to figure out the height of the work table, and then all the other items.
6. We should have cutting the work table, so avoid the need from lifting.
7. The table only for the job that you are assigned for.
8. Avoid using cutting mats if you are not required or otherwise required.
9. Measure your cutting blocks, when using wood blocks.
10. Measure your work table for a job that the tool won't be used to be designed for.







Arlen, Bill and Aaron hard at work making toys









Your Board has worked very hard to acquire our new meeting location. I would personally like to give a big shout-out to Scott, Robert, Brad, Aaron, and Dan. It is because of your hard work and persistence that we have a new meeting place.

See you all on November 13, 2025, @ 6:30 p.m.