

## April 6th Meeting

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| <b>Special Points of Interest</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood Turning SIG</li> <li>• New articles from Kathi</li> </ul> |
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Our April 6th Meeting will be at Scout Hall in Riverbank at the corner of First and High Streets. See our web site @ [www.trwa.net](http://www.trwa.net) for a map and picture of the building. We look forward to seeing you there. The meeting is open to anyone interested in woodworking as a hobby.

Stan Booker is from the Bay Area Woodworkers Club. A retired shop teacher, he will speak to us on his work with the Asante Network, a group in Tanzania that supports the development and supply of the teens who are learning woodworking at trade schools.



I am asking all members to bring a hand tool to donate to his organization. Since electricity is unreliable, hand tools are desperately needed. Don't have an extra hand tool? Books on hand woodworking are also welcome.

Education - The structure of the Formal Education and Training System in Tanzania constitutes 2 years of pre-primary education, 7 years of primary education, 4 years of Junior Secondary (ordinary Level), 2 years of Senior Secondary (Advanced Level) and up to 3 or more years of Tertiary Education. Specifically, the education system has three levels, namely: Basic, Secondary and Tertiary Levels.

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<http://www.asantenetwork.org/shop.php>  
See the products that women are making for sale from the Asante Network

Info on Tanzania - Tanzania as it exists today consists of the union of what was once Tanganyika and the islands of Zanzibar. Formerly a German colony from the 1880s through 1919, the post-World War 1 accords and the League of Nations charter designated the area a British Mandate (except for a small area in the northwest, which was ceded to Belgium and later became Rwanda and Burundi). 40,000,000 population, Per capita income \$1,225, At 945,087 km<sup>2</sup>, [6] Tanzania is the world's 31st-largest country (it comes after Egypt). It is comparable in size to Nigeria. The economy is mostly based on agriculture, which accounts for more than half of GDP, provides 85% (approximately) of exports, and employs 80% (approximately) of the workforce. Topography and climatic conditions, however, limit cultivated crops to only 4% of the land area. The nation has many natural resources including gold and natural gas.

Info on the Asante Network - Asante Network is currently assisting women's groups in East Africa. The women who range in age from 20 - 60 are married and single mothers, widows, students, and grandmothers. These enterprising artisans all have similar goals. They want their children and grandchildren to have a better life! They know that education for their children is the roadmap out of poverty to a more prosperous future.

The women enjoy working together and this gathering time yields many benefits. The primary benefit is that meeting in unison provides a "social" outlet. Collectively they learn new skills, critique each others work, solve common challenges, exchange ideas for new products and support the goals of the group.

In most cases, life is difficult. Their homes are small, usually two rooms and in some cases built by the women themselves.

# November 2008 Meeting Minutes



"The reverence that the object maker has for the materials, for the shape, and for the miracle of his skill transcends to God, the Master Craftsman, the Creator of all things, who uses us, our hands, as His tools to make these beautiful things."

...Sam Maloof

## Special Contest from our President:

Name the three greatest inventions in woodworking.... write them on a 3 x 5 card and I'll read them at the next meeting. ...

TRWA Minutes February 2nd, 2009 Modesto, CA

Meeting called to order @ 7:02pm by President Thomas Bonte.

Treasurers report - We had no income in February and less than \$100 in expenses.

Community Service-Roger Gohring moved and Steve Hutson 2nd leaving the community project budget to be carried over into the 2009 year and spent at Dick Philpot's discretion. Unanimous voice passed.

Newsletter - Articles are due by the 15th. Newsletter will be printed that day.

Al Reynolds will be leaving the TRWA for Texas. This is his last meeting. We all voiced our thanks for Al's great contribution to the club and our sadness in his leaving our area.

Board meeting on the last Thursday of March @ 7pm, in Thomas Bonte's office in Modesto at 1300 Tenth Street Suite A.

Roger Gohring showed a jig to align hook and loop disks on your random orbit sander.

Dick Philpott showed a rolling pin from the Woodturners SIG project this month. He also showed us some turned snowmen that he is producing for a Christmas project.

We got to see a really beautiful folding book holder from Turkey that was wonderfully carved and smoothly fitted, made from a single plank!

Tom Bonte showed us a ukulele that he got from the Grizzly catalog. It was complete and he even gave a little sound out of it.

Pete Teresi showed us a little footstool with Queen Anne style feet that he had cut out on the bandsaw.

Josh Kinsey brought 2 custom items and 2 jibs for making them. These are similar to the secret message boxes from the DaVinci Code movie.

There will be a Gem and Mineral Show in Turlock, March 14-15th

Our regular meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Our program for the evening was slide presentation by our Program Chair, Ada Holloway on the History of woodworking. -

## Welcome to the first annual SIG Wood Turners' Potluck Picnic

Who is invited: Members of the SIG and their spouses, and Members of TRWA and their spouses

When: May 9, 2009, at 10:00 AM

Where: Orange Blossom Park, Located just across the bridge at the corner of Orange Blossom and Rodden Road.

What to bring: Your own drinks Your own place setting, Potluck, something to share

What to do: Contribute \$1.00 (one dollar) per person to pay for the park rental

To RSVP Either mail to:

Bob Weaver  
1829 Hunt Ave  
Modesto, CA 95350  
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bobweaver9000@sbcglobal.net

## Web Resources

As all of us are aware the Internet has become a big resource for many people all over the world. With the growth of this communications capability, the number of places that you can go to get information is staggering. We have a number of useful links on our own club website @ [www.trwa.net](http://www.trwa.net).

What is fascinating is the growth of web resources directed at very specific activities, and there are a host of resources available to us as woodworkers. I'm going to talk about just a few of them here, but there are many, many more that you can discover with your computer and your favorite web search tool.

My first favorite place to go on the web is August Home Publishing Company. They are the folks who bring us Woodsmith, ShopNotes, and workbench magazines. They can be found at [www.augusthome.com](http://www.augusthome.com). When you go their website, you can click on the links for the 3 magazines I mentioned and on the left side of the page, you can go to my 2nd favorite site.

PlansNow is a web service that provides full plans for woodworking projects for beginners through professionals. The plans are clearly drawn and usually contain a cutting list which I always find very useful. This site provides a free newsletter and tips, and they recently added a subscription service for frequent plan purchasers that allows you a set number of plans to be downloaded throughout the subscription period. I have found this to be a significant source of well done plans at very affordable prices.

Another great resource is FreePlans.com ([www.freeplans.com](http://www.freeplans.com)). They offer just that, free woodworking plans. They send you an Email about once a month with a link for the free plan to download and print. They also have links to a number of magazines other helpful web sites.

While you're checking out some of these sites, don't forget to go to the web site your tool manufacturer. Our web site has links to Delta, Porter-Cable, Ryobi, Skil, and many others. They are particularly helpful if you've misplaced the manual for a particular tool. Many manufacturers have the tool owner's manuals right there online for you to view or download onto your PC.

I mentioned at the top of the article that you could use your computer with your favorite search tool. If you aren't familiar with search tools (computer geeks call them search engines), I'll mention three. The first is one of the oldest, it's Yahoo! ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)). When I typed in woodworking, Yahoo! Reported that it returned, get this, over 58 million links! ***So here is the first tip, If you're looking for something, be specific in your search, or you'll be there for hours looking through all these web links***

The second search engine is the most famous and that's Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)). Google said it returned over 1 million links from my search.

The third search engine you might want to try is ASK.com ([www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com)). When I repeated my search there, ASK returned over 1 million replies.

Now you're going to ask, why should I use more than one search tool? Well, just like the tools in our toolchest, these tools deliver different results. So

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member!

# Wood Turners SIG

The TRWA woodturning SIG will meet the 1st Saturday and 10 days later on Tuesday. The novice (Beginners) group will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month. All meetings will be at Johnny Jones's shop starting at 9:00AM, lunch around noon. Shop is at 13299 Lancaster Road, Oakdale. 845-0858 or [jljones34@gmail.com](mailto:jljones34@gmail.com). Members should bring their own tools. All TRWA members are welcome.



**Editors Note:** Anybody want to tell me how tough they have it with their lathe? Do your legs get tired when you're working? I saw this old tool at Mission Monterey last year and had to take a picture.



## Upcoming Events:

**April 4th and 14th.** design and turn a salad bowl Part 2( Larry Lew)

**April 18th (novice group)** Tool Making (Marion Robe)

# Classified Advertising

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 6" Jointer.....\$150  
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 Contact Carl Mercer, 209-667-2340

Grizzly lathe for sale  
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 \$150  
 Contact Larry Scallin @ 209-538-0500 for details

Want to sell something to the club. Send a note to Editor@TRWA.NET and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

13" 2 speed Delta Planner. Need to clean up my shop and something I don't use much is the planner. 60 cpi for dimensioning and 90 CPI for finishing. Works great. I'm asking \$250 OBO for it. Retail for around \$395. If interested give me a call 209-825-1648. Mark Gum

# Wood Tips By Kathi Westfall

## Cypress

Taxodium distichum  
 Other Names: Bald cypress, Red cypress, Yellow cypress, Southern cypress  
 Cypress trees are conifers, but unlike most American conifers, they are deciduous trees that shed foliage in the fall like hardwoods. Cypress is a softwood that has a high oil content. The oil acts like a repellent and makes cypress one of the most durable woods in damp conditions. Most cypress trees are natives of the South and are found in wet, swampy areas. Cypress roots love water and the ones growing along rivers can develop what are called "knees". The knee-like roots grow above the water in the open air to help aerate the tree and keep it from becoming waterlogged. The wood from the knees is soft and light and can be used to make vases and novelty items.

The sapwood of cypress is a very pale yellow/white with the heartwood being light to dark reddish brown. Cypress machines well but may need to be pre-drilled to resist splitting. The main uses for cypress include decks, fence posts, shingles, trim, siding and shutters.

Fun Fact: During the Middle Ages, European craftsmen carved cathedral doors from cypress.

## Small Parts Clamp

Cutting small parts on the table saw doesn't always involve making a lot of repetitive cuts or identical pieces. Often all I need to do is cut or trim one or two short pieces to length. Or possibly cut several small pieces to size that are each a little different. For a long time, I struggled with making these crosscuts cleanly and accurately without losing my fingers. The solution turned out to be the simple clamping jig you see at use in the photo at right.

This small parts clamp attaches to the miter gauge of the table saw. It holds the workpiece firmly between the two jaws so all I have to worry about is sliding the miter gauge past the blade.

Building the Clamp. As you can see in the drawings below, the construction is pretty simple. Basically, the clamp consists of a back jaw, an adjustable front jaw, and a slotted spreader that connects them.

See the diagrams and the full text of this Tip @ <http://www.woodworkingtips.com/global/email/link/8859/79097/>



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## 2009 Meeting &amp; Exhibit Schedule

Date	Guest	Subject
January 5	Pete Teresi	Making Violins, Violas, and Cellos
February 2	Field Trip to Dan J Savage Middle School	Shop Tour
March 2	History of woodworking presentation	Ada Holloway
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Stan Booker</b>	<b>Asante Network</b>
May 4	TBD	
June 1	TBD	
July 6	TBD	
August 3	TBD	
September 25th	McHenry Woodcraft Show Setup & Potluck	Show runs from Sept 26th to Oct 11
October	No Meeting - Come see us	McHenry Museum, Modesto, Ca.
November 2	Annual Members Auction	Come by and get a bargain
<b>December 7</b>		

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