

Tuolumne River Woodworkers Association

# TRWA Newsletter

## Field Trip for February 2 Meeting

### Special Points of Interest

- Last Month's Meeting Report
- Wood Turning SIG
- New articles

Our February Meeting is a field trip into Modesto for a tour of the woodworking shop at the new Dan J. Savage Middle School. Our host is the Wood Shop teacher and is a special friend of the club. We will also get a tour of the campus for anyone who would like to see how new schools look. Should be a very entertaining meeting.



Location: 1900 Maid Mariane Lane, Modesto.

at about PM. The restaurant is due west of the school along Merle by about 5 or 6 blocks..

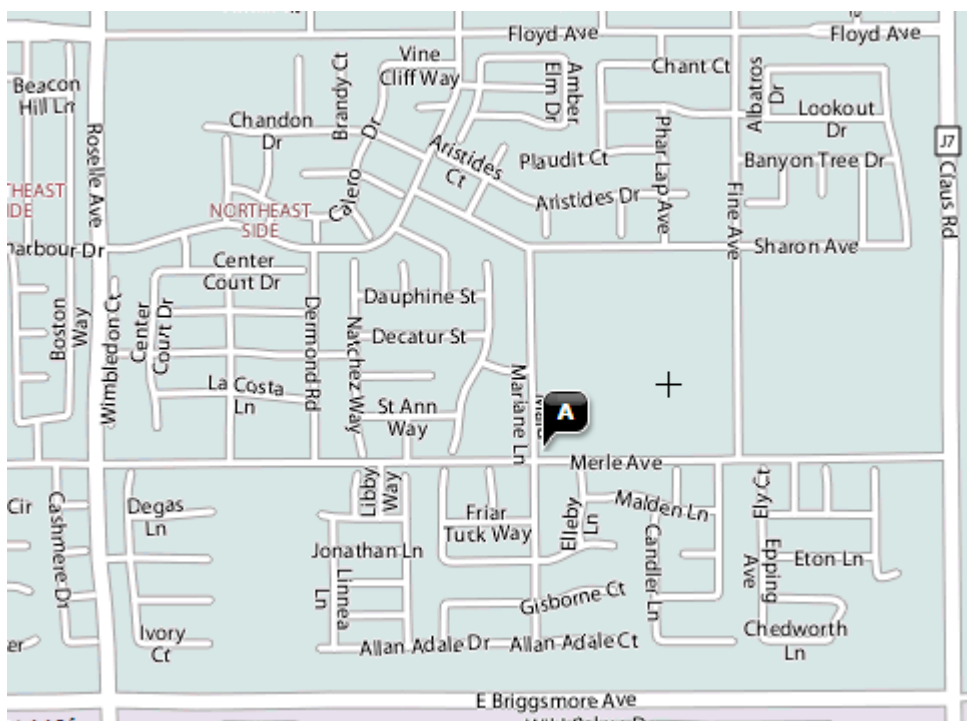
When: February 2nd @ 6:30

Meet at the Flagpole.

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Members may want to meet for dinner at the Tasty Taco at the corner of Merle and Oakdale Road



# 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

TRWA Minutes January 5th, 2009  
 Scout Hall, Riverbank, CA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Tom Bonte @ 7:5

Guest present: None

Minutes from the December Meeting were discussed and accepted unanimously.

Pete Teresi will be the speaker for January.

John Christiansen has recovered from his illness and is recovering Arizona

Meeting minutes carried.

**Community Service** - Dick Philpott, Oakdale Grange sign will done in the spring

**Toys** - Gloria - Gave away over 800 toys in December. Central Valley Foster Care, Sierra Vista, Family Connections Christian Adoptions, Church of the Nazarene took to Mexico were happy to get anything.

**Treasurers** report was presented. Ada Holloway moved to accept , Kathi Westfall seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Show report - September 25th 2009 setup and potluck, Show starts 26th, Closes on October 11th close of show

February Meeting will be a visit to Dan Savage Jr. High wood shop. Meeting will be at the school @ 6:30pm. Meet in front by the flagpole  
 Meet at Tasty Taco @ 5pm - next to the school, Oakdale Road and Merrill.

Show and Tell -

Josh showed 2 boxes and explained his use of a raised panel bit to

the create a cove at the ends of the boxes. Spoke candidly about mistakes he made during the construction and his recover to complete the project.

Roger Gohring showed a "Pit and the Pendulum" construction with a bowl of sand in the base.

John Schmidt showed a jig that he has made to thin strip ripping jig and presented it and showed how the jig worked with his current project. He spoke about how you fold sandpaper to eliminate abrasive on abrasive contact. John gave a tip about finding the center of a piece of board, instead using trying to calculate the center, place a ruler at an angle across the board, and align the ruler at the edges at a fixed length like the 1 inch and 7 inch marks. The center of the board will be at the 4 inch mark. John showed a pair of "silky oak" candlesticks made by Norm Silva on "The Legacy" ornamental jig.

Walt Deardorf showed a great big turned column that will be used in his kitchen that will match his antique dining room table.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 7:56pm.

# Member Presentation

Well, we were in for quite a treat in January when Pete Teresi gave a talk on making stringed instruments. Since this always seemed like a mysterious art to me, I was particularly delighted to here Pete talk about how he makes violins, violas and cellos. Pete has been making violins and



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doesn't require special tools, but does require that you make sure that thicknesses are exact. 3.) Finish is always varnish for hardness. If you are interested, Pete recommends, "Violin Making" - Henry H Stoble.

their bigger cousins for almost forty years and stressed some fundamentals in his talk. 1.) He was adamant that you must have a proper form to build the instrument shell on. 2.) Stock preparation



## 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.

Our January 2009 TRWA SIG program was to turn a small vase. Johnny demo is how to use a small piece of Walnut and turn it into a small vase. Photos show the out side turned, drilling the hole in the center, turning the inside and three finished vases.



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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. Retails for around \$395. If interested give me a call 209-825-1648. Mark Gum

## Wood Tips By Kathi Westfall

### Cherry (Prunus serotina)

Like all fruit trees, cherry belongs to the rose family. American Colonists used the cherry tree for its fruit, medicinal properties and home furnishings. The bark was used in the production of drugs to treat bronchitis, and cherry stalks were used to make tonics.

Cherry is grown commercially in Pennsylvania, the Virginias and New York. The average tree height is 60 to 80 feet. Cherry trees can live to the extreme old age of 200 years. Cherry is mainly used in fine furniture and cabinet making, musical instruments and carvings. The heartwood of cherry varies from rich red to reddish brown and the sapwood is creamy white. Cherry will darken quickly when exposed to light so you don't want to store it in direct sunlight. The wood has a fine uniform grain and is satiny in texture. It usually has small gum pockets and pith flecks.

Cherry is easy to machine, nails and glues well and when stained, produces an excellent deep, rich, finish. It dries fairly quickly with only moderate shrinkage. The wood is of medium density with good bending properties.

Fun Fact: Early printmakers used cherry for their engraving blocks.

### Wood Tips:

This month's wood working tip comes from the shop of Richard Ring. Richard makes beautiful scroll sawn items that he sells by word of mouth and at craft fairs. He used to have trouble with burn marks made by scroll saw or band saw blades when cutting thicker pieces of wood until he found a way to alleviate them. He now covers the top of the board he will be cutting with clear packing tape. Then he glues his pattern on top and cuts out the piece. The heat from the saw blade going through the tape adds enough lubrication that burns are a thing of the past. Since most of Rich's finished pieces are small, he uses a heat gun and a pair of needle nose pliers to remove the tape. Any remaining residue is removed with mineral spirits before staining. Goodbye to hand sanding those burn marks away. Thanks Richard



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John Schmidt209-848-9535  
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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		
April 6		
May 4		
June 1		
July 6		
August 3		
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
December 7		

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