

TRWA Newsletter



Tuolumne River Woodworkers Association

Meeting is on April 5th.

This month's meeting is going to be a Members Challenge with two different contests.

For all the members who took home one of Dick Philpot's jeeps for the toy drive, we are having a contest to see who can paint the best looking one. The finished jeeps will be given out to our local charities that help children in crisis. I hope everyone who saw Dick's sample at the last meeting is not discouraged. I have to admit, I went home to scrutinize my jeep afterwards. My niece Emily thinks it needs to have a jeweled crown put on it in order to win.

Our second Challenge of the night is the nametag contest. These nametags do not replace our regular ones, they are just something fun for us to show off our creativity. The only rules are, the nametag has to be made at

least partially of wood and you have to be able to wear it at the meeting. So far, I have seen an inlaid name, a carved name and a painted name. So put on your thinking hats and try to come up with a nametag for the meeting.



Bring in your latest project for Show and Tell

Your fellow members will vote on their favorites.

Special points of interest:

- 2 Contests coming this month.
- Wood Tips
- March Meeting Notes
- Wood Turning SIG

Tool Bargains—Steve Hutson

I love woodworking when I can find the time between work, family, and paying the bills. Although I love this craft, but you do have to admit, that it's a little hard on the pocketbook at times. I get the newest issue of Wood, or Fine Woodworking, and I notice that the author using a \$400 circular saw, or a new \$1000 band saw and I sigh. Roger Gohring spoke on the subject of tools in December and gave us some great insights into when and how you should invest in your tools. I've recently used two different sources to find tools that I "needed" and I wanted to share my experiences with you.

My first bargain hunt was for a band saw. Ever since I sold my ShopSmith, I longed for a band saw, but alas, the prices at Lowes, Home Depot, Jet, and Grizzly are way too rich for my checkbook. The search was on. So, I fired up my computer and internet browser and went to Craig's List (<http://modesto.craigslist.org/>) and looked at all the tools that were listed. Some were great, but way too expensive. Some were so cheap that I think that had to put them in the freezer to cool them down, if you know what I mean. Then there were the legitimate ads from people like you and me, who wanted to sell a tool. Most were out of my price range, but an ad from Ceres caught my eye. It was a 14" full sized band saw and they only were asking \$75. I called the buyer, drove out in the rain to his farm, and behold, my prize, sitting in a ranch shed, an old, but still running band saw from Harbor Freight. I bought it on the spot. The saw, whom I have nicknamed Rusty, because he truly is, is now cutting out cars for the club. I had to do some heavy cleaning, replaced a couple of broken items, but in the end I have a good tool at a bargain price. It only required some effort to locate it, some elbow grease, and a little money to make it right. Next month, I'll talk about another new source that I got from my wife, and I'll tell you all about my hunt for another "Tool Bargain". Just as a teaser, point your internet browser to this web site: <http://shopgoodwill.com/>

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President Kathi Westfall

*"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



Meeting called to order

February Meeting Minutes— March 1, 2010

Scout Hall
Riverbank ,California

Meeting was called to order by President Kathi Westfall at 7:04pm.

Guest present were: Keith Rogers

Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the January meeting as printed in the newsletter made by Lloyd Thompson, seconded by Roger Gohring, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report— Income of \$36, Expenses of \$393.

Community Report—There will be a sign project at the Senior Center on April 7th at 10am. Richard Ring cut the letters for the sign. The cradle project will start in July, and the pieces need to be done by November for Christmas distribution. Jacob's ladders and name badges are for the April meeting.

Toys—I have no report from Mr. Bonte

Library—We're pulling the contents of the library out each month for items to be checked out. Take a look. Lots of good stuff to read or watch and return.

Newsletter—Articles are due by the 15th.

McHenry Woodcraft show—Denzil Walker tells un that the show will setup and we will have the potluck on October 1st. The show closes on the October 17th.

Show and Tell— Richard Spoon showed an example of special joinery. Larry Lew, Showed bowls he had made from the Carob wood we recovered from

Turlock. Also gave tips on how to finish them.

Walt Deardorf brought in a great segmented travel mug. Wonderful show of color.

Larry Scallin brought in a bowl of wooden eggs. This was the topic for the wood turning SIG this month.

Howard Black brought in a cutting board made out of Pistachio.

Marion Roberts shows us a turned bowl.

February Meeting Report

Our guest speaker was Matt Warner who came over from Santa Cruz to talk to us about his woodworking. What a pleasure to hear from this wood artist. Matt brought a number of samples of his work. His spent a good deal of the evening talking about and showing us examples of intarsia, which is an art form using wood veneers which are cut out and then inlayed into the surface of a panel to create a design. Matt described his journey in woodworking, his home and shop in Santa Cruz and how he gets work. He brought several samples, including a nametag (hint, hint) to show his work. He also gave a great presentation with slides of both work that he has done, but also designs for work that he is currently involved in producing.

Matt was very open and gracious about answering our questions throughout the evening. He talked about the work, how he prices it, how he gets clients, and anything else we wanted to talk about. It felt like we were friends, just all sitting around in his shop talking about a common love of woodworking. I'm sure glad that I was there.

Steve

March Meeting Pictures



What's in your toolbox?



President's Message

Kathy is speechless in anticipation of the awesome name badges and Toy Jeeps that are going to come in for the April Meeting.



A legacy of craftsmanship

Johnny's Turners Special Interest Group



SIG Members,

We want to continue SIG that Johnny Jones put together. In an effort to keep the club going we are going to make some minor changes:

- We are going to have only one (1) meeting per month.
- The novice group will become part of the regulars, we are all turners
- The meeting locations will float from shop to shop.
- (If you would like to host a meeting let us know.)
- The program can be by someone other than the host.
- There will be a \$2.00 fee to pay for coffee and donuts.
- The meeting will be on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.
- Bring your own chair and coffee cup.
- Program may not require a lathe. (Example: chalk board, videos, jig and fixtures, etc.)



Johnny's Turners met on March 6th and we visited Bill Huntington's shop and Bill did a great job of showing us how to turn eggs. See pictures at left.



Schedule 2010 meetings Johnny's Turners all meeting start at 9:00 am

Date	Location	Presenter
Feb 20, 2010 Sat	Jim Crismon's 6221 Kaufman Rd, Oakdale	Walt Deardorff
Mar 6, 2010 Sat	Bill Huntington 785 Fullerton Dr Turlock	Bill Huntington
Apr 10, 2010 Sat	Josh Kinsey's Shop 4619 Spyers Way, Unit #E, Modesto	Marion Roberts
May 1, 2010 Sat	Larry Lew 2312 Glasgow Dr. Ceres	Larry Lew
June 5, 2010 Sat	Ron Young 2119 Leerae Ct Turlock	Ron Young
July 10, 2010 Sat	Larry Scallin 2505 Condit Ct Ceres	Larry Scallin
Aug. 7, 2010 Sat	Bob Weaver 1829 Hunt Ave Modesto	Bob Weaver
Sept 11, 2010 Sat	Larry Lew 2312 Glasgow Dr. Ceres	Mark
Oct 2, 2010 Sat	Carl Mercer 3020 Trinity Ct Turlock	Dick Philpot
Nov 6, 2010 Sat	un-scheduled	
Dec 4, 2010 Sat	un-scheduled	

Classified Ads

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

We have a note from our friend Warren Wise:

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Wood Tips by Kathi Westfall

I had an email from Bill Tarleton who is the head of the Diablo Valley Woodworkers. He has an extensive list of favorite woods from the San Francisco Bay Area Urban Forest and describes himself as a "wood collector". He kindly offered to share the list with me so I could, in turn, share it with you.

Bill likes to turn bowls, vases, make some toys, art pieces and furniture. One of the trees on his favorites list is the Acacia Balleyana – Balley Acacia or also known as the Cootamundra Wattle-how's that for a tree name?

There are actually 1300 different species of acacias with about 960 being native to Australia. The Balley Acacia is one of those 950. There is not a lot of woodworking history on this tree except to say it has a light sapwood with minimal heart wood. Some people complained it checks extensively as it dries and that it is a structurally weak wood. These are the same people who complained it was a weed. What we do know is, it is a fast growing tree that grows to about 30 feet in height. It has bright yellow flowers and silvery grey leaves. Many of the acacia trees have thorns so they have been popular to use



in landscaping to deter thieves. No one wants to try and get into a window that has a tree with 3 inch thorns sticking out all over it!

Acacias typically have large amounts of tannin and sap. They also contain organic compounds that help to keep pests and animals away from the tree. The wood from an acacia tree can be a beautiful wood. It takes a finish nicely bringing up a high shine. In some countries the pods are used for eating, the tannin for exporting, the gum for chewing and the wood for fine furniture. Typically, acacia is not readily available for purchase at

your local lumber store. However, if you know someone taking one out, this is a wood that you might enjoy trying to turn or shape and see what comes from it. All of our wood doesn't have to come from a lumber mill. You can use local wood from your own yard. I found the most beautiful wood hidden in a small ornamental tree that we took out at our home. So keep your eyes open for a neighbor taking out a tree and ask for a piece of it. Let me know what unusual woods you have tried out so I can share them with the rest of our members.

Kathi





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2010 Meeting & Exhibit Schedule

Date	Guest	Subject
January 4	Mystery Guest	Triple talk—Kathi, Tom, and Dick
February 1	John McCormack	
March 1	Matt Werner	
April 5	Make your own nametag contest	
May 3	Toy Program	
June 7	Patrick Stafford	
July 5	Lee Krasnow	
August 2	Box Contest	
September 6	Swap Meet	
September 25th	McHenry Woodcraft Show Setup & Potluck	
October 4	No Meeting - Come see us at the show	McHenry Museum
November 1	TBA	
December 6	TBA	

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