

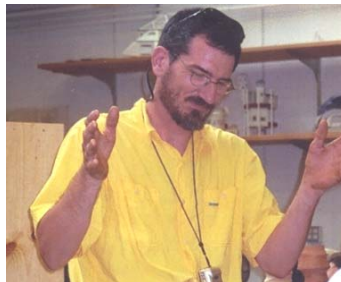
# TRWA Newsletter



## Tuolumne River Woodworkers Association

### Meeting is on February 1st

February's Speaker:  
John McCormack



After completing his Bachelor's degree, John started his own small business working with canvas products. To further his skills, he started taking woodworking classes at San Francisco State from John Kassay who then recommended the North Bennet Street School in Boston. He was accepted there

and graduated in 1988. He then rented a shop in a furniture making co-op in Cambridgeport, Massachusetts and became interested in art furniture. He built a mix of traditional and art furniture and sold them on both coasts. He is now involved with teaching others the art of woodworking and sees himself as being lucky to have the ability to design and build and tries to pass on these skills to his students.

John philosophy is that teaching is a job where you are paid to give your knowledge to others. He feels that we should be helping others to realize that there are many possi-



Bring in your latest project for Show and Tell

bilities out there and we should help them find those possibilities for themselves.

John has some truly wonder pieces and is a very talented woodworker. We are very excited to have John coming to speak with us this month and look forward to learning from him.

#### Special points of interest:

- Great speaker in February
- Wood Tips
- January Meeting Notes
- Wood Turning SIG

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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

## January Meeting Minutes—January 11, 2010

Scout Hall  
Riverbank ,California

Meeting was called to order by President Westfall at 7:01 pm.

Guest present—Martin Cole, Hughson

Meeting Minutes—Motion to accept the minutes by Lou Garcia, passed by voice vote

Community—Awards from Dick Philpot to Tom Bonte, Mark Rios, John Schmidt, Roger and Amy Gohring. See photos on the following page. Car building—1,672 toys in the last six months. We will be building doll cradles for Christmas time. We have material to make 2 dozens tops from Johnny Jones shop.

Library—Lou reminded the memebers present to check out the library. Lots of great stuff to check out for your use.

Presenters—David Marks was suggested as a presenter. He charges \$1,500/day plus expenses. We may be able to combine with other area clubs to bring the per member cost down.

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

### January Presentations

**Tom Bonte**—Gave us a great talk on nails, their history and uses. Definition of a nail is a pin, harder than the surrounding material that affixes them together. Tom has seen pine furniture with maple nails holding them together. Metal nails have been discovered in Roman buildings from over 2,000 years ago. Square cut nails are less likely to split wood when driven because they cut through the wood fibers, instead of pushing them out of the way. This also gives them more holding

power. Thomas Jefferson had a nail making operation at his Virginia plantation. The modern wire nail was introduced in the 1850s, and although inferior in application, they are vastly less costly to produce and eventually took over the mass market.

**Dick Philpot**—Making toys

We were treated to a very clear and practical guide to making toys. Dick has a great deal of experience in this area, and has sold toys all over the area at craft shows and other venues.

- Make a single toy, and make many of them at the same time. Setup and tear down take time. Maximize your time by mass producing parts.
- Size all the stock first. Seems simple, but working on stock that is the same size means less setup and adjustments later.
- Decide on a pattern. Make a hard pattern so you can use it over again
- Transfer the pattern to the wood.
- Drill all the holes in the stock before you cut it out. Easier to drill when it's all one big piece.
- Cut them all to shape
- Sand the edges first, then the flats
- Route all the edges to make them safe
- Dick uses Watco Natural Danish Oil and actually dunks the pieces in a double bucket system consisting of a bucket filled with oil, and a 2nd bucket with the toys that has holes drilled in the bottom. Slip the 2nd bucket into the first, lift the bucket out and there's your toys with no mess!
- Allow the toys to dry 3 days before assembly and packaging.

**Kathi Westfall**—2010 Program report We have everything except November and December confirmed. See the back page

## January Meeting Pictures



What's in your toolbox?

## President's Message

For those members who missed the first meeting of 2010 we got a preview of the year to come. We have some great program ideas and speakers lined up all the way to next November. Thank you to all those members who come up with such wonderful ideas and suggested them. Keep them coming! Watch the newsletter and our website for the schedule. Don't forget, the "Paint a Jeep" contest has been moved to our April meeting when we

will also be having a "Make your own Nametag" contest so get busy working. The nametag contest only has two rules: Your nametag must be made out of wood and you must be able to wear it that night. Let your creativity flow. See you in February

Kathi



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 Jan 9th at Jim Crismon's shop. Norm Silva gave a demonstration on deep hollowing. It was an excellent program. We also had show and tell. See pictures at left.

Schedule 2010 meetings Johnny's Turners all meeting start at 9:00 am		
Date	Location	Presenter
Feb 20, 2010 Sat	Earl Stapp 4549 N. Sperry Rd Denair	Walt Deardorff
Mar 6, 2010 Sat	Bill Huntington 785 Fullerton Dr Turlock	Bill Huntington
Apr 10, 2010 Sat	Josh Kinsey's Shop 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.



Dick Philpot gave an excellent and very informative talk on how to plan, layout, cut, finish, and maximize toy production in your shop. Thanks, Dick

## Wood Tips by Kathi Westfall

### Albizia julibrissin

The **mimosa tree**, also known as the *silky acacia* or *silk tree*, is a small, rapid growing tree that grows 15-25 feet. It has a short life-span due to the fact it is very prone to pests and disease. The tree is a native to Japan but can be found all over the United States and is on many prohibited plant lists due to its aggressive nature. The wood of the mimosa tree is dark reddish brown with a yellow center. It has a high tannin content which makes it very resistant to rot. Because of this, it is used frequently to make bridges, fences and wheels as well as furniture. The bark is also used as a natural dye in leather production.



While scientists classify mimosa as a hardwood, it is a deciduous tree that loses its

leaves each fall and resembles pine in density and hardness. However, mimosa cuts better because it lacks the troublesome pitch in pine. The contrasting colors of grain make mimosa very enjoyable for fretwork and intarsia. However it is prone to breakouts so 1/4" or thicker stock is recommended. Water-based finishes tend to raise the grain so sand up to 220 grit when using them.

Mimosa, is not commercially popular so most people will have to harvest and dry the wood for themselves.

Fun Fact: When the bark is dried and pounded into a powder, the high tannin content acts as an astringent and also makes stops bleeding.



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Any reasonable hour

## 2010 Meeting & Exhibit Schedule

Date	Guest	Subject
January 4	Mystery Guest	Triple talk—Kathi, Tom, and Dick
<b>February 1</b>	<b>John McCormack</b>	
March 2	Matt Werner	
April 5	Make your own nametag contest & Jeep painting 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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