

# TRWA Newsletter



## Tuolumne River Woodworkers Association

### Meeting is on March 1

Matt Werner will be coming to speak to us in March. Matt builds fine furniture that is inspired by nature. He designs his own pieces or makes custom pieces from his clients'



Bring in your latest project for Show and Tell

#### Special points of interest:

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



design. He generally likes to use native or sustainably harvested wood and environmentally friendly finishes.

Matt showcases beautiful marquetry work on his furniture pieces. He re-saws the veneers himself and the

sign. His goal is to make handcrafted artwork that inspires people.



only shading he does is by dipping the inlay piece in hot sand to scorch it. This is an ancient technique that the Egyptians used 3000 years ago.

Matt is inspired by the natural world and has a great appreciation for Japanese de-

If you want to see some of Matt's work, check out his website at [www.matthewwernerfurniture.com](http://www.matthewwernerfurniture.com).

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It is with sadness that we report the loss of another friend. Butch Schultz passed away Saturday the 13, about 5:45 am from emphysema, according to his granddaughter, Sara. His wife, Helen spoke with Jim Crismon. She described Butch as a regular guy and he wished for no public service so the memorial will be only the family. Butch worked as a contractor all of his life and just got into wood turning the past few years after he retired. He is survived by his wife, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 1/2 great grandchildren. If you would like to make a donation in his name, send it to the SPCA. Please join us in wishing the family our condolences.

## February Meeting Minutes—February 1, 2010



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

Scout Hall  
Riverbank ,California

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

Guest present were: Sandy Vanway, Jeff and Diane (with Josh Kinsey), Patricia Woodhead

Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the January meeting as printed in the newsletter made by Walt Deardorf, seconded by Josh Kinsey, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report— Income of \$35.20, Expenses of \$180, Bank Balance is \$3,199.

No Community, Toy, Membership of Library reports

Newsletter—Articles are due by the 15th.

Show and Tell—Josh Kinsey brought his "Braxtonian Lantern" and a very beautiful pen and ink drawing. Wayne Meissner showed a fine Silky Oak bowl he had turned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm for refreshments.

### February Meeting Report

Our guest speaker was John McCormack from the San Francisco Bay Area. John brought a load of slides showing his past and present work. He talked about his education both on the West and East Coasts. He spoke about the classes he teaches all over the Northern California area. He currently works on studio commissions, and been helping a number of other craftspeople setup their shops. From the pictures that he showed us, these are wonderful places to do woodworking. John also showed us pictures of a number of pieces that he has created and his love of the craft. After his formal talk about woodworking he shared stories about his love of natural habitats and the Native American people that also share the craft. He had pictures of a number of sea kayak trips he has made up the Western coast of Canada to visit the forests and native peoples of the area. He had excellent pictures of totems, lodges, houses, an awesome museum and dugout canoes. It was obvious from his presentation that he is a thoughtful, gifted artist. It was a pleasure to hear him speak.

Steve

## February Meeting Pictures



What's in your toolbox?



## President's Message

Warm weather is coming and we can finally get out into our shops and not have frostbitten toes. We have an exciting speaker coming for our March meeting and you will enjoy seeing his work. Don't forget to start working on your April meeting projects. We are having a "Make your own Nametag" contest where the only rules are

1. it has to be made at least partially of wood
2. you have to be able to wear it to the

meeting

These will not replace our regular meeting nametags, they are just something fun for you to show your creativity. We will vote on a winner by popular opinion. Also in April, we are having the "Paint the Jeep" contest and the best painted jeep will win. I don't want to discourage anyone, but my pink camo jeep is looking pretty good. So get that sawdust flying 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 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	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 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.



## Wood Tips by Kathi Westfall

Hi Everyone,

My old computer crashed and so I do not have the original list of tree species that I have been writing about since 2008. I know I wrote about maples before, but I think it hard maples. If not, then you will be treated to a delightful revisit of the soft maple!

Kathi

Soft Maple

Soft Maple or Red Maple is mostly found in the Eastern United States. The average tree height is 60-80 feet tall. It is mostly used in furniture making, paneling, millwork, kitchen cabinets and musical instruments. Soft maple



is often used as a substitute for hard maple or stained to stand in for cherry. Hard Maple is 25% harder than the soft maple but the coloring is very similar. The sapwood is still grayish white, sometimes with darker colored pith flecks and the heartwood is light to dark red brown. It is a very straight-grained wood and machines well. It is also a good wood for steam bending with a mid range bending and crushing rating. It glues, screws, and nails well with little splitting and dries slowly with little movement.

Fun fact: Soft maple is frequently used as charcoal!






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## HELP DESK

The following members have volunteered to help answer questions. Feel free to call them within the times they have specified.

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All areas  
Any reasonable hour

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Any reasonable hour

## 2010 Meeting & Exhibit Schedule

Date	Guest	Subject
January 4	Mystery Guest	Triple talk—Kathi, Tom, and Dick
February 1	John McCormack	
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Matt Werner</b>	
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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