



*San Fernando Valley Woodworkers since 1988*

<http://sfvw.org/>

## Meeting Minutes

*by Eitan Ginsburg*

Club president Stefan Dusedau began with announcements:

Highland Hall School has invited the club to have a table at their winter gift boutique. We can use donations of things to sell from club members and would like some volunteers to staff the booth. It will be on Friday, December 1, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Chuck Nickerson announced that the widow of a woodworker asked if the club would help her sell her late husband's equipment. Chuck and Gregg are gathering information and photos and will send it out in December.

Gary Coyne said Plane Talk will come out a week early, so please send in your articles and photos soon.

The December holiday party will be held at Jonathan Nail's house in Sherman Oaks. It will be on Saturday, December 9, beginning at noon. Please RSVP via email and bring your own food and beverage.

Eitan Ginsburg provided details for the club tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum on November 19.

### Reports

**Finance:** Stefan said our finances are OK. Anyone who has receipts for reimbursement for the toy build should submit them to Jeff Bremer.

**Toy Committee:** The committee decided that toys that are produced in excess of our build goals can be sold at events to raise funds for future toy

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## Our President says...

*by Stefan Dusedau*

Thank you for the opportunity to be your SFVW President over the last two years. During that time, we saw the end of the pandemic Zoom meetings and the start of in-person meetings again!

We are grateful that our Vice President **Jim Baldridge** has volunteered to be our new President. We'd like to thank the new volunteers for stepping up, **Emily Lichtman** as the new Vice President, and **Luke Wyatt** as our Photographer. Of course, thank you also to our continuing volunteers: **Jeff Bremer** as Treasurer, **Eitan Ginsburg** as Secretary, **Ed Sheanin** as Webmaster, **Gary Coyne** as Publisher of the Plane Talk newsletter, **Ginger Gibson** as our Facebook administrator, and **Marc Collins** as our Audio/Video guru.

We had another successful Toy Build this year with over 1500 toys to be donated to local charities. Thanks once again to

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## December Event:

### *The Annual Holiday Party*

One of the mainstays of this time of the year is tradition, and one of our traditions is to get together and enjoy a lovely meal. This year, our BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) will be at Jonathan and Jan Min Nail house in Sherman Oaks. If you've not RSVPed for this event, please do here: <https://forms.gle/9WbjrBm9KXNb1G7MA>.

And, so you have it handy:

**Event Date:** Saturday December 9th

**Event Time:** 12pm

**Location:** 14746 Weddington Street, Sherman Oaks, 91411



## Who We Are

The club was formed in 1988 for the purpose of enhancing skills, providing information and sharing the joys of working with wood. The membership reflects a cross section of woodworking interests and skill levels - both hobbyist and professionals. Annual dues are \$35. Full-time student dues are \$15.

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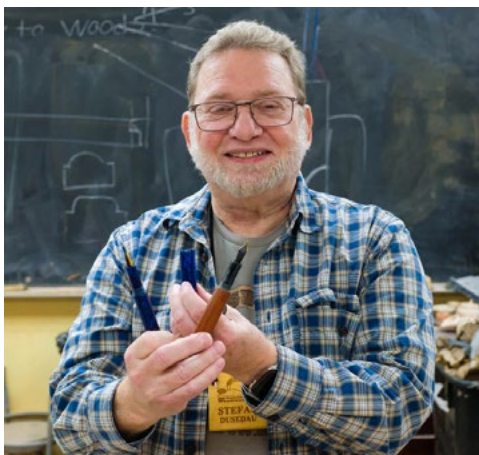
builds. Jim Kelly said he will continue to chair the Toy Committee in 2024.

Upcoming presentations:

- **December:** Holiday party
- **January:** Titebond glue representative
- **February:** open
- **March:** stained glass

## Q&A

Mike Wells asked about router profiles that might match a 1920s mission-style house window ledge he is helping a friend restore. One suggestion was to use router bits to get the profile close, then finish with either sandpaper backed by shaped foam, hollows & rounds; or scratch stock. Suggestions on matching the existing chestnut lumber included using redwood or beech and then touching it up to match the grain.



Luke Wyatt asked about sharpening jointer blades. Several suggested that you can eliminate a nick in the blades by shifting one of the blades horizontally.

## Club Business

Stefan announced nominees for club officers for the 2024 year. The following nominees were elected:

## Club Officers

President:	Stefan Dusedau
Vice President:	Jim Baldrige
Secretary:	Eitan Ginsburg
Treasurer:	Jeff Bremer.
Photographer	Luke Wyatt
Publisher:	Gary Coyne
Librarian:	Grant Christense
Web Master:	Ed Sheanin
Toy Chair:	Jim Kelly
Toy Distribution:	Sheila Rosenthal
Refreshments:	Open

- **President** – Jim Baldrige
- **Vice President** – Emily Lichtman
- **Toy Committee Chair** – Chuck Nickerson
- **Photographer** – Luke Wyatt
- **Secretary** – Eitan Ginsburg
- **Treasurer** – Jeff Bremer

## Mega Show & Tell

Stefan showed two (bespoke) fountain pens he had made and explained how the fine threading is done in cast resin (the threads are so fine that they would not survive in the pen's wooden body).

Chuck Nickerson showed a screw clamp he modified to accept removable inner jaws. The metal parts are available at Lee Valley.

Greg Golden showed a router trammel he purchased many years ago that attaches to the router base. It uses a 1/8" pin as the center point for cutting holes or



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## Upcoming Wood-related Events & Important News

from Jim Kelly

The following items of potential interest were found in the November – December 2023 issue of Woodworker West.

Woodworker West is a great source of events, sources, and items of interest for woodworkers of all types and abilities focusing on places in the Western US. For more information go to <http://www.woodwest.com>.

### Upcoming Events

**Now – December 31:** Close-out sale at Woodcraft, 10770 Talbert Ave., Fountain Valley, which will close its doors at year's end.

**December 1 – 31:** The online gallery Wood Symphony presents Art of Giving. More information at: [www.woodsymphony.com/](http://www.woodsymphony.com/).

**January 13 – February 23:** Escondido Arts Partnership Municipal Gallery presents its annual Wood & Furniture Show. More information at: [www.escondidoarts.org/](http://www.escondidoarts.org/).

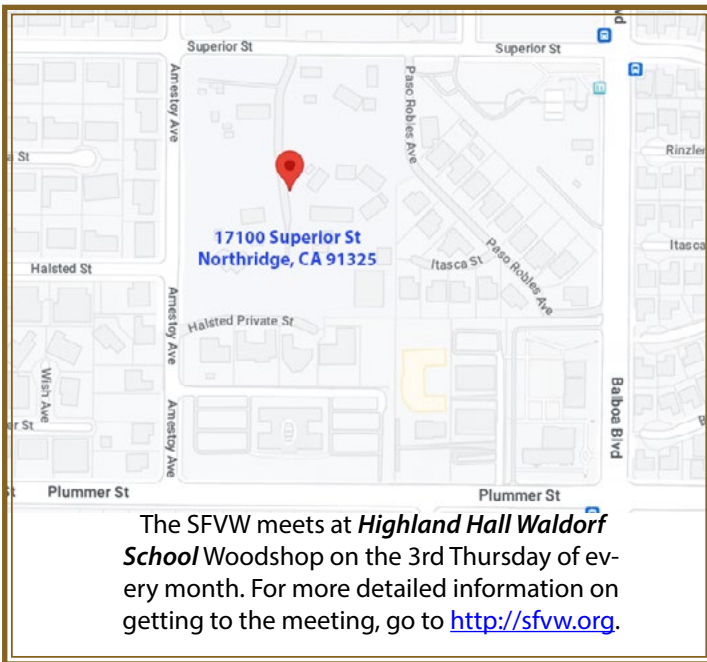
**January 27 – June 23:** Napa Valley Museum presents Warrior Dogs, wood sculptures by James Mellick. More information at: Warrior Dogs - Napa Valley Museum Yountville.

**February 16 – 18:** 37th National Arts and Crafts Conference will be held in the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. More information at: Home - The 37th National Arts and Crafts Conference ([arts-craftsconference.com](http://arts-craftsconference.com)).

**May 23 – 26:** 38th Annual Symposium of the American Association of Woodturners will take place in Portland, OR. More information at: [www.woodturner.org/](http://www.woodturner.org/)

miter slot in the table saw rather than riding against the fence, and he added a stop to the system, so that consistency is, well, consistent.

Mark Collins showed a carrier and platform he made for his WorkSharp sharpening system. It uses CBN wheels (CBN is the second-hardest material, after diamond, and has the benefit of dissipating heat during grinding). He made it with adjustable feet and added an adjustable Tormek support bar that allows him to use



The SFVW meets at **Highland Hall Waldorf School** Woodshop on the 3rd Thursday of every month. For more detailed information on getting to the meeting, go to <http://sfvw.org>.

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the perimeter of circles.

Jack Robbins showed a box he made to hold a wedding cake cutter and server. These are engraved with each couple in the family that gets married. The box was made from walnut, ebony, and lacewood. The box itself has a lacquer finish.

Luke Wyatt showed a music

box he had made recently from walnut, oak, and maple. The mechanism came from "Music Box Attic" in Canoga Park. He also showed a prototype of a mid-century modern-style chair he is working on.

Gary Coyne showed a taper jig that he got the basic design from a YouTube video but made several changes/additions: his jig runs along the



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# TOY BUILD 2023

by Greg Golden

The Club met on Oct. 21 and 22 at El Camino Real Charter High School in Woodland Hills. We were very fortunate to once again have access to the 5,000 square foot workshop with its more than adequate workbenches and its plethora of large-scale power tools. Though we did not use the power tools for our assembly process, the workbench space was a great asset. We put 12+ eager members to work for two days, as we assembled and boxed 1500+ handmade toys for needy children.

SFVW member Don Schuster pointed out that a fitting "thank you" to the Shop would be a contribution to its scholarship fund. Since the passing of former shop teacher Bob Ganssle in 2012, the staff and administration established the "Ganssle Award" Scholarship Fund in Spring 2013. Every June, the Fund awards the two best wood-working students with cash scholarships so that they can pursue the craft.

I spoke briefly with Jacob Friedberg, the current woodshop instructor. He was most happy to help us out, and equally happy that we are interested in the Ganssle program. Friedberg remarked that this school's PSTA was dissolved recently and as such, that group no longer funds half the Ganssle award. Thus, any help we can give to their scholarship program will be appreciated.

[Unless our Treasurer Jeff Bremer wants to manage the collection and disbursal of these donations,]

Donations can be sent to the current shop teacher, Jacob Friedberg, using Zelle, to mobile number 818-419-3991. Write "WOODSHOP" in remarks.

## From the Web

🔗 The mistake that cost me half my lumber  
<https://tinyurl.com/5cmax3hy>

🔗 Sick of fancy YouTube workshops? You'll like this video...  
<https://tinyurl.com/4ypr5ayx>

🔗 How To Cut A Perfect Dado Joint On The Table Saw  
<https://tinyurl.com/2smjwern>

🔗 5 woodworking gifts you can make [Note: at the end, there are links to many other "gifts to make."]  
<https://tinyurl.com/mpak7ytp>

🔗 When the Gift Box IS the Gift! | Wine Box | The Wood Whisperer  
<https://tinyurl.com/wn59t4un>

🔗 Chemical Ebonizing  
<https://tinyurl.com/3u4xwtmu>

🔗 Great adhesive tapes for shop and home

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Swaner Hardwoods and Anderson Plywood, who have provided generous donations of wood supplies for our toys. Please be sure to thank and to patronize these vendors. In case you haven't heard, Swaner has opened a great retail store in Burbank, near the airport.

A huge thank you to our Toy Leads:

- **Jim Kelly** did a great job Chairing the Toy Committee, procuring the wood for our projects from our generous donors, and he was in charge of picking up and distributing the wood.
- **Jim Baldridge** organized and built teen boxes.
- **Jeff Bremer** headed up and built treasure chests and race cars.
- **Jim Cabernoch** built animal push toys, cars and buses.
- **Grant Christensen** built Model T pickups, Model T roadsters, Yo-yos, Star Wars spaceships and tabletop hockey sets.
- **Marc Collins** spearheaded and built block trucks.
- **Cliff Lobell** coordinated and built hot rods, animal push toys, and stacking blocks.
- **Chuck Nickerson** organized and built cradles and hand mirrors.
- **Jack Robbins** directed and built the white boards and marble toys. He let us use his space for builds, storage, and he and Lorene hosted our past Holiday Celebration.
- **Ed Sheanin** managed and built chess boards, sports cars, piggy banks, and dolls.
- **A big thank you** to Sheila Rosenthal for coordinating and distributing of all these fabulous toys to local needy children via charitable organizations.

Thank you to **Beverly Baldridge, Karen Lobell, Lisa Melcombe, Lorene Robbins, and Donna Rothman** for making the dolls that go in the cradles. Thank you, **Lorene Robbins**, for making some of our tiny doll-sized quilts and for arranging to get more tiny quilts from the generous quilters of the San Fernando Valley Quilt Association and Valley Quiltmakers Guild.

We appreciate every club member who gave their time to help with building these wonderful toys. It takes all of us pitching in throughout the year to get this big-hearted job done.

Holiday party information: Our "Bring Your Own Food Holiday Party" will be on Saturday, December 9th, and it will be hosted by Jonathan and Jan Min Nail. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As always, be safe.

Happy Holidays,

Stefan

<https://tinyurl.com/ynr9yv6e>

🔗 3 Ways To Stop Jigsaw Tearout (Quick Tip)  
<https://tinyurl.com/5fw76waw>

🔗 Bandsawing Secret Technique!  
<https://tinyurl.com/4r54c7mr>

🔗 How to make killer shop storage (w/out pegboard)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwxdovijdZo>



their jigs on the WorkSharp.

Ron Sabatino showed a display box he made for a glass ball made from walnut and edge-grain wenge. He pointed out that he measured and measured, but the box was 1/8" too short. But that was because when he measured, he didn't account for the recessed lid. It was easily corrected, and his mistake was a good reminder for the rest of us.



Emily Lichtman displayed a wood mosaic painting made with walnut diamonds showing a tumbling block pattern. These were arranged over a gold resin background and mounted on plywood. She stained some of the walnut diamonds to develop a three-dimensional effect.



Sammy Azaren showed a set of three nesting oval Shaker boxes he made at the Community Workshop in Glendale. The boxes are made from very thin strips of cherry, steam bent to make the oval form, and secured with copper rivets.





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*To all of those who participated in the Quilt Sale and the Toy Build — Thank YOU!!*

