

# SFVW

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## San Fernando Valley Woodworkers since 1988

<http://sfvw.org/>

### Monthly Meetings

Our meetings are *normally* held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM, at the Balboa Park Sports Complex, Gym Building, at 17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino.

### Meeting Minutes

*by Jim Kelly*

Minutes of the San Fernando Valley Woodworkers' meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Stefan Dusedau at 7:06 PM. We had one new member present, David, who used to work in a cabinet shop and now pursues woodworking as a hobby, using more hand tools.

#### Announcements/Reports

Jeff Bremer reported that we brought in almost \$1,400 at the quilt show. He shared a couple of photos of the variety of items the club members made and donated.

Jim Kelly reported that we are on track to donate about 1,500 toys to the charities. Sheila is working with the toy leads to organize getting the toys to a central location and then out to the charities.

Gregg Masini announced that Rockler has resumed the gift card program. When members make a visit to the Pasadena Rockler, they need to make the sales associate aware that they are members of SFVW. This will get them a 10% discount. When the associate marks the visit in their binder, we are a step closer to a \$20 gift card. The gift cards will be used as prizes when we re-

### Our President says...

*by Stefan Dusedau*

After months of turning pens, I was looking for a change. One thing that has always been in the back of my mind to try was to build a stringed instrument. A while back, I had looked at several options to do this and never actually went ahead. This time I thought it would be great to build a Mandolin or some other small instrument.

One of the places I had looked at was MusicMakers.

Com, and as it turned out, while I was contemplating what to do, they sent an email about a sale they were having. So, I looked at their site and decided to build a Strumbly, which is a relative of the Mandolin. There are a couple of options that they offer: a complete instrument, a kit that is pre-cut, and a set of plans for the instrument. Given that I hadn't made a stringed instrument before, I decided to get the pre-cut kit. The kit arrived within a week, and I was excited to open it and see what I had gotten.

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### December Presentation: The Return of The Non-potluck Potluck!

December's presentation will be everyone's picnic spread. As you are aware, because of Covid, we chose again not to have our annual banquet indoors. Instead, as we did last year, we are getting together at Jack and Lorene Robbin's big backyard

Also, as this is Lorene's Birthday, there will be cake for all. Otherwise, this will be a BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything). We have enough seating and tables for about 40, with several options for more seats and tables.

**IMPORTANT:** Please RSVP so we know how many are coming. If you plan on bringing your spouse (and please do), include them in your count. Just email who's coming to [gscoyne@icloud.com](mailto:gscoyne@icloud.com)

Our annual BYOE will be on Dec 12th at 12:30 at 20738 Bryant Street, Winnetka, 91309. Hope to see you there!

**Vaccinations Required**

*November Presentation: Toy Contest and Show and Tell; the special edition.*

*by SFVW members*

Please contact Gary, Marc, or Jeff to let us know if you want to be included in this special event.

## 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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sume in-person meetings.

Gregg also announced that the new manager at Rockler has offered to host our monthly meetings. More to follow.

Gary announced that three articles he did on wood have been posted in the Woodworkers Guild of America website. You can find them here:

Understanding Wood: <https://tinyurl.com/dkkafj37>

Commonly Used Woods: <https://tinyurl.com/3vz37spe>

Upping Your Wood Buying Game: <https://tinyurl.com/3rz9w4f4>

### Program Report

Stefan reported that the evening's speaker would be Kate Haro of Bullseye Turning Supplies, who will explain the process they use to stabilize wood. November will be the toy competition and election of new officers. December 10 will be a bring-your-own meal picnic at the Robbins home. We need presentations for next year.

### Questions

The question was asked using the Rockler router table box joint jig. The member is having trouble with the spacing changing as he moves from piece to piece. Others said that wasn't unusual, and the solution is to really crank down on all the locking knobs, so they are truly locked in place.

The question was asked how to make a hexagonal block with a center hole. The answer was to start with a square block a little larger than the final product. Find the center and use a compass to lay out a circle on the blank. Then, without changing the setting on the compass, pick a starting point on the circle and proceed to step around the perimeter. The marks will be approximately one-sixth of the circumference. Connect the points, use the bandsaw to cut off the excess, and drill press to drill the center hole.

### Tips

Jeff explained how he uses the blue paper towels sold in auto parts and big box stores to finish his projects. He cuts the towel in half and then folds one half successively until he has a pad about one inch on a side. He then wraps that pad with the other half of the towel to produce a finishing pad. He can refold the outer half to expose new finishing surfaces as needed.

Ed Sheanin suggested using shop-made sanding blocks;

## Club Officers

President: Stefan Dusedau

Program Chair: Glen Dresser

Secretary: Eitan Ginsburg

Treasurer: Jeff Bremer.

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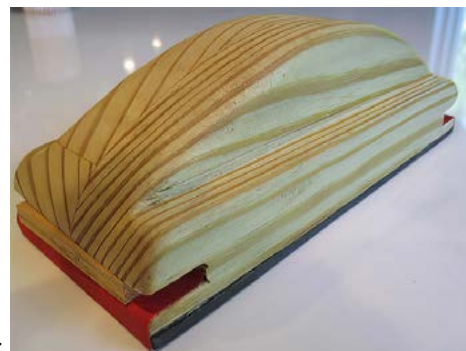
Web Master: Ed Sheanin

Toy Chair: Jim Kelly

Toy Distribution: Sheila Rosenthal

Refreshments: Open

he uses scraps of 2" X 8"s glued together and then bandsaw to shape. The dimensions are 2-3/4" x 7" x 2-1/2" high. The slot on each end is 1/4" wide and 1/2" deep. The 1/4" thick wedges that go in the slots holding the sandpaper in place are slightly tapered lengthwise. He used contact cement to glue the packing rubber (found in the plumbing section of ACE Hardware) onto the bottom. You can use cork instead of rubber if you wish.



### The Program

Kate Haro of Bullseye Turning Supply in Duarte explained how her company stabilizes wood for turning and other applications. The first step is to remove the excess water from the wood. This is done by weighing the item{s} and then placing them in an oven at 220° F for 24 hours. The item is then weighed again. The item is returned to the

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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 2022 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>.

### Events

**October 12 – 13:** The Design, 2-Part Show takes place in December 17: The American Association of Woodturners has announced the theme for their 2023 member show will be Out of the Woods. Also, they are having a virtual demonstration by Rebecca DeGroot December 17. More information at: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

**Now through January 9:** The Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena presents Modernism in Miniature. The exhibit explores the use of small works of art from wooden toys and boxes to prints. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/5b3zy2yy>

**Now through February 5:** The exhibit Scandinavian Design and the United States is at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/j2hay66j>.

**November 19:** The San Diego Woodturners will have a hybrid demo by Stuart Batty. More information at: Calen-

dar | San Diego Woodturners ([sdwt.org](http://sdwt.org)).

**November 19:** Tool Swap Meet at Anderson Plywood. More information at: Old Tool Swap Meet | Anderson Plywood. More info: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3rmv8y>

**November 19 – October 3:** The Maloof Historic Residence presents Larry White: Equilibrium, showing the work of Sam Maloof's long time assistant. More information at: Tours | Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation <https://www.malooffoundation.org>

**December 1 – 31:** The online gallery, Wood Symphony, presents Art of Giving, entry deadline November 15. More information at: [www.woodsymphony.com](http://www.woodsymphony.com).

**January 11 :** The Diablo Woodworkers will have virtual presentations by Greg Zall. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/48ps64rs>.

**January 13 – February 24:** The Escondido Arts Partnership Gallery hosts the 13th annual Wood: A Furniture Show. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/4c8trtcd>

**April 13 – 15:** The National Association of Music Merchants holds its 2023 NAMM Show at the Anaheim Convention Center. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/yca3y6fa>

**June 7 – July 4, 2023:** The San Diego County Fair hosts the 40th annual Design in Wood exhibition. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fwj58xh>

**July 25 – 28, 2023:** the Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers will host their AWFS Fair at the Las Vegas Convention Center. More information at: [www.awfsfair.org](http://www.awfsfair.org).

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oven for four more hours, after which it is weighed again. The process continues in this manner until there is no weight loss. The wood is then placed in a vacuum chamber, where it is covered with resin. A vacuum is then drawn on the chamber and held until bubbles stop emitting from the wood. At this point, the water and air have been removed from the wood and replaced with resin. The resin won't bleed into other wood surfaces. The process will make pine as dense as oak. Dyes can be added to the resin to color the wood. The process works best with less dense woods, such as grape vines. The process can also be used with wood that has become too crumbly to use, such as spalted wood. Her company website is Bullseye Turning Supply.

For the technically curious, the vacuum chambers are acrylic tubes about six inches in diameter and 30 – 60 inches long. The wood is stacked in the chamber to within about six inches of the top, and the resin is two to three inches above the wood. After sealing the top, a vacuum pump, like that used by refrigeration mechanics, is used to pull the vacuum. The pump is lubricated with mineral oil, which is changed after each run. The waste oil is mixed with sawdust and disposed of.

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The first thing I did was read the instructions and check the contents of the kit. The instructions said that there should be 3 strings included, and I only found 2, and the numbers that were supposed to be stamped on the neck to assist in playing were not there. I called the company, and they were very helpful and sent the missing string as well as another complete set. As far as the stamps on the neck were concerned, it turned out there was a whole run of necks missing the stamps. I asked how the numbers were supposed to be laid out and decided that the easiest thing to do was to use my own stamp set.

I have enjoyed working on this kit, and after building the Strumbly, I feel more confident about building a stringed instrument from a plan.

This was my first experience purchasing a kit. If you are looking to expand your woodworking knowledge and want to create something new, a kit may be the way to go.

Stay safe.

Happy woodworking,

Stefan



## From the Web

📌 Squaring/Jointing Oversized Material On The Table Saw

<https://tinyurl.com/zvuadjxn>

📌 TWO EASY WAYS to Make a SACRIFICIAL FENCE for the Table Saw

<https://tinyurl.com/55ehvhyd>

📌 Royal Italian Writing Desk and Armchair

<https://tinyurl.com/2u9b6pc8>

📌 Making a wooden fractal vise | Mini Workbench

<https://tinyurl.com/3644buje>

📌 7 Tool upgrades I wish I'd found YEARS Ago!

<https://tinyurl.com/3v6eta7k>

📌 Making a Few Juice Groove Jigs - Which one is best??

<https://tinyurl.com/3rba2prw>

📌 Make Wood Threads with this Amazing Router Jig!

<https://tinyurl.com/4yc2bmy3>

📌 The Woodworking Problem Solver | CA Glue

<https://tinyurl.com/3dfe9nwz>

📌 Making Tight-Fitting Trays for a Box

<https://tinyurl.com/2rzet8pj>

📌 Japanese Blades

<https://tinyurl.com/tt7ak9rw>

📌 Wood A look at this fundamental material

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8kn4tf>

📌 Milling Rough Lumber Without a Jointer Using a Few Simple Jigs

<https://tinyurl.com/29ywxmdd>

📌 How to cut EVERY ANGLE on your Miter Saw - Acute Angle Jig - Quick Tip

<https://tinyurl.com/2m7v3bzs>

📌 Dovetail Jig for the Table Saw // Woodworking Joinery

<https://tinyurl.com/2f6rcuxh>

📌 Our 20 Best Router Tips and Tricks

<https://tinyurl.com/2tvr2av>

📌 Make cleaner jigsaw cuts

<https://tinyurl.com/27kywbcf>

📌 Get better cuts from any circular saw

<https://tinyurl.com/bdh2pp3x>

📌 15 Tablesaw Hacks

<https://tinyurl.com/3mc8m8h9>

📌 Shape Aprons and Under-Rails

<https://tinyurl.com/4crmd2s5>

📌 Flat and True

<https://tinyurl.com/ye27xrk8>

📌 Make a sliding shoji screen

<https://tinyurl.com/4t368n96>

📌 Guide to workshop dust control

<https://tinyurl.com/44wzakjr>

📌 The humble dowel joint

<https://tinyurl.com/ydk738pc>

📌 A Woodworker's Guide to Upholstery

<https://tinyurl.com/3zy8kmms>

## The Maloof House on YouTube

*by Gary Coyne*

Found this by accident, but it's a slow tour of the Maloof House by Larry White, one of the master craftsmen who has carried out Maloof's work.

Go to YouTube and search for "Deep House with Larry White." Sadly, while YouTube's algorithms will keep you glued to many videos that you may or may not like, when you look for a specific thing, it will find that and many other subjects. So when you do this search, you get this and a number of other completely non-related things. In addition, what it does display will not be in any order. However, if you scroll up and down, you can find the various episodes (there are many). It's up to you to put them in order. Here's a link to that search: <https://tinyurl.com/4umhdptz>

Be aware that this starts out slow, but after about 2:30, when White is talking about a table in the breakfast area, you'll see what these videos have to offer.

## Your Articles and Images Here!

If you think your articles, thoughts, and images belong here, you are correct. What you get out of Plane Talk is directly proportional to what you put in.

If you are one of the contributors to this upcoming Show & Tell, Tips & Tricks meeting, be sure to send me your photos (and any added text you may want to add). And they will be in the next issue.