



## San Fernando Valley Woodworkers since 1988

<http://sfvw.org/>

### Meeting Minutes

by Eitan Ginsburg

SFVW – Minutes July 20, 2023 meeting

Club President, Stefan Dusedau, welcomed new members and asked them to introduce themselves. Tom Myers lives in Northern California and is a member of Diablo Woodworkers. He is a lifelong woodworker and used to run a cabinet shop period he is in the process of building a new, big shop at home to do a variety of crafts, including wood, metal, auto, fiberglass, and plastic. Henry Roberts is originally from Florida, near Orlando. He works in the film industry and is very new to woodworking.

#### Announcements

Important dates: The quilt boutique is on October 14th. We need donations of items to sell to raise funds for the club. Also, the toy build weekend will be on October 21-22 at El Camino Real high school in Woodland Hills.

Jack Robbins and Tom Ferkel brought some tools they were selling. Also, Dave Feiner is giving away a vintage hold-down, featherboard, and latex gloves.

Stefan said that club logo shirts are available for purchase, and Jeff Bremer said he would plan another wooden plane-building workshop if anyone is interested.

Ten percent discount cards for Rockler are available for club members. Check with Gregg Masini.

#### Reports

Finance: Jeff Bremer said that we are doing OK.

Toy Committee: Jim Kelly said we are on target for building more than 1000 toys this year. He thanked Anderson Plywood and Swaner Lumber, who donated thousands of

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### Our President says...

by Stefan Dusedau

When I first joined our club, the thing that most impressed and excited me was the club's focus on giving back to the community. Building toys for underprivileged children is something I really feel proud of and enjoy.

The unique opportunity to give back through our toy build also gives us the chance to enjoy the comradery of the group workshops.

Studies have shown that volunteering has many health benefits. Some of the benefits are: Improved Mental Well-being, Reduced Stress, Enhanced Physical Health, Cognitive Stimulation, and a Sense of Purpose and Meaning. Of course, in our case, we can also gain skills in woodworking. When working with others on a project, I always pick up new techniques or just a little trick to

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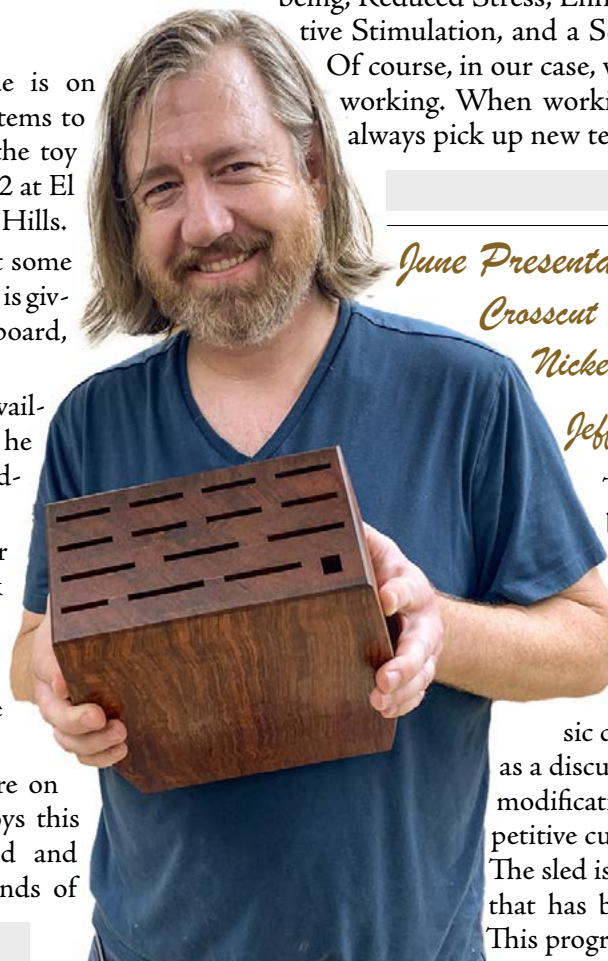
### June Presentation:

Crosscut Sleds by Chuck

Nickerson; Eitan Ginsburg; &

Jeff Bremer

This month's presentation will be focused on the crosscut sled for table saws. This is sure to be very informative as it will be presented by three very experienced craftsmen. The presentation will cover the basic design features of a sled. As well as a discussion on the various methods of modification for single cuts to multiple repetitive cuts for mass production of parts. The sled is probably the most versatile "jig" that has been adapted for the table saw. This program is sure not to disappoint!



## 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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dollars worth of material for us to build the toys. Please consider patronizing these vendors; they also offer a discount for club members.

- ✦ **Anderson Plywood:** 4020 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230. 310-397-8229, [andersonplywood.com](http://andersonplywood.com)
- ✦ **Swaner Hardwood & Lumber:** 5 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91502. 818-953-5350 [swanerhardwood.com/](http://swanerhardwood.com/)

### Upcoming presentations

- ✦ **August:** Crosscut sleds by Chuck Nickerson, Eitan Ginsburg, and Jeff Bremer.
- ✦ **September:** Jigs & Fixtures
- ✦ **October:** Chisel Techniques by Chuck Nickerson
- ✦ **November:** Toy Contest and Mega Show & Tell (with prizes for donated toys)
- ✦ **December:** Holiday party

### Safety Talk

Jeff Bremer addressed jointer safety: The minimum size of a board to use on the jointer is 3/8" thick and 12" long. Keep the jointer tables clear and waxed (both for rust protection and to keep the top slippery. Never use it with the blade guard removed. Always Use appropriate push sticks — it is better to take several small cuts than one deep cut. Orient the grain



downhill towards the table, which will result in a smoother cut and less resistance, and less tear out.

Walk your work along the tables, don't stretch and lean over to finish your cut. Always try to keep a push block over the region of the blades, but do not overly press down — keep the pressure even.

Generally, keep the cup or bowed side of the board down against the table or fence. If there are any spots or regions

## Club Officers

President:	Stefan Dusedau
Vice President:	Jim Baldrige
Secretary:	Eitan Ginsburg
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Web Master:	Ed Sheanin
Toy Chair:	Jim Kelly
Toy Distribution:	Sheila Rosenthal
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that are significantly high, use a hand plane to take the high spots off first.

After flattening the bottom of one side, use that side against the fence for edge joining. When edge joining, keep your hands above the fence if possible. If you have a magnetic featherboard, that can be helpful when edge jointing.

### Q&A

Gary Hirsch asked how to keep spindle sander drums tight. One suggestion was to turn the nut down harder with pliers. Another person suggested cleaning the rubber drum with (real) mineral spirits before putting the drum on. Another person suggested adding a layer of electrical tape or hockey stick tape on the drum.

### Tips & Tricks

Mark Collins said that a nice finishing touch on a project is to "clock" your screws. Clocking screws means lining up the slots so they are identical.

Steve Sampietro said that golf tees are good if you need to fill screw holes. Gary added that pencil sharpeners are good when you want to match wood species.

Eitan Ginsburg said that when installing brass hinges, you can use the same size of steel screws first, then after the box

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## Upcoming Wood-related Events & Important News

from Jim Kelly

The following items of potential interest were found in the July – August 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 - October 3:** The Maloof Historic Residence presents Larry White: Equilibrium, showing the work of Sam Maloof's long time assistant. More information [HERE](#)

**Now – August 13:** The Orange County Fair hosts Fine Arts Woodworking Show. Entry deadline May 26. More information at: [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com).

**Now through August 13:** The Channel Islands Woodturners will be demonstrating at the Ventura County Fair. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2987sm>.

**August 19:** Tool Swap Meet at Anderson Plywood. More information at: [www.andersonplywood.com/](http://www.andersonplywood.com/)

**September 1 – 30:** The online gallery Wood Symphony presents: Small Treasures. More information at: [www.woodsymphony.com/](http://www.woodsymphony.com/).

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

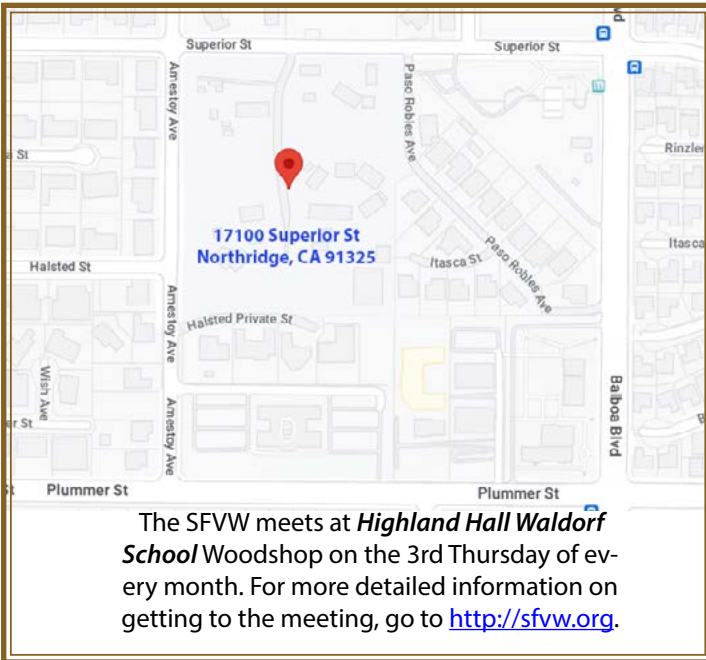
a very smooth finish. He also showed several inspirational books that he purchased during a recent trip.

Mark Collins showed a knife block that he had made. It has a curved body on three sides and was made from bubinga and finished in BLO, shellac, and spray pre-catalyzed lacquer. Chuck Nickerson explained that BLO (Boiled Linseed Oil)

brings out the chatoyance in the wood. This effect depends on the molecular weight of the finish. Polyurethane has a very high molecular weight, around 2500. BLO is around 500 or

20% of that, so it allows more reflective light. Tung oil also has a very molecular weight. Jeff Bremer said that he sands to 320 and then wet sands BLO using 2000 grit sandpaper.

Chuck noted that Brian Miller is teaching a great class on finishing at Cerritos College.



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is completely done, replace the steel screws with brass ones at the very end.

Steve Veenstra said gunsmithing screwdrivers are very good for small screws.

Chuck Nickerson said Grace USA sells a very nice quality screwdriver.

Jonathan Nail said that a light application of paraffin wax on the sole of a plane helps reduce friction. Tom Ferkel puts paraffin wax on brads before nailing them into a jig because it makes them easy to pull out.

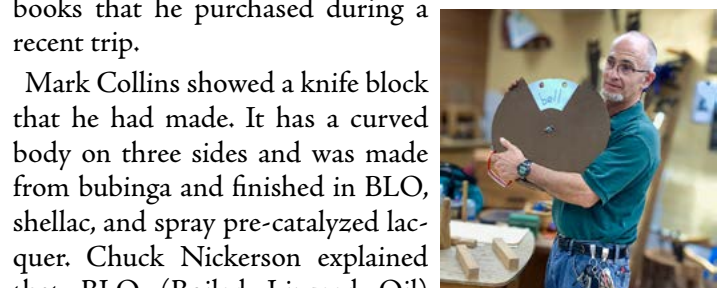


### Show & Tell

Steve Veenstra showed two bowls he made with resin and Macassar Ebony. He also showed an octagonal box he made from padauk.

Steve Sampietro showed two teaching aids he made. One has red and green disks for Stop & Go. He used space balls inside each end to keep it from clacking loudly. The second teaching aid he uses to engage students has a whiteboard rotary panel inside a frame to write questions on. As it rotates, there are detents that catch it to stop rotating at the right location.

Calvin Sov showed a cherry fork and purpleheart spatula that he hand-carved. They were wet-sanded using 3000 and 8000-grit sandpaper with BLO (boiled linseed oil). He explained that the sawdust-BLO slurry cures in the pores of the wood and results in



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## From the Web

- Step Aside, Rubio; The Game has Changed | Hardwax Oil Comparison | The Wood Whisperer  
<https://tinyurl.com/ycyrky8>
- Epoxy vs Rubio Monocoat vs Polyurethane vs Lacquer  
<https://tinyurl.com/y42j7f9m>
- Watch this before using polyurethane wood finish!  
<https://tinyurl.com/6cvy9kcw>
- Odie's Oil vs. Rubio Monocoat: Why I Will Never Use Odie's Oil Again  
<https://tinyurl.com/yn6cekwf>
- 8 Common Chisel Sharpening Mistakes To Avoid  
<https://tinyurl.com/3wmc6wts>
- How does a woodworking master get a perfect fit for his table saw every time? / for all workshops  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p89bphe>
- Get these 5 things from SMALL BUSINESSES while you can!  
<https://tinyurl.com/4x5z2fby>
- \$6,000 SawStop RUINED  
<https://tinyurl.com/3kjfvz36>
- Rust Removal for Woodworking Tools (the ad stops at 40")  
<https://tinyurl.com/2wjrmcxz>
- Rust Prevention in Your Woodworking Shop (the ad stops at 1'30")  
<https://tinyurl.com/x9yn6dxr>
- Using Titebond Hide Glue  
<https://tinyurl.com/abcwpm3r>
- 4 Ways to Cut Circles in Wood / DIY Circle Cutting Jigs  
<https://tinyurl.com/ysvmbszr>

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### Presentation

Mike Wells did a presentation on blacksmithing in the school shop adjacent to the wood shop. He showed the setup and use of the forge and blower (he uses coal). He suggested that someone wanting to do blacksmithing at home purchase a propane forge, which is not very expensive, has a small footprint, and is cleaner and easier to manage than a coal forge. He demonstrated forging a square nail from a bar of steel, drawing it out, tapering the body, and shaping the head.

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make the process easier.

Join us for the individual toy project builds and feel better about life in general.

If you're not available now, be sure to save the dates so you can be a part of the final build event on October 21st and 22nd.

Be safe.

Happy Woodworking,

- Early Lathes and The Gramercy Tools Treadle Lathe - A Time To Turn  
<https://tinyurl.com/3rp7ckbx>
- 10 Woods Species Not To Use In Woodworking Projects  
<https://tinyurl.com/yc7nyjc>
- Router inlays | Who knew it could be that easy!?  
<https://tinyurl.com/cvkv59k>
- Adjustable Dado and Mortise Jig - Cut ANY size dado you need!  
<https://tinyurl.com/5n8hu4c2>
- Dovetail FAQs: Answers to the Most Common Questions About Dovetail Joints  
<https://tinyurl.com/yc6c3p3s>
- How To Drill an 8" hole when the Drill Press only goes 3.5" ???  
<https://tinyurl.com/4kkt76fu>
- No-fail Routines for Jointing and Planing  
<https://tinyurl.com/pxppwusk>
- How do I prevent ripples when jointing?  
<https://tinyurl.com/yckm46zk>
- Planer tricks & truths  
<https://tinyurl.com/t4hftzmv>
- Bench Hooks: The Fastest Way to Steady Boards When Hand Sawing  
<https://tinyurl.com/yv5ukjct>
- Hall table [how to make (with plans)]  
<https://tinyurl.com/5hxa2r4t>
- Great adhesive tapes for shop and home  
<https://tinyurl.com/5dp38wku>
- Block Plane Tips and Techniques  
<https://tinyurl.com/yc58v5vw>
- Tips and Tricks for using a Pocket-hole Jig  
<https://tinyurl.com/4vj8ahx4>



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## The Quilt Show!



As you may know, the SFVW received a healthy amount of our budget by selling items at the Valley Quilmakers Guild & the San Fernando Valley Quild in their *Fall Boutique*. However, to sell things, we need things to sell!

If you have any questions on things that can be made and if you need any wood to make items for this event, please talk to Jeff Bremer ((310) 740-6892).

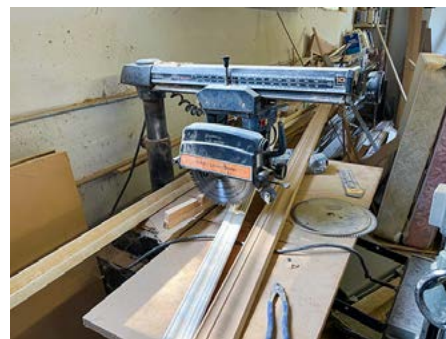
The Show will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023. If you'd also like to help behind the counter, please let Jeff know. It will be at the Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, 91324.

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A friend of Dave McClave has passed away and his widow wants to give these Away. They are located in Agoura Hills. Call Dave for more information, @: 818-800-0034.



## McClave's Carvings

*By Dave McClave*

Here's an image of a coffee table I've almost finished (Eastern Red Cedar). I was a swimmer in high school and college, and I wondered what to do with my medals. I decided to inlay this gold medal I won for individual medley and carve a butterfly swimmer (first stroke of medley) to illustrate. The chambered nautilus is the symbol of the complex in Oxnard (where I now live).



For a slew of more photos of Mike at work taken by Calvin Sov, [click on this link](#)