

SFVW

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San Fernando Valley Woodworkers since 1988

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Meeting Minutes

by Eitan Ginsburg

Club members, spouses, and significant others gathered together for a relaxing social gathering at Jonathan and Jan Min Nail's home.

Everyone enjoyed lunch, desserts, jovial conversation, and raffle prizes. Jonathan gave us a tour of his workshop and showed several pieces of furniture he had under construction (an outdoor table, and a dining table and chairs).

Outgoing club president Stefan Dusedau was presented with a personalized gift and a doll with his likeness. Jim Baldrige has undertaken to serve as our new president.

It was announced that the club will resume meeting at the Balboa Recreation Center (our pre-Covid location) beginning in February. As much as we appreciated meeting in the woodshop at Highland Hall School (and will meet there one last time in January for the presentation from Titebond), the Rec Center location works better for our members.

See you in January!

Our President says...

by Jim Baldrige

Happy New Year to all!!!

Well, as my first act as president of the SFVW, I am addressing all of you for the first time by writing this article. (Woohoo!) I feel somewhat awkward, but I am certain that with our former leadership's guidance, I will become comfortable in this new

position. Also, leadership cannot be successful without being approachable. Please feel free to let me know your concerns, one at a time!

Last year, we ended with another successful toy build and distribution to our charities. With the continued leader-

ship of Jim Kelly, our Toy Committee chair, I am certain this year will be another successful year. Do you have a toy you

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Dues are now Due!
If you haven't paid yet, it's time. Our dues are \$35 per year (\$15 for students), and our esteemed Treasurer, Jeff Bremer, can take your dues via check, cash or Venmo.
If you need to contact Jeff for any questions, his email and phone number or on the next page in the Club Officers.



*January Presentation: Titebond Glue
Glue Science and Techniques with
Bob Behnke*

Titebond Glue representative Bob Behnke will be joining our January 18th meeting via Zoom to present on Glue Science and Techniques. He will discuss all aspects of gluing and proper methods for the best glue-ups. The 90-minute presentation will start promptly at 7:00 pm (our presenter is on the East Coast), so please arrive early to make sure that we can start on time. Be sure to "stick" around after for our first meeting of 2024!

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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would like to see built, and/or are you interested in helping us build toys? I am encouraging all of us in the club to step up and become involved in our toy production this year. Beginning in January, the Toy Committee will have already met to begin laying out our production for the year. This is prior to our January general membership monthly meeting. If you want to participate, please contact Jim (see contact information on Page 2 of this newsletter).

Our December annual holiday party was a big success at the Nail's home. It was a wonderful time for all who attended. As a bonus, Jonathan shared with us a tour of his shop and several of his projects. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Nail family for hosting the event.

There are several things that I would like members to think about prior to this month's meeting. First, please arrive on time at Highland Hall and get settled in. Our guest speaker will be speaking to us from a remote location on Zoom due to his time zone (East Coast)! Mr. Bob Behnke will begin his presentation PROMPTLY AT 7pm. Our general meeting will follow after his presentation. Second, ask yourself what can I DO to contribute to the success of our club? Third, who do I know that I could invite to join our club? Fourth, what project am I going to work on that I can bring to a meeting to share with members. You can share your project with a us by doing a slide show or even a Power Point presentation. And finally, do I know a youth looking to gain volunteer hours. If so, reach out to them and invite them to participate in the club with us. Our membership has a lot to offer the youth in our communities!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting!

Let the sawdust fly,

Jim Baldrige



PAST & PRESIDENT

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Toy Distribution:	Sheila Rosenthal
Refreshments:	Open

Dave's Carvings

By Dave McClave

I took an old coffee table with a chipped black painted top and replaced it with tongue and grooved Eastern Red Cedar planks. The logo of the apartment complex is a chambered nautilus, so I carved that on it (hard to see in sunlight), plus a swimmer doing the butterfly (too small to be seen in this photo). In the center of nautilus is a gold medal from my college swimming days. I did the cedar carving of California as a Christmas gift for a friend.



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>.

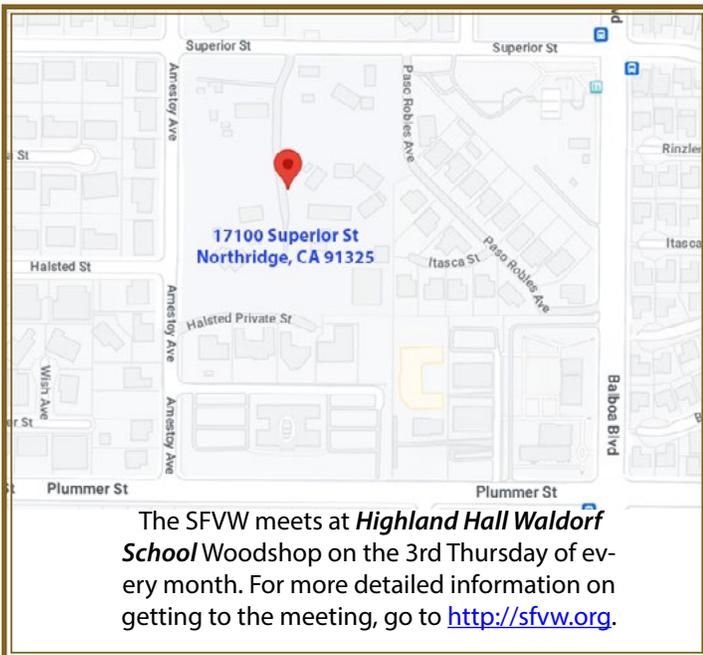
Upcoming Events

January 13 – February 23: Escondido Arts Partnership Municipal Gallery presents its annual Wood & Furniture Show. More information at: 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).

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



From the Web

📌 Planning For Wood Movement: Easier Than You Think (Equation And Calculator)

<http://tinyurl.com/yc33xpdp>

📌 Leave The Myths To Ovid

<http://tinyurl.com/2pvkp9jn>

📌 How to make killer shop storage (w/out pegboard)

<http://tinyurl.com/578cshht>

📌 This may change how you use your miter saw

<http://tinyurl.com/3442ah23>

📌 This makes pine look so much better

<http://tinyurl.com/yc2cct4d>

📌 7 Ways to Fix Common Woodworking Mistakes

<http://tinyurl.com/bdexhmr>

📌 Making a Knife from a Saw Blade (Requires basic membership to view (not very expensive))

<http://tinyurl.com/dyme3zrj>

📌 Making a Lie-Nielsen Plane From Start to Finish

<http://tinyurl.com/5fjfm38h>

📌 Delboy's Garage, Auto Drill Bit Sharpener, Tool Review

<http://tinyurl.com/yre6tzyy>

📌 Drawer Joinery Explained | Paul Sellers

<http://tinyurl.com/4nd2nm5j>

📌 Making Your Own Apple Box | A Quick Tutorial

<http://tinyurl.com/dhjj6957>

📌 Thickness Planer Tune Up and Maintenance

<http://tinyurl.com/4ayehhnv>

📌 Easy steps to gluing

<http://tinyurl.com/y4pw4497>

📌 How To Cut Round Mortise And Tenons (Mostly By Hand: Simple & Efficient Joinery)

<http://tinyurl.com/374f4ncu>

📌 Hand Tool Woodworking | Why Can't I Saw a Straight Line?

<http://tinyurl.com/yeywv96h>

📌 10 sanding accessories you need

<http://tinyurl.com/ydwybtrv>

📌 This Will Forever Change How You Glue Boards Together

<http://tinyurl.com/ymwntd9e>

📌 How the PROS Get Perfect Inside Measurements

<http://tinyurl.com/3ap39e9r>

📌 Why Your Hand Plane Doesn't Work | How to Fix It!

<http://tinyurl.com/4b2h8ewd>

📌 You'd better check your polyurethane and tung oil...

<http://tinyurl.com/mrzzh7rw>

📌 How To Cut Wedges On A Bandsaw The Easy Way (Quick Tip)

<http://tinyurl.com/yckc5dwf>

📌 S-Shaped Bench Dog

<http://tinyurl.com/79ucc2nk>

📌 Bench Vise Fix

<http://tinyurl.com/3tv5aybf>

Lifting heavy Equipment — by yourself

by Gary Coyne

In December, I treated myself and upgraded my dust collector: I purchased the Harvey G700. (Jeff Bremer has one, and loves it.) I love it as well, but the G700 had one issue that I needed to deal with: the casters.

The G700 has three casters: two are fixed and one pivots. So, if you want to move it sideways, you have to go back and forth at an angle. In my shop, that's not easy.

I purchased two pivoting casters (\$26), but you can't just replace them. This is because the casters sit within the "U" structure of the frame and there's not enough space for the pivoting casters to rotate. The solution was obvious; I needed to put a spacer in between the frame and the caster to provide the space that the caster needed to rotate.

To know how thick a spacer, I made a mock-up of the "U" shape of the frame. This let me determine that I needed a 3/4" spacer.

That could have been a lot of washers. I also considered using metal tubes. But I settled on wood. Then I had a choice to make: oak or hard maple! Turns out that white oak has a Janka rating of 1350 while hard maple's rating is 1450. Hard maple it would be.

But now, I had to lift a 400 pound machine off the ground to access the wheels. An engine block lifter or a forklift would have made quick work of all this but I have neither. Then, one morning, about 5 AM, I woke up mulling on this and then thought about those air bags that rescue folks use to lift cars off of people. It turns out that THOSE bags

are very expensive. But, you can get smaller ones that can lift up to 500 pounds for around \$22. I bought the AirshimPro from Amazon (<http://tinyurl.com/4tjsusjx>).



While waiting for this lifting bag to arrive, I prepared my spaces and cut some scrap wood, 1/2" & 3/4" thick, up into 9" long

pieces to place under the dust collector as I raised it up.

When the ShimPro came in, I tried it out. After a couple of pumps, I was lifting the side of the G700.

It took me about 1.5 hours to get it about 7.5 inches off the ground (it's a tedious process by yourself). The process is slow: you have to lift one side high enough to get some boards underneath, then go to the other side, then go back to the first side. Realistically, you can best raise something this heavy up about 1/2" – 3/4" at a time. Nonetheless, I lifted a 400 pound machine by myself — safely!





Thank you Sheila Rosenthal for passing on these "Thank You's" we've received for our Toy Creation activities.

On behalf of Penny Lane Centers, I want to personally thank you for the beautiful in-kind donation of toys for our children. The kids faces were priceless as they saw the toys. You brighten their lives.

We appreciate your support over the years and you helped us transform the lives of many children and families.

With Gratitude

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE LA

Hope

November 29, 2023

Ms. Sheila Rosenthal
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Dear Friends,

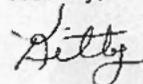
On behalf of the entire staff at Jewish Family Service Hope, I would like to thank you all for the magnificent wooden toys you donated to our program. They are absolutely gorgeous, and we cannot wait to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they receive these gifts for Hanukah/Christmas. They will be as overwhelmed with joy as we are each year.

We are so deeply appreciative of your commitment to our program and enabling us to provide the children with toys that will last a lifetime. We are so grateful and humbled by your passion for your craft, and a mere "thank you" as a recipient doesn't seem quite adequate.

As you know, we feel passionate that all women, men, and children deserve to live in violence-free homes, and we thank you for joining us in that mission.

The staff joins me in thanking you all with the warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season filled with health, happiness, and peace.

Warmly,



Kitty Glass
Community Outreach Coordinator

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