

## November's presentation: Super Show & Tell

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## Meeting Minutes

by Emily Lichtman

SFVW Meeting – October 16, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

Club President Jim Baldrige welcomed members, including a few new members, to the meeting.

### Announcements

Jim reminded everyone about the annual toy build coming up this weekend, October 18-19. He stressed the need for volunteers and encouraged everyone who can join to come and help put together the toys. It is a fun and rewarding experience and what many members of the club work towards throughout the year.

Jim also reminded everyone about the November Challenge to create a kinetic toy or object. Examples and ideas were in the previous newsletter, but the creation should have some kind of movable component or feature. There will be prizes awarded to the winners.

Jim also reminded everyone that nominations and elections will be held at the November meeting. All positions are available (except for Treasurer, which is a multi-year position and is already filled). If you are interested, please submit your nomination to Jim. If you would like someone else to nominate you, Emily Lichtman gladly offered to do so, just reach out to her directly.

### Reports...

### Programs

Vice President Emily Lichtman re-

## Our President says...

By Jim Baldrige

Good Happy Halloween!!!

As I write this, we are days away from a night of Trick or Treating. This time of year brings back sooo many great memories as a child, from the first outings with my parents to the days of going out with my buddies. The best part of the whole night was never being questioned by my folks. They really didn't want to know what their little boy was up to!

Now for business. Those who attended the October meeting found that we had been relegated to another room at the Balboa Rec Center. It was a huge bummer when I arrived early to find out we would be in a smaller room. In true fashion, we put a smile on our faces and made the best of it. That was then, but as

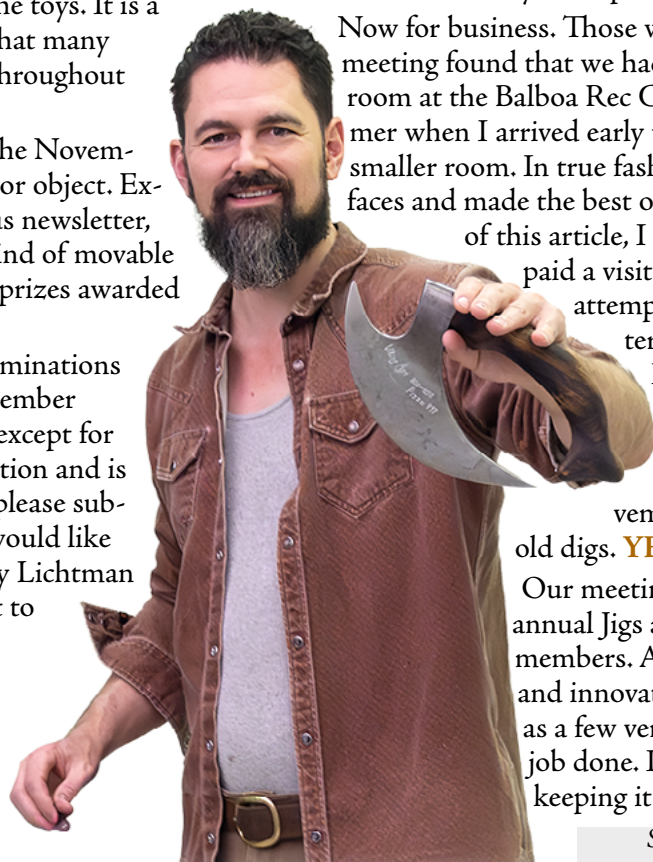
of this article, I have great news to report. I paid a visit to the Balboa Rec Center to attempt to make our situation better the other day. While there,

I was asked if we wanted our "old home" back. My answer was a resounding YES! So, beginning in November, we will be back in our old digs. **YEE HAW!!**

Our meeting last month covered the annual Jigs and Fixture presentation by members. As always, we saw some fun and innovative Jigs and Fixtures as well as a few very simple ones that got the job done. It amazes me how sometimes keeping it simple makes for the best

## Last Challenge of the Year

"Kinetic Challenge. Anything that moves by wind, water, or gravity! Bring your creations to the November meeting."



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## 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.



**Balboa Recreation Center Location**  
Map courtesy of Google Maps

## Club Officers

President:	Jim Baldridge
Vice President:	Emily Lichtman
Secretary:	Eitan Ginsburg
Treasurer:	Gregg Massini
Photographer	Luke Wyatt
Publisher:	Gary Coyne
Safety Coordinator:	Bob Bilyeu
Web Master:	Jan Min
Toy Chair:	Jonathan Nail
Toy Distribution:	Tara Wyatt
Refreshments:	Greg Golden

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mind everyone that the November program is a Super Show & Tell where everyone is encouraged to bring in something to share with the group.

It can be a recent work, or something you made years ago, but we would love everyone to bring in something to share. The December meeting will be replaced by the annual Holiday Luncheon (date and location TBD). Emily also mentioned that she is working on the

programs for next year. She invited people to suggest any topics they are interested in, ideas they have for presentations, or if they know of anyone who would make a good



presenter for the group.

### **Finance**

Gregg Masini was unable to attend the meeting, so Jim Baldridge presented the Finance report in his absence. The club's cash balance is over \$8,300, which is a fantastic amount for the club at year-end. This year was great for cash flow and while there might be a few more expenses, we are in a strong position as we head to the end of the year.

### **Snacks**

Chuck Nickerson is handling snacks for November.

### **Safety Talk**

Bob Bilyeu spoke about the importance of a first aid kit in the shop and shared the following notes and items that are good to keep in your kit:

- Keep your cell phone handy while working in the shop.
- Use clean water and soap to clean injuries. Don Emerson added that if you don't have access to clean, sterile water, it might be better not to wash the injury until you get medical care to avoid risk of infection from unclean water.

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- Tweezers and a magnifying glass for splinters
- Band-aids/butterfly closures
- Gauze and tape
- Antibiotic ointment

If you have any safety talk ideas, please reach out to Bob directly.

### Toy Committee

Jonathan Nail pumped everyone up about the coming Toy Build weekend. He reminded people to bring their own lunch and a folding chair, as seating outside is limited. He also reviewed the other items to bring, such as PPE, an orbital sander and 120 grit paper, nail guns, compressor hose splitters, extension cords, and other items from his email. He reviewed the toys that we are building this weekend (treasure chest, block trucks, race cars, checkerboards, and a few others) and reiterated the need for volunteers. Jonathan also reviewed the list of charities to which the toys will need to be delivered and enlisted volunteers to drop off the toys at each of the charities.

### Q&A

Jeff Bremer asked for tips on how to sand the interior of a small square box. Among the ideas suggested were to try a sanding mop or a sanding sponge.

Tyler Strampp is looking to make a coat rack out of a fence post with dowels set at an angle for the hooks. He asked about how best to drill the holes for the dowels. Among the suggestions were to use a Forstner bit, a mortise and tenon

joint, or to drill a straight hole into a block of wood, cut the block at the desired angle and then clamp the block to the rack and use it as a guide to drill the hole.

### Tips & Tricks

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items. We were not disappointed.

I reminded everyone that our November meeting will also be the annual Show and Tell. If you have anything that you have made and want to share with us, BRING IT IN! If it is too big, take pictures, and our Master Audio Visual dude can help you share electronically. Nothing is too big!

**Kinetic Challenge** - Do not forget! Bring in your creations to the November meeting for competition with other members. If you need wind to make it move, bring a fan. I am very anxious to see our creations. The winner(s) will be treated with Lee Valley gift cards.

**Holiday** — our Executive Board has decided on Sunday, December 14th, for our annual party. This will be hosted by yours truly and my wife, Beverly, at our home. Further details to follow with time to be determined. As in our past holiday lunches, this is BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Dessert will be provided.

**ELECTIONS** - we will be nominating at this meeting and voting for new officers. All of our positions are open with the exception of Treasurer. If anyone has questions prior to our meeting, contact current officers if you want to know more about their positions.

And, finally, our annual **TOY BUILD!!!**

Wow! Wow! Wow! is all I have to say! Not really, I have a few things to say. I cannot say thank you enough to all those who participated in the build. We had over 20 people attend each day. Everyone worked extremely hard and efficiently so that by noon on Sunday, we were done. All of the toys have been sorted for their particular charity and are in the process of being delivered.

As always, keep the sawdust flying,

Jim Baldrige  
President

the door that slips into the door frame as you close it and then springs out to keep the door closed) by placing a drop or two onto a rag and then wiping that a thin film on the latch bolts face instead of pouring it on (to save from messy, hard to clean drips). This approach can also be used on garden gates with the rounded "hook" shape that lifts and drops on the solid stem attached to the door of the gate.

### All of Luke's Photos

We can only put in so many photos in each Plane Talk. If you want to see more of Luke's photos from our meetings, here's the link! These are in chronological order.; oldest on top and the more recent on the bottom.

## From the Web

### ----- Tips, Tricks, and How-Tos -----

#### Create a Segmented Bowl

- ♦ How to use a MiterSet for turning. This obviously can be used for many other applications in the shop.

<https://tinyurl.com/47ukh3pf>

#### Closing The Throat Of Your Plane

- ♦ If you have a bedrock style plane, you can do this.

<https://tinyurl.com/4zju6pyf>

#### How I made my thickness planer work SO MUCH better!

- ♦ A bunch of tips that will help your planer work much better.

<https://tinyurl.com/2pes6532>

#### Will you STEAL this idea? (Alternatives to expensive jointers/planers)

- ♦ Some very practical approaches for those who do not own a jointer

<https://tinyurl.com/yujyv4w4>

#### Hand Plane Myth

- ♦ Sole up or on the side. Myth or not?

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5r367p>

#### DIY CA Glue Accelerator - Super Glue Hacks

- ♦ It's straightforward once he gets to the recipe. Strongly recommend reading the comments, important extra information there.

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3k8nz6>

#### Four Common Woodworking Joints

- ♦ Back to basics, folks. A "good to know" article

<https://tinyurl.com/5em85efu>

#### Coarse, Medium & Fine

- ♦ Handworking wood using coarse, medium, & fine approaches to get wood both flat and the right size.

<https://tinyurl.com/3yuswcy6>

#### 15 woodworking basics you should know

- ♦ A good outlay of a wide range of basics

<https://tinyurl.com/yz25dawn>

#### Every woodworker should know these 10 things

- ♦ More from DIY Montreal.

<https://tinyurl.com/2a5ca5tp>

#### The best (and worst) Table Saw Jigs I've ever built

- ♦ A really good list of really good and bad jigs (and why).

<https://tinyurl.com/5ccbz7at>

#### How to Build a Simple Thin Strip Jig for Perfect Table Saw Cuts With PRO Results (It Actually Works)

- ♦ An excellent design for making thin strips of wood.

<https://tinyurl.com/5dcdcc7k>

#### Improved Thin Strip Jig Simple DIY Design Get Perfect for PRO Results (You Made the Difference)

- ♦ It's the jig above improved.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxhy4y9>

#### Build An MFT Table

- ♦ Mostly Ad, part instruction, this Multifunction Table is easy to make and not very expensive.

<https://tinyurl.com/34zz9svm>

#### It's The Simplest Thing, and What a Difference!

- ♦ Making new covers for the handle end of small clamps

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3wrw7b>

### ----- Reviews -----

#### 4 Clever Tools: Flexible Sanders, A Marking Gauge, Roller Guides, & Sander Lights | Tools Unleashed

- ♦ The Wood Whisperer's comments on four tools.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdds98yk>

#### Top 10 Favorite Finds At AWFS 2025!

- ♦ As above, these are more for awareness, and to know about

<https://tinyurl.com/3y4mcuuj>

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### Show & Tell

Jim Maguire shared a beautiful walnut slab with an image of a Native American and his horse cut into the wood with a scroll saw. It had a black background to show off the work that he did.

Mike Wells shared several spatulas he made using the spring steel from old Japanese pull-saw blades. He also showed a wood pizza peel and another peel from an old shovel, a wood burl pizza peel (that was too weak so he reinforced it with strips of a lighter wood), and a pizza cutter that looks like a Klingon weapon.

### Presentation

This month's presentation was an opportunity for all members to share the jigs and fixtures they have designed or used in their woodworking. These can be seen on pages 5-7

## A better clearance block

By Bob Rennie

If one is making cuts using a table saw's miter gauge and using the rip fence as a stop, the resulting "off-fall piece" will be trapped (momentarily) between the fence and the moving blade. This piece is likely to become a flying projectile once the cut is complete.

To avoid this, a clearance block should be used to create "clearance" so the cut end is less likely to be pinched between the fence and the moving blade. Often, just a piece of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " material clamped to the fence is sufficient. But  $\frac{3}{4}$ " is not always enough clearance, should the piece turn/rotate (not unusual as pieces accumulate on the table in production). When the opposite corners of the cut piece contact the fence and the blade, kickback is very likely.

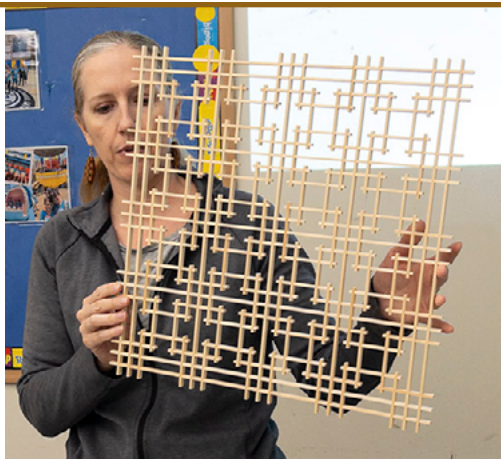
To resolve this, I made a clearance block that provides 10" of clearance. The clearance block is easily clamped to the rip fence, and at 10", it offers more than enough room for the cutoffs. (See an image on page 5.)



Jeff Bremer shared the jig he used to hollow out a box with his router. He attached a very wide base to the router so it would not tip over and stay straight.



Don Emerson shared his “go-nogo” jig he uses for creating the block truck blocks and ensuring they are all the same size. If the part doesn’t fit, he cuts a bit more off, once it fits, it’s good use.



Emily Lichtman shared the jigs she uses for Kumiko construction, both the small parts sled for table saw cuts and the jig blocks to fine-tune angled cuts. Emily gets her jigs from <https://tinyurl.com/jpax58zt>



Bob Rennie showed a larger Clearance Block he developed when teaching (A full explanation is provided on page 4) Also, he showed some jigs he designed that were used in the beginnings of the Toy Construction Events. This included a jig to cut plastic spacers, and a jig that help mount toy cars on their wheelbase.

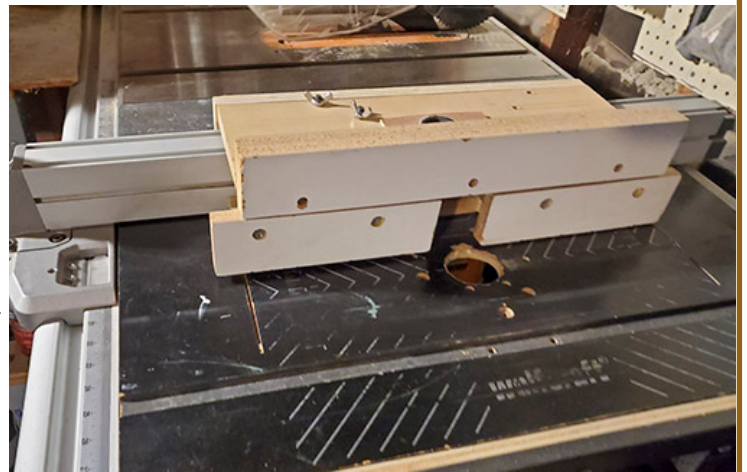




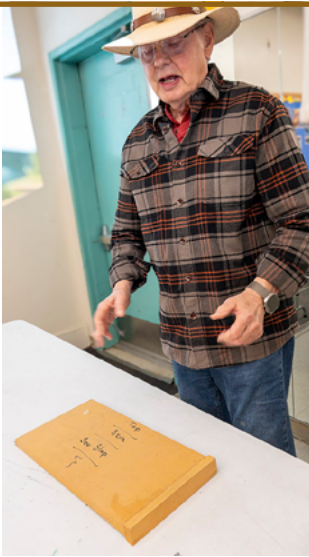
Jim Baldrige shared the jigs used to make the teen boxes for the toy build. The assembly requires very tight tolerances and alignment, and the jigs he uses accomplishes that.



Brittany Joyner attaches this router table fence onto her tablesaw fence to provides the proper fence when using her router on the table Saw extension. This also has a hole to attach her Shop-vac to remove the created sawdust.



Marc Ashley showed a jig he sets in the miter slot and then resets his miter fence against the edge — which is automatically 90°



Jonathan showed off his box finger-joint jig (plans can be purchased from <https://tinyurl.com/3wubp4jd>) with interchangeable finger widths (e.g., 1/8", 1/4") and the ability to fine tune with the turn of a screw.







Marc Collins shared the 3D printed jigs he creates for using a trim router bit. He showed some he created for a gift box for his wife with numbers and concave sections on the bottom as well as those he used for his custom speakers.

Gary Coyne shared a simple jig (a smaller board glued at a right angle to the end of another board at 90°) to drill holes that must be precisely spaced. This is done on a drill press and setup blocks. He originally got the idea when he needed to drill two holes exactly 2-3/8" apart (upper left photo). Later, he needed to drill a series of paired holes to support shelving in a cabinet. He demonstrated using one or more 1 x 2 x 3 blocks to drill holes that were 1" apart. Pacing a strip of wood in between the fence, and your board provides a 2nd row. Adding other block "sandwiches" provides variable and exact distances.



Trey Benton needed to make some drawers where the front of the drawer was much wider than the back and these odd angles needed to be clamped while the glue dried. So, he shared a simple clamping jig used to clamp many angles of sides together. These differed from normal 90° clamp assists by have a round clamping surface.









# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE LA

Hope

October 30, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our cherished children at Jewish Family Service Hope, I would like to thank you all for the magnificent toys you donated to our domestic violence program. Jeff delivered them yesterday, and we were positively overwhelmed. While we have been the fortunate recipients of your incredible gifts for many years, it never ceases to amaze me how the creativity just keeps coming!! Each delivery is phenomenal, and we cannot wait to deliver these gorgeous toys to our kids.

I love seeing the expressions on the faces of the moms as well. They are so overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude to think that complete strangers are creating these works of art so their children will have a beautiful holiday. The staff at JFS Hope feel the same. You all are devoted, wonderful, creative folks who will be making this season of giving especially wonderful for so many children.

The staff join me in thanking you all so very much with the warmest wishes for a holiday season filled with much health, happiness, and joy.

Warmly,

*Kitty*

Kitty Glass  
Community Outreach Coordinator