



# Newsletter

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## THE JANUARY MEETING

By: David Dunlap

The January meeting was our traditional Annual Auction at Wes Hofer's shop in Dinuba. The day turns out to have had some very good news and a bit of sad news as well. The good news was that the sale brought in an even \$3,200 which was nearly \$1,000 more than last year which had been thought to have been a very successful sale day. So a big thank you to all of you 51 members and 6 guests who were there. It was a marathon for our esteemed auctioneer, Tom Tucker, as the auction did not conclude until nearly 1:00. There were a lot of positive things going on that morning. Ed Vivier brought a big pot of Corn Chowder with bacon and potatoes that stuff is great! The bidding was more spirited than I recall in past auctions. It was fun to see the bids raised by \$5 and \$10 at a time. It was also nice to see a bump up in quality for the items consigned. The highest item was an air compressor that fetched \$210. Then there were another ten items that topped \$50 each. All together, Tom single handedly sold 216 separate lots to 65 registered bidders. Hey how could there be 65 bidders if there were only 57



"Great Auctioneer"

people signed in? Well, no matter, thanks for leaving your \$3,200 behind wherever it came from.

Now the sad news. It turns out that this was the swan song for Wes and his sons Terry, Gilbert and Mike for hosting this auction event. All we can say gentlemen is, thank you so very much for doing this for so many years YOU ARE FANTASTIC. To say

that you are leaving some big shoes to fill is the understatement of all time. So SJFWA membership, what are we going to do about this? Well I am anxious to read the January Meeting article a year from now as I know that the group will rise to the occasion and somehow, the void will be filled and good will once again be done.



"Good Crowd"

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## ATTENTION FELLOW MEMBERS

First let me explain why you don't see the Board Minutes like you are accustomed to. Well, Glen fell off a ladder and busted his \_\_\_! But the good news is that we now have a presenter and a topic for a future meeting. That would be "Safety Considerations When Climbing Ladders and Trimming Trees" by Glen Gray.

Since Glen is taking a one issue break, this is a good opportunity to use this space to pound in the news that we are losing our January auction site. We need a new

site and we would sure like to hear from all of you about any ideas you may have on this matter. Heck – while you are all burning up brain cells maybe you can think out of the box and come up with an entirely new idea to generate \$3,000 of profit from a single event. Maybe not – but think about it. One thing for sure – somebody had better come up with something or the old bean counter is going to be drowning in red ink one year from now.

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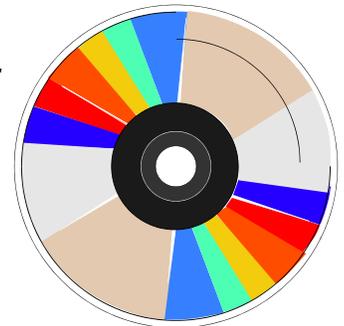
*"Active Bidding"*



*"Big Ticket Items"*

## SJFWA VIDEO REVIEW

*By: Tom Tucker*



Turning Pens with Rex & Kip

Video 2 More Pens Plus Tips and Tricks

This video continues where number one finished. You will learn about making European style pens and the American roller ball or the fountain pen with plastic. They cover tips and tricks as well as turning plastic and antler. Subjects like testing the blanks for dryness and how to clean the brass tubes are also covered. You will see a sliding table for the band saw and examples of drill bits including the bullet point, brad point and twist drill.

You will discover tricks like using a potato or dental wax to prevent glue from getting into the tube as well as the proper way to use polyurethane glue. Finally are lots of tips, tricks and methods of decoration.

The video is one hour and twenty eight minutes long. If you are, or want to be, a pen turner, this video is worth your time.

You can rent this video, or any of the over seventy videos our club has to offer, for only \$3.00. Then return the video at the next meeting or return it in the provided box by US mail.

# President's Message



## DECEMBER MEETING

Thanks to Roger McCoy, Howard Atamian and Chuck Smith for the fine presentation at the December meeting at John Manselian's shop. Their willingness to participate is very much appreciated. Also thanks to John for being so gracious to let us use his shop again.

## JANUARY MEETING

We had a very successful auction again this year thanks to all the hard work of Wes Hofer and his family. Thanks to everyone who donated items. That's what makes it work. Also thanks to Ideal Saw Works for donating over 50 Woodworking videos. We kept some for our library but auctioned most of them off at very good prices.

Wes informed me afterwards that this was the last auction that he was going to be in charge of. The first auction held at Wes' shop was January, 1998. Can you believe it, Wes and his family have been hosting the auction for 10 years. That's a long time, considering all the work that goes into setting up for it. Thank you very much Wes for the many years of dedicated service to the organization.

## PROJECT CONTEST

The May meeting is fast approaching. I hope you are all planning on entering an item in the project contest. Good participation makes all the hard work preparing for the meeting worth while. Let's have the best turnout ever this year.

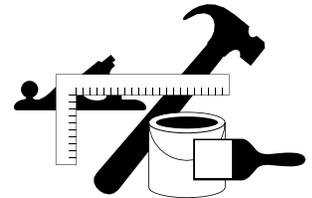
## TOYWOOD

Once again, Tom Tucker has contacted Sequoia Forest Industries in Terra Bella and they have donated a large amount of 1 and 2 inch pine for making toys. If you want to get an early start on toys this year and you need some wood, you can contact Dave Dunlap in the North or Dave Summers or Al Sindlinger in the South.

I'll see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

*Ben R. Douglas*



## FEBRUARY MEETING

*By: the Extraordinary Chris Grothe*

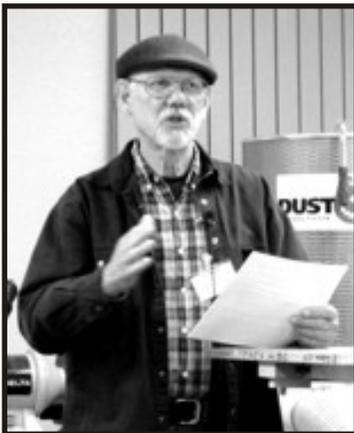
The February meeting on joints was held at Ideal Saw's new joint, and BOY!! were we crowded. Over fifty members and seven guests, mostly woodturners, packed the new Blackstone and Herndon store for a three part demonstration on dovetail joints.

Louis Volpp started things off with a very simple, yet effective, jig for the tablesaw. Spacer blocks and a board added to the miter guage make up this system. Setting an approximate angle of 11 degrees

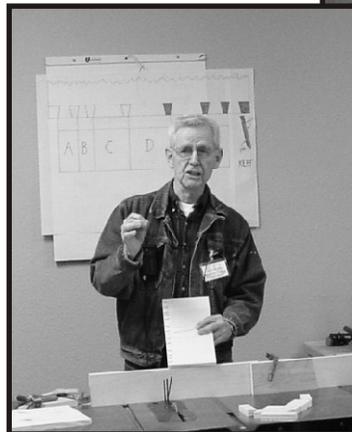
and cutting a block as an angle gauge eliminates all the tricky measurements. With some words about students being quiet so they could hear and the hypotenuse and something?? not matching the length, Louis produced some very passable



*"Guest Lecturer - Jim Ostergaard"*



*"Ben Douglas on Dovetails"*



*"Louis Volpp on Dovetails"*

dovetails on some really poor wood. He made this look so easy that I thought "Even I could do that!" Our president, Ben Douglas, was next with a method that used three jigs and the bandsaw. The jigs were more involved than those used on the tablesaw, however the complete dovetail was cut, no chisels, using only the saw. Once again, despite the pressure of performing before an audience, the

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# MARCH MEETING

By: Tony Wortner

**Date:** March 17, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to Noon  
**Place:** Square One Builders  
131 S. G Street  
Exeter, CA 93221  
Located at G & Pine, Exeter (see map)  
Phone 901-3436

The March 17th SJFWA meeting will be held in Exeter, at Square One Builders 9:00 AM. Eric Baker is the owner of this custom cabinet shop, a young craftsman that has started his own business, so he could do the custom work he enjoys.

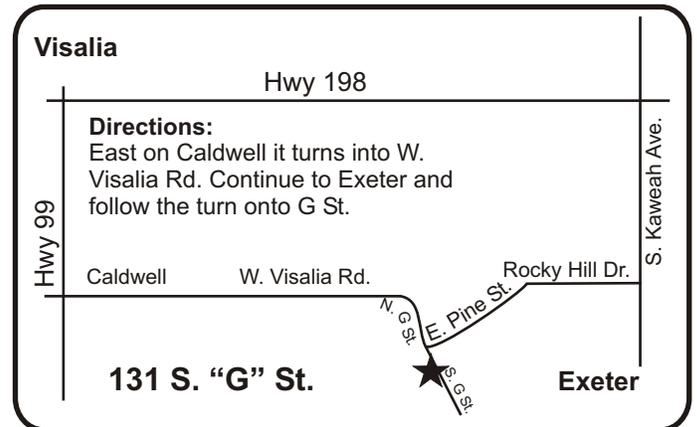
Eric will be demonstrating the use of Japanese handsaws. These are popular with Japanese craftsman for cutting fine furniture joints. These saws are made of carbon steel blades, which are easily removable from their bamboo handles when they are worn.

He will also talk about the differences between the Japanese and American chisel and will show how to sharpen them. The Japanese chisel is said to hold the edge longer and sharpen easily.

Please bring a show and tell item, or a push stick to share with the club members.

Remember the meeting is also for the election of next years BOARD MEMBERS!!

Please plan to attend this meeting and vote. Bring a Chair.



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dovetails were cut and fitted to form the corner of a drawer. Everything snapped into place and Ben held it up in triumph. Last up was Jim Ostergaard our guest presenter. Jim is a Fresno native, cabinet shop owner, and long time woodworker. Because time is money etc. Jim uses machines, namely the Leigh and Keller jigs. The Leigh is the more versatile of the two, cutting both thru and 1/2 blind dovetails. Once you have cut a few, and read a 2" thick book, both jigs will produce a neat tight dovetail in record time, as Jim demonstrated. Some might consider his setup of the jigs beforehand to be cheating, but HEY, the pressure was on! One of our smarter members, no names Dave K., with Jim agreeing, said the Leigh could also cut angle dovetails, compound angle, simple compound, compound complex (wait thats bones) but by then my little brain was full and I was back to nails and butt joints.

I think everyone would agree that this was an informative presentation that will result in lots of projects with dovetails at the May project contest. Remember the outside of the tree goes to the inside of the drawer, and pins, or was that tails, get cut first!!

# APRIL MEETING

**Date:** April 21, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Place:** John Manselian's Shop  
707 W. Shields Avenue  
Fresno, CA

John Manselian has graciously agreed to host our April 2007 monthly meeting in his beautiful shop. Our club is so fortunate to have members like John with shops big enough for our club and who are willing to share them for our meetings. Thanks again John!!!

Our presenter will be Kary Karahadian, who will demonstrate how he builds and constructs guitars. He will show photos and jigs of various stages of construction as well as a guitar in the final stages of construction. Hopefully, he will have enough time to share with us how he applies the "French Polish" to his instruments. Dr. Karahadian is a skilled craftsman and artisan as well as a perfectionist in his professional and avocational activities. This will be a meeting you won't want to miss.

Although John provides a number of chairs, it's always a good idea to bring a chair to our monthly meetings.

**Directions:** If you are coming from out of town, take the Clinton Avenue exit from Highway 99 and head east about 1/2 mile. Turn left on West Avenue and head north another 1/2 mile. Turn right on Shields Avenue and it's a couple of blocks to John's shop.

“You Can Place Your Ad Here... Just Contact Your Newsletter Editor”

The SJFWA bulletin board is open to all members and is provided free of charge. Member advertisements should be received by the second week of the month prior to the publication month. Eg. For the March/April publication, your ad should be received by the second week in February. Please submit your advertisements via e-mail, FAX or U.S. Mail to the Newsletter Editor.

**For Sale** - Rockwell / Delta 10" Contractor Saw. This saw has a number of upgrades that make it a real value for anyone who currently has a homeowner's saw and wants to upgrade. It has a 5 year old Beismeyer Fence and 50" extension table with a router insert. The motor is a replacement Dayton 1 1/2 HP. I also upgraded the power switch. To further dress my old saw up, I'm including the new Unisaw table extension on the left. This makes for a real nice work surface. I also put a new combination blade on it. The saw has normal wear, and runs fine. It also includes the router insert, original manuals, miter gauge, and dado insert. I am asking \$600 for everything. Contact David a. Smith, I live in Fresno, and my phone numbers are 559-449-1525 (H) or 559-696-6089 (C). My e-mail is: smi5ths@sbcglobal.net

**For Sale** - Rigid 12" Woodturning Lathe \$165; Porter Cable Finish Sander Model #505 \$65; Porter Cable Finish Sander Model #330 \$35. All of these tools are in like-new condition. Contact Doug Henderson in Visalia at 559-738-0441 or dougsheretoo@aol.com

**For Sale** - Jack Smith contacted us as he is selling a lot of tools that he has been collecting since the 20's. This may be a real opportunity for you collectors out there. Take a look at the items below:

- (1) Wood lathe long bed 40" can turn, Beb 10" channels Steel(2) 16" turning tools some \$70. Inside, outside calipers
- (2) One, "Boice" 6 inch Joiner excellent tool heavy motor, with support bench.
- (3) Shaper 1/2" shaft with fixture for Bits and a number of single cutters
- (4) One 1/2" drill press (table model) assorted drills some carbide to 1"
- (5) One 1/4hp double bench grinder
- (6) Several antique wood planes, many hand tools.

Jack Smith 30502 Revis Rd, Yosemite Lakes Park, Coarsegold, Ca. Ph. 559.642.2349 available most days, Call first!

## THE BEAN COUNTER'S CORNER

*By: Ken Kenoyer*

Nothing but good things, past, present, and future are happening.

**The past:** The Auction at Wes Hofer's shop in January was an outstanding success. Wes and his three sons did their usual top-notch job of setting up and running the auction at a professional level. Our in-house auctioneer, Tom Tucker, was unmatched this year in selling all the merchandise at a good pace and bringing in top dollar for the SJFWA. The Auction this year brought in over \$3,000. This is a 50% increase over previous years. In my opinion, which can be filed in the "for what it's worth" department, this increase can be attributed to two things: Tom Tucker's tenacity for going for top dollar and the increased quality of items available. I have no concerns about Tom continuing his endeavors, however, I would like to see the merchandise quality continue to increase. Think about donating finished products from your shop. This is not new. Finished items such as storage units, small chests, jigs, turned items and many more have been auctioned off. All these useful items were made in the shops of members and donated to the auction. Something you might consider for next year.

There is one downside. This may be the last year Wes will be able to host the Auction. We are looking for a new location. This is no easy task considering the high standards Wes has set.

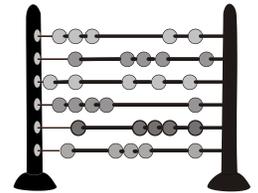
This may be a good time to bring up a point. About six years ago Wes Hofer brought up the idea of having an auction as a fundraiser for the club. He brought the idea to a board meeting where it was approved. But, he didn't stop there. Wes followed through on his idea and turned it into an annual event and a major fundraiser. The point is if you have an idea for the benefit of the organization and it's members feel free to present it to the Board of Directors for approval but also be prepared to follow through. We have heard a lot of great ideas that did not come to fruition due to the lack of follow through.

**The Present:** By the time you read this the "Hand-cut Dovetail" class and the "Beginners Turning" class will have taken place. At the time of this writing the Turning class is full and the Dovetail class has just a

couple of openings left. There are a lot of people to thank for making these classes happen. First is Dave Summers for not only taking on the Instructors job for the Dovetail class and assisting in the Turning class but also making facilities available for both classes as well as performing duties as Head Chef for both classes. Then there is Jim Mathias (a predominate turner in his own right) and our own Howard Atamian, and Bob Sansom for their participation as instructors. All of the men listed above not only took time out of their busy schedules but also supplied their own tools and equipment to make the Turning class happen. Tony Wortner even chipped in some of the wood for the class. However, it doesn't stop there. I would also like to thank all of you for supporting these classes and if this interest continues there will be more.

**The Future:** The Turning class has shown such a good response that we will be offering it again in the future. We are not sure exactly when at this time but it will be repeated. This is the second go around for the Dovetail class and it has shown to be just as popular as the first class. Discussions are underway for a class on making Cabriole (Queen Anne) legs possibly in the later part of this year. Also in the planning process are a more advanced turning class, and expanding the Dovetail class into different types of joinery. All of these classes are "Hands-On" classes. Lectures are kept to a minimum with a maximum amount of time to actually making sawdust. (A learn-by-doing approach.) A robust lunch is part of these classes and included in the price. If you have any ideas for future classes, please let me know. Bare in mind the type of facilities, equipment and tools needed. If you're not sure, pass it on anyway. Who knows, if we keep going like this we might eventually have a year-round curriculum with prerequisite courses. Oh-well I can dream can't I?

**Happy Woodworking**



# THANK YOU LETTER FOR IDEAL SAW

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*By: Tom Tucker*

Fellow Woodworkers,

I have been in the club and acting as video chairman for many years as well as south area director. During this time Ideal Saw has been one of the businesses that has continually been a supporter of our club.

Ideal Saw has given us a place to hold a meeting. In fact they have been the meeting on many occasions having one of their employees be our presenter on more than one occasion. They have invited us to show off our club at their annual show. They have donated valuable merchandise for our meetings as well as many prizes for our annual show. Now Kirk Wethey, the owner has opened a new facility in another part of Fresno. He is making changes keeping up and staying ahead of the times and really making an effort to have Ideal Saw the woodworker's store of choice for all their needs.

Kirk made a decision not to rent videos at Ideal Saw. The San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers are the beneficiary of that decision.

Ben Douglas delivered a box containing about 50 VCR Tapes. Included were a great many new videos along with a few which had been rented previously. Also included were some multiple copies of some titles as well as some duplicates of titles we already have in our library.

You woodworkers that support the SJFWA annual Auction will be the benefit of some of the extra copies as I will auction them off to help support our Toy project.

When you are in the need of a Tool or some supplies to build a project please go to Ideal Saw and support them as they support our club. When you are there please mention the gift of these videos to our club and thank Kirk Wethey for them as well as his support of our club. When you visit the new **Ideal** location at Herndon and Blackstone in Fresno you will be surprised with the fact that four of our members actually work at this location. I wonder if they spend their pay check on tools.

## BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

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*By: David Dunlap*

### TOY DESIGN CONTEST

#### SJFWA TOY DESIGN CONTEST/JUNE MEETING

The June meeting is being planned and this meeting will be participative. That means we need your help. There is an effort underway to reinvent our Annual Toy Project. We have decided that it is time to make a few adjustments that will further enhance what has become a very successful project for our club. You will soon be hearing much more about the new approach concepts, but we need you to be thinking about how to help in one particular area right now. We are interested in bumping up the quality and limiting the number and types of toys that are made in the Saturday workshops. So a toy design contest is being launched. Everyone is solicited and encouraged to participate. No matter what your woodworking interest is, everyone can and should jump in on this one. Fancy and intricate won't win this contest. Cute, practical, safe and clever have a lot better chance of walking away with the prizes on this one.

There really aren't rules as much as suggestions. An official distinguished panel of yet-to-be-determined judges will be looking for the following characteristics in the toy entries:

- Creativity in design
- We have 1" and 2" donated lumber available (this is kind of a rule)

- Play value and safety of the toy
- Ease of construction
- Ease of mass production
- Unisex toys
- High quality appearance

#### Other suggestions:

- It doesn't have to have wheels so maybe puzzles, games or blocks
- Avoid tight curves leading to difficult sanding
- Toy safety is really big
- Avoid hardware
- Consider toys (or items) for all ages
- Scroll saw items might be a neat thing to consider
- Avoid really little toys (Santa's elves would like to keep their fingers)

We don't know how many items we will pick to mass produce but we do plan to have significant prizes to award to the creators of all designs selected.

Now just to be clear, you do have to actually make the toy or item and present it to the club and judges at our June meeting. You will be hearing much more about this over the next several weeks but be thinking of a design in the mean time.



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**DUES \$30 A YEAR**

**Prorated to \$15 for September through February.**

**MAIL TO: San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association**

**P.O. BOX 3132**

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# For Your CALENDAR

## Sequoia Woodturners Meetings

Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433



### March 14, 2007

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

#### ***SJFWA Board Meeting***

Sun Hong Kong Restaurant

Kingsburg, CA

*All Members Welcome (Good Food!)*

### March 17, 2007

9 A.M. to Noon

Association Meeting

Square One Builders, Eric Baker

G and Pine (see map)

Exeter, CA

Phone: 901-3436

### April 21, 2007

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Association Meeting

John Manselian's Shop

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### April 8, 2007

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