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April Chip Carving Class

By: Associate Editor, Louis Volpp

Wayne Barton was contracted sometime last spring to teach a course on chip carving here in the San Joaquin Valley for the SJFWA. Eleven of us signed up, and he taught the course on April 1 and 2. After agreeing, he received the award as the outstanding wood carver of the year. What a bargain!

Wayne is a most informal, informed person. He was told that the group was a little irreverent with each other, and he loved the thought. And that is the way he interacted with us. Do it wrong, and he laughed, but never in a manner that embarrassed a member of the class. Do it right, and a much more enthusiastic response was forthcoming.

"The Best of the Best" with Wayne Barton front and center.

I expected to learn a lot. That was a major underestimate. By the end of the course we all were doing more, more successfully, than we had thought possible. But when he demonstrated how to carve, I think everyone came away with a recognition that there would be far more to learn than we imagined before taking the course. Practice, practice, practice will be the key.

In and out of class we learned some interesting things about Wayne. He grew up during the depression in Chicago, became a practicing psychologist working with street gangs in Chicago. He took a year out of normal life and became a flyer in a trapeze act in a circus for a year. When he learned to play the piano didn't come up, but he played marvelously. At one time, he played at Le Bee Bop restaurant in Paris --- but only for a week or two.

Wayne apprenticed in chip carving in Switzerland. He studied carving there for four years! It is clear that his education in carving has continued from those years to today, because no person could be that good at carving and at teaching how to carve in only one lifetime.

"Oh Man' my pencil quit!"

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President's Message

Well, here I am again, your president for the coming year (term). This makes the third time I have served as your president and I am entering my seventh term. I would like to thank Al Sindlinger for the great job he did the last 3 years as President and also I would like to thank the other Board members (most of whom are returning for another term) for their hard work and dedication to making the SJFWA the fine organization that it is. Also, I would like to welcome and thank the new Board members for stepping forward (again) to support and guide the organization for the coming year. The new Board members are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

In the coming months, I would like to have conversations with all of you concerning what you would like to get from the organization. Your input will help us in preparing programs and special classes for our membership. So, please come to me or other Board members at the meetings with any ideas that you have concerning subjects for programs or ways to improve our club.

Speaking of great meetings, eleven of us attended the two day Chip Carving class given by nationally acclaimed chip carver, Wayne Barton. The class was organized by Chris Grothe. Having gone to the class previously, Chris contacted Mr. Barton and made all the arrangements. The class was hosted by David Dunlap at his great new shop in Clovis. Wayne is a master chip carver and teacher. He had us carving before we knew it. And while he made it look a lot easier than it was, we all were successful in producing our own chip carvings. We learned a great deal. In addition to the class, David and his wife Peggy were the perfect hosts. They provided lunch both days and snacks, coffee and soft drinks the rest of the time. All things considered, I think this was as good a class as you could get any where in the Country. This was one you shouldn't have missed!

As you all should know by now, we are meeting again this year at the Kingsburg Historical Park for our May meeting. It will be another fun meeting with lots of great prizes so be sure you have a project to enter in the contest and also something for show and tell.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Ben R. Douglas

Recently Past President's Message

A dying gasp from your late President.

I would like to thank all the members for your support during my term as your president of the SJFWA. Especially, I want to thank all the board members that have served before and during my time as president and will continue to serve in the coming year.

To all members ***please give the board your full support*** we need some input from each and every member to make the SJFWA a viable organization. We especially need help in knowing what your interests are for future association meetings. If you have an idea please let a board member know of your interest, especially the two vice-presidents, they need your help in organizing our monthly association meetings. Your ideas will help to make our association meetings much more current and interesting.

Thanks for your support May the force be with you. Al

Al Sindlinger

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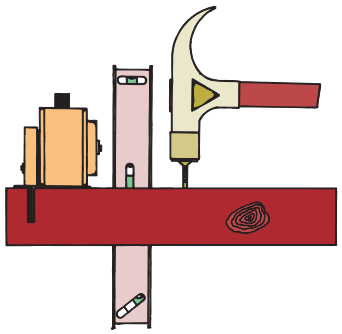
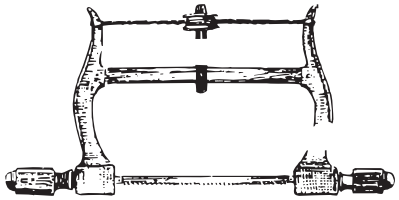
In addition to teaching all over, and completing his commissioned projects, Wayne founded the Alpine School of Carving. He also has led a small tour group to Europe, centering in Switzerland, for each of the past twenty-two years. Another is planned for this summer. He said, "We don't teach carving on the tour --- you can do that anywhere. We focus on architectural art, and my group gets to see things that very few people do.

If we could have one class of at least half the caliber of this one each year, we would be presenting a world class education in woodworking to our members, and perhaps the wider community of woodworkers.

I leave on a trip tomorrow, and I am taking my tools in a little bag the size of a dop kit.

And I am carving!





Board of Director's Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, California
March 15, 2006

President Al Sindlinger called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Members present were: Al Sindlinger, Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Tony Wortner, Chris Grothe, David Dunlap, Mac Macklin, Tom Tucker, Bruce Auernheimer, Aaron Arnold and John Snyder.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting were read and approved. MSC/ Ken Kenoyer/ Ben Douglas.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $8,439.88.

Total Commitments:

Red Bead Payout	$24.00
Chip Carving Class	$2,090.00
Memorial Fund	-$482.00
Sub Total Commitments	-$2,596.00
Total discretionary funds available	$5,843.88

All bills are paid.

VP REPORTS: *(South Region)* Tony Wortner reminded us of the March 18, 2006 meeting at the Tulare Western High shop. Wes Hofer will do a demo on segmented bowls. LoVella Jensen will do a demo on how to make Native American flutes.

The May 20, 2006 meeting will be at the Kingsburg Heritage Park in the fire house. Members are encouraged to bring various wood projects that have been made during the past year. There will be a BBQ later.

(North Region) John Snyder reminded us of the April 15, 2006 meeting at John Manselian's shop at 707 W. Shields, Fresno. John Snyder will be doing a demo that will be covering *"applications to finishes"*.

The June 17, 2006 meeting will be the SHOP HOP at the shops of David Dunlap, Ken Pretzer, Chris Grothe and Murray Berry.

NEWSLETTER: Editor David Dunlap reminded us that all articles are due to him by April 7, 2006. The new process for making and distributing the Newsletter is working out well and costing less. Our last Newsletter cost was $287.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *(Videos)* Tom Tucker has added a new video titled "Turning Boxes to our video library.

TOY PROGRAM: *(south)* Dave Summers' group has started making some toys. There is more wood at the shop.

(North) Glen Gray's group has started making toys. Glen has mailed away for some new plans for new toys. Dave Dunlap has wood at his place.

OLD BUSINESS: Proposed changes for new officers will be: Ben Douglas- Pres. & Roger McCoy -VP *(north)*. All other positions will remain the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Gray,

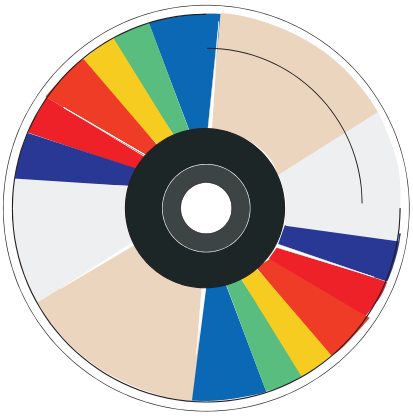
Secretary

SJWA VIDEO REVIEW

By: Tom Tucker

Taunton Press Presents Richard Raffan's Turning Boxes

This video with Richard Raff is a great way to spend 55 minutes of your time with a real expert and teacher. If you have ever wanted a private lesson with a real pro rent this latest video from our club. I was perusing the discount rack at our long time advertiser's "Linden Publishing's" store in Fresno. I came upon this marked-down video. It was not saleable because of a case defect. Great for us, as now it is in our clubs growing DVD collection.



Richard is in the State of Connecticut at someone's shop who happens to have a hardwood forest in their back yard. He cuts down a tree, slices it into turning rounds and brings it into the shop to the band saw. Then he slices the blocks and makes them ready for drying. Next he shows you how to slice up the blocks and then pre-turn them as partially finished projects to be stored as they dry.

Richard turns a lidded box with a suction fit. The next box has a threaded lid done on the Klein threading jig. He shows you Skew Chisel manipulation, use of paring tools, along with all the tools need to complete these projects. Richard shows you how to turn decorative top Knots, how to sand and finish as you go, as well as repairing cracks that happen as you turn.

This video really is a private lesson. See the video chairman at the next meeting and rent this or another fine video for only $3.00 .You can view the video for a whole month then return it at the next club meeting or mail it back in the mailer provided.

March Meeting

By: David Dunlap

Our March meeting was held at the Tulare Western high school shop which Dave Summers routinely makes available to our group. It is a fun place to have a meeting what with being surrounded by such a large room just packed with wood, metal, tools, sawdust and the feel of dozens of kids being in class and learning things that may not only be useful as a practical matter for the rest of their lives but might even be life altering if like many of us, they develop a love for the craft of woodworking and follow that passion to the end of time.

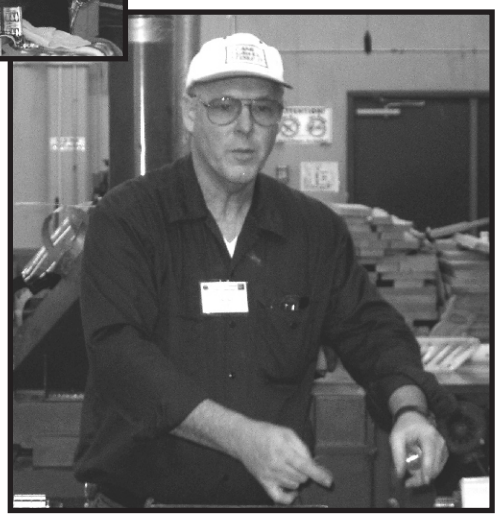
I forgot to count the number in attendance, but it was a very nice crowd. Hopefully you all agree that we were well entertained. First, new officer elections were held. The complete slate of officers and board members can be seen on the back page of this newsletter. The highlights of the election included a change in our President. Al Sindlinger concluded a multi-year run as our President where he served with distinction. Al had a way of running those meetings that just made them extra fun. Especially fun was his little easel with the cartoons - very cute. Our new President is the club veteran and equally qualified Ben Douglas who himself has held the responsibility of the gavel swinger on more than one occasion in the past.

"LoVella Jensen"

Our first presentation was by LoVella Jensen who spoke on making Native American Wood Flutes. LoVella came well prepared with lots of samples. She had everything from wood samples to sanding tools to her hand-made flute cases. Why, she even had a very nice blanket covering the table and a rack to display the numerous flute samples. LoVella is a lively speaker and it was easy to tell that she had her audience captivated as we all learned about the flute fetish and tuning the flute. Just to really put us all over the edge though, she even did us the favor of providing a very nice serenade. Unlike some of the projects I make, LoVella's actually work! Very nice presentation LoVella, we really appreciate the effort that went into it and your willingness to be active in the group as a new member. Be sure to check out the pictures.

Our next presentation was by long time member Wes Hofer. Wes is well known in our group as an accomplished wood turner and the host of our annual club auction each January. Wes showed us how he makes his segmented bowls and vases. This was a very fascinating class. Ever since I first saw one of Wes's segmented turnings, I was curious as to how he did it and now we all know. Wes too had tons of visual aid material to share with us. Wes even passed out a handout on how to do just what he was telling us about. That could have been a mistake though Wes, as now I suspect that there will be lots of people competing with you for prizes at the May project contest. However, I suspect that the counterfeit knockoffs will be easily identified when compared to your gorgeous creations. Check out the pictures of Wes's projects too.

"Wes Hofer - The Master on Segmented Turning"



"Dave Summers on Lathe Tricks"

To wrap up this special meeting, Dave Summers topped it off by chatting with us about a number of hints on metal turning, soldering and different paraphernalia that could be used to enhance our turning projects.

By the way your Newsletter was further enhanced this time by pictures taken by Joe Goncalves who was nice enough to send them to me for all of our enjoyment, thanks Joe.

May Meeting

By: Ben Douglas

Date: May 20, 2006
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: Kingsburg Historical Park Firehouse Museum
2321 Sierra St.
Kingsburg, Ca 93631

REGISTRATION: Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. to register your project(s).

B-B-Q: Bring your favorite cut of meat, a side dish (hot dish, salad, dessert, etc) and eating utensils. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

PROGRAM:

Again this year, we will be meeting at the Kingsburg Historical Park in the Fire Department Museum building and we will have our B-B-Q outside the building on the lawn. Also, again this year, we will be there during the Kingsburg Swedish Festival. The general public will be allowed to view our projects. However, last year we found that, because of the parade, we were done and packed up before many people arrived at the Park.

The project contest will be in the same format as last year with only one category and many great prizes. Also, we will have a show-and-tell section for those who want to show a project but not enter it in the contest. Everyone who brings a project for the contest or show-and-tell will receive a gift.

Also, for anyone who is interested in selling their work, bring a table(s) for your display and stay as long as you wish.

I encourage everyone in the Association to participate by bringing multiple projects to display and make this year as fun and successful as last year.

Wooden folding chairs will be provided.

DIRECTIONS:

From the North: Take Highway 99 South to Kingsburg. Take the CA-201 exit. Turn left on CA-201/Sierra St and go East approximately 1.1 miles.

From the South: Take Highway 99 North to Kingsburg. Take Exit 111 and go right on Rd 12 to CA-201/Sierra St. Turn right on Sierra St.

The museum (Clay School) and the Park are on the left (North).

You may park in the front parking area or, if you have large projects or have difficulty walking, you may drive down the driveway just east of the park and enter through the gate at the back of the park.

THE JUNE "SHOP HOP"

By: Roger McCoy

Date: June 17, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Four Shops in the North Area

It's time for the club's annual "Shop Hop". No, this is not a 1950's dance. The "Shop Hop" is an annual event where several club members open their shops to the rest of the club for a tour and an opportunity to talk shop. We instituted this tradition because the club has grown too large to meet in the average "garage shop", and we all missed seeing other woodworker's shops. This year the "Shop Hop" is being held in the North Area and we have four very interesting shops of varying sizes lined up for your viewing pleasure. These four shops are spread out from northeast Clovis to northwest Fresno as follows:

Dave Dunlap's Shop 7461 N. Fancher, Clovis 297-1931

*Don't know what to say about Dave's shop except "**WOW**"! He put a lot of thought into his "dream" shop and you'll enjoy seeing it. Be sure to have Dave show you his "little" tool shed adjacent to his shop.*

Ken Pretzer's Shop 3303 E. Pontiac Way, Fresno 224-5439

Make sure you have Ken explain his technique for dreaming up home improvement projects that require the purchase of new tools. Ken is an absolute master at this, and if you are lucky, he may share his secrets.

Mark Brage's Shop 1660 W. Browning, Fresno 438-8840

Mark is a new member to the club and his shop is still "in process", but you will enjoy what he's done so far. Check out Norm's router table and ask to see his grandfather's hand tools.

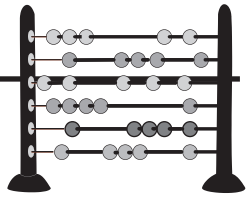
Ed Neufeld's Shop 4758 W. Alluvial, Fresno 277-8908

Ed's previous shop was on the Shop Hop in 2002. He and his wife moved about 3 years ago and he has a brand new shop to share. Ed has offered to include a tour of his beautiful back yard with its "million dollar" on-the-bluffs view.

You are welcome to visit the shops in any order you want any time between 9:00 a.m. and noon. For those of you coming from out of town, the most efficient route would be to either start at Dave's shop in Clovis and proceed across Fresno to Ed's shop, or start at Ed's and end up at Dave's. For those of you that enjoy seeing different woodworker's shops, this is a don't-miss event.

Directions: Maps are included for each of the four shops. If you have any questions or get lost on June 17th, call the number listed above for each shop and they will help you out with instructions.

The Bean Counter's Corner



By: Ken Kenoyer

By the time you read this there will have been some changes made. Specifically, several names have been dropped from the mailing list. Also included in these pages you will find an insert listing all paid members and their phone numbers. Please check this directory, and if your buddies name is not there remind him/her to pay their dues and get back on the mailing list. I will hold those names in the database for one year. If they do not reinstate, they will be deleted.

The phone directory is published once a year in the May/June edition. It is impractical to furnish everyone with a new directory each time it changes. However, you need not worry about staying current. How do you do that? Simple, each edition of the newsletter lists the names and phone numbers of new and reinstated members as well as any changes to existing phone numbers. All you have to do is add or correct those entries on this directory.

E-mail addresses are a real challenge. When I send out something to the SJFWA group I always get at least four or more returns, Not Deliverable. There are two main factors here. First, please write them legibly. (Is that a dash or and underline) It may help if you wrote it out in all capital letters and I will enter it in lower case. The reason is that some of your lower case letters are closer to scribbles than actual letters. Second, when you change email addresses, please let us know. I know that you tell your friends and associates, so please consider us a friend so we can stay in touch as well. Email is now a very common and convenient method of communication, but impossible without a proper or current address.

I would like to interject a personal note here. When I joined the SJFWA I heard talk of omitting the word FINE from the clubs name because it was felt by a few that it was intimidating to some current and future members. I looked at it to be more of a challenge or goal than intimidation. Case in point - while we have had many outstanding presentations, just look at the last three months. February, Howard Atamian on finishing (phase1). March, LoVella Jensen on turning flutes and Wes Hofer on segmented turnings. May, John Snyder on finishing (phase 2) and Chip Carver Wayne Barton. It is this last class that personifies the word FINE. A nationally acclaimed carver in a top of the line shop, and exquisite dining, all located in the peacefully tranquil setting of Dunlap Park (better known as David's back yard). Ladies and gentlemen it just doesn't get any FINEr than that. In my opinion, with the examples stated, the word FINE should remain not only as a goal for woodworking but also to signify what this organization can and does offer.

This organization just keeps getting better and better.

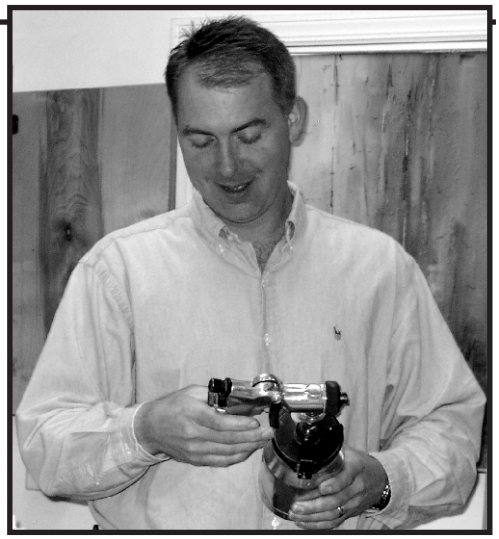
Happy Woodworking, (and to those adventurous eleven, Happy Chip Carving).

April Meeting

By: David Dunlap

This meeting was held in John Manselian's shop in west Fresno. He has a nice shop for meetings as it is easy to get to and has plenty of room. We all appreciate his willingness to have it available for us. John even got to draw for the red bead but he didn't get it. He said it was his first chance in 30 years. Hopefully it won't be 30 more before he gets another chance! Show and tell was pretty good this time. Wes Hofer brought in an item he had made. I don't know what it was but it looked like a nightmare to make. Best I could tell, it was wood but describing it is difficult. Try and picture 20 little pyramids all glued together to form a strange looking rough ball shape. The understatement of the day was Wes himself describing the hardest part of making it and I quote "The hard part was gluing it together!" You had to be there but it was pretty funny. Roger McCoy then told us all about the Chip Carving class that the club sponsored two weeks earlier with Wayne Barton. The class was a great success and Chris Grothe was appropriately recognized for his significant role in setting it up.

The day's topic was part 2 of our 3 part finishing series. This session was directed by John Snyder and Aaron Arnold. They did a good job of covering application techniques and clean up. Who knew there were so many different kinds of spray guns? The paint booth that John had made with a 20" box fan was pretty cool as most everyone in the room could probably use one of those if they don't already have one. The turn table made out of a photography tripod or a music stand was a great take away too. One other great technique was to dip your paint brush in the appropriate medium before you use it to make clean up easier. For



"Aaron Arnold on his HVLP spraying system"

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(Home phone will be listed in our Directory unless you state otherwise.)

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Occupation _____Retired _____ Yes No

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

APRIL MEETING *Continued from Page 6*

example, if you are using latex paint, thoroughly wet the brush with water and shake it out before you start. This will make cleaning it up much easier, especially the area at the top of the bristles. I'm just glad that they have published phone numbers because it's pretty sure that yours truly will be needing some additional instruction on the topic.

"John Snyder speaking on application techniques."

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

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Richard King	582-4531	*(Hanford)*
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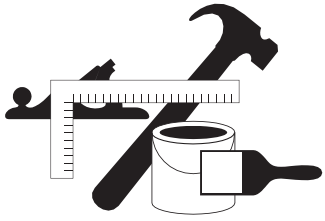

For Your CALENDAR

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6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, CA
All Members Welcome (Good Food!)

May 20, 2006

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
Kingsburg Historical Park
Project Contest & Display

June 17, 2006

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
Shop Hop - See Article

South Toy Workshop Schedule
all sessions are on Satuday from
8:00 a.m. to noon at Tulare Western
High School June 3, 24 • July 8, 22
August 5, 26 • Sept. 2, 23 • Oct. 7, 21
Nov. 4, 25 (Toy Collection Day)
Dec 2, (Toy Distribution Day)

June 9, 2006
All articles for the July/August Newsletter #141 are due to the Newsletter Editor.

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