



Newsletter

November/December 2006
Issue 143

THE TULARE COUNTY FAIR

By: Ken Kenoyer

Another great year at the Tulare County Fair has drawn to a close. There was a lot of show-and-tell, talking wood and woodworking, explaining the club and activities, and in general letting people know who and what we are. Coupled with the awards, donations, sugar highs, emotional moments, and camaraderie this rounded out a terrific week.

The attendance was up significantly this year, which is a good sign in this day and age. Tom Tucker, while on a lunch break, said that the food vendor told him that he had sold more food Saturday than ever before at this Fair. The SJFWA booth enjoyed constant activity even when the school kids were not there. All in all, a good show.



"Hummm The Other Kid Did It."

The Visitors Choice Award for the best booth this year was shared by the SJFWA and the Porterville Quilter's Guild. This is the third year in a row that the SJFWA has won. It seems that word spread about how the quilters and the woodworkers combined efforts with the cradles for our toy project and the people thought very highly about that as well as other efforts the quilters are involved with.

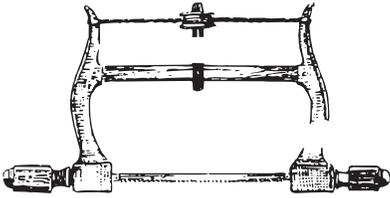
We received a \$50 donation, out of the clear blue sky, from a lady who was working with a group of high school students showing swine at the fair. After some exhaustive investigation we found out that Al Sindlinger had made several name plates in the shape of pigs that were attached to the pens of the animals. I found out just recently that we received another \$40 donation for some work he did for the Fresno Tennis Club. Al is always doing stuff like this



"Most Popular by Fair (Far)"

and never tells anybody unless you threaten him with hot lights and rubber hoses.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were high volume days with school kids, seniors and the general public, but the crew in the SJFWA booth never noticed it primarily because we were all working on a sugar-high. Thursday was Cake-Judging day. After the judging is over the gals up front give us the leftovers. By popular vote among us, we decided that the judges were wrong in their selection. We felt that the third place choice was far superior to the first place winner, and that the fourth, fifth, and sixth place should be given much more credit. Friday was Pie-Judging day. They were all first place winners in our book.



Board of Director's Meeting Sun Hong Kong Restaurant Kingsburg, California September 13, 2006

President Ben Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:25p.m. Members present were: Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Roger McCoy, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Tony Wortner, Chris Grothe, David Dunlap, Mac Macklin, Tom Tucker, Bruce Auernheimer, and Al Sindlinger.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting were read and approved. MSC/Ken Kenoyer/Tom Tucker.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of \$3,722.56. All bills are paid.

Outstanding Comittments:	Red Bead Payout	\$137.00
	Memorial Fund	357.00
Sub-Total of Commitments:		\$494.00
Total Discretionary Funds Available		\$3,228.56
Donation of \$50 by John M Atajian for toys		
New Members: -0-		
Paid Members Total: 97		

VP REPORTS: (*South Region*) Tony Wortner reminded us of the Tulare County Fair (Sept. 13-17).

The November 18 meeting is in the planning stages.

The January 20, 2007 meeting is our annual Auction at Wes Hofer's shop.

(*North Region*) Roger Mc Coy reminded us of the 150th Fresno County Fair (Oct. 4-15).

The October meeting is the 150th Fresno Fair.

NEWSLETTER: Editor David Dunlap reminded us that all articles are due to him by October 13, 2006. David wants to advertise some items that will be for sale at the auction, so let him know.

COMMITEE REPORTS: (*Videos*) Tom Tucker got a donation of videos from Ideal Saw:

- (1) Table Mount Router
- (2) Router Spacer Joinery
- (3) Router Mitre
- (4) Raised Panels With Your Router

TOY PROGRAM (*South*) Dave Summers' group is working on Saturdays at the Tulare Western shop. There is more wood at the shop if you need some.

(*North*) Glen Gray's group has started making toys at Dave Dunlap's shop all but the 3rd Saturday of each month. They have started double dipping & buffing shellaced toys. They work from 8-A.M. to 12-noon. Glen has wheels & axles there too.

FAIRS: (*Tulare County Fair*) J C Charles said they had a great turn out. They were busy all day.

(*150th Fresno County Fair*) Chairman Chris Grothe said we have a larger booth area (40' x 30') this year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Club is checking on a tool swap meet at Ideal Saw & sponsored by SJFWA. We would get a hold of a TV station & the Fresno Bee. Ken Kenoyer is going to check our insurance for this.

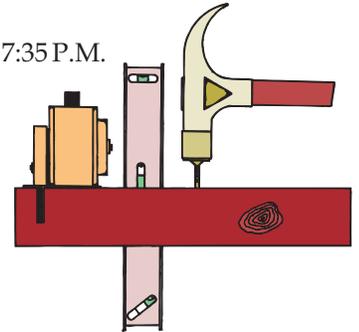
Chuck Smith is planning a Wood Carvers Show open to all people (Quilters, SJFWA, Wood Carvers, etc.throughout the State.) Tables rent for \$15.

February 24, 2007 is the scheduled date for the dove-tail class at Tulare Western Shop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Glen Gray,
Secretary



"Fresno Fair Booth"



"Wes Hofer at the Fresno Fair."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to all who worked at the Fairs this year and a special thanks to Chris Grothe for chairing the Fresno Fair committee and John Charles for chairing the Tulare fair committee. It's a lot of work and we appreciate it.

Those who know and shop at Ideal Saw Works probably know that the Rockler section of the store is moving to the River Point shopping center at the north/east corner of Blackstone and Herndon. They plan to open the new store October 23, 2006. The SJFWA Board has agreed to sponsor the first annual Used Tool Swap Meet in the rear parking lot at the new store. This will be an opportunity for SJFWA members and the general public as well to sell those tools that are no longer needed and also purchase tools at good used tool prices. The event will be from 8 am to noon, Saturday, November 11, 2006. This promises to be a great event so don't miss it. Remember, it's in the rear parking lot.

The mail came today as I was writing this document and I received my latest CD from Woodworker's Indexing. The timing was right to remind me that I should tell all of you that have not heard of Woodworker's Indexing what a great product it is. For \$17.00 a year, I get a CD which has a data base of all issues of the 8 major woodworking magazines and various issues of 19 other woodworking magazines. So when I need to find an article or plans for a woodworking project, I bring up the indexing program and key in the search argument and in seconds, I have a list of every article

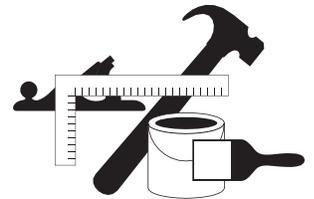
that matches. It is an incredible resource in finding information in the hundreds of magazines I have. Without this product it is almost impossible to find a specific article. I highly recommend it to anyone who has a large number of woodworking magazines. However, if you don't want to get it but need the service, I would be glad to look up an article for you any time you need it. Just give me a call.

The last two meetings of the year are coming up. In November we are going to Bill Melton's shop in Porterville. Bill is a buggy and wagon restoration specialist and he has a shop full of antique tools many of which he still uses. We met at Bill's shop five years ago and he had a very interesting program for us. If you missed the last meeting for sure you will not want to miss this one. And in December we are again meeting at John Manselian's shop in Fresno. We always have a fine program and great time at John's shop and I know this year will be no exception. Refer to the SJFWA calendar and meeting articles for details. See you at the meetings.

See you at the Fairs.

Sincerely,

Ben R. Douglas



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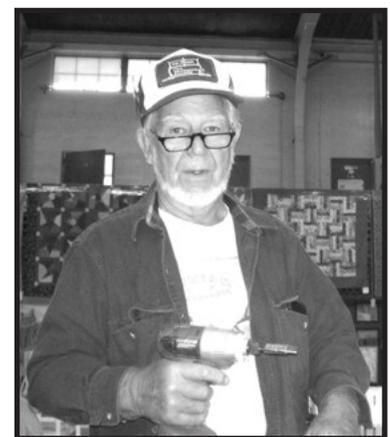
Saturday was Raisin Pie-Judging day. Do you have any idea how many versions of raisin pie there are? Needless to say, the SJFWA is very well taken care of at the Tulare County Fair.

There were also pleasant surprises to be had. There was a group of children from Dinuba that came in and had a good time with the toys like all the other kids. When it was time for them to leave the lady in charge had them all line up in front of the booth and face us. We thought this was a little strange. Then she told the kids, "Children, these are the people that make the toys you get for Christmas. Give them a big Thank You." And they did. For those of us there that day it was the first time we had ever seen any of the kids that receive our Christmas toys. Their "Thank You"

was genuine, and it almost brought a tear to the eye. What a tremendous donation to our organization that was. If any of you get reticent about making toys for this cause this should be a realization that it is needed and appreciated.

A major "Thank You" is in order for all those who worked in the booth this year. I don't have the roster so I am unable to list you by name. However, you know who you are. A special THANKS to those of you who came down from the North to help out. That's a long haul; we know it and really appreciate your involvement. Another special THANKS goes to J.C. Charles. He set the tone from the first day he took over as Fair Chairman for the camaraderie, can do attitude, and especially the positive working relationship with the Fair officials.

It is this relationship that has made our involvement with the Tulare County Fair so enjoyable.



"Chuck Smith on Setup Day At the Fresno Fair."

NOVEMBER MEETING

By: Tony Wortner

Date: November 18, 2006
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Place: Bill Melton's Shop
134 W. Gibbon Ave.
Porterville, 781-6375

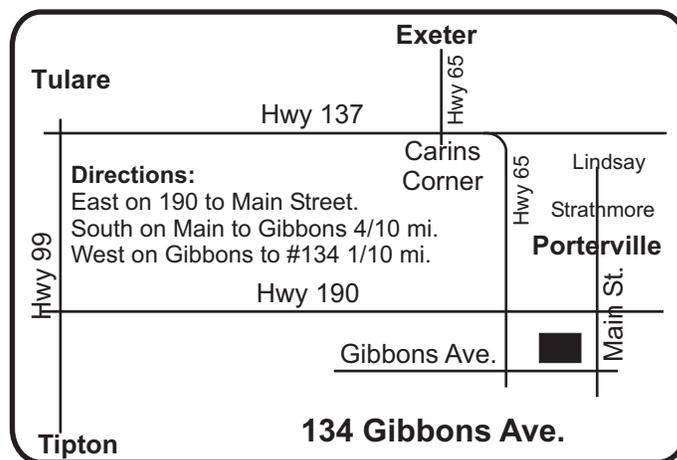
For a look at how woodworking was done in the 1800's you will want to attend this meeting. Bill is a wagon and buggy restoration specialist and is a member of the Early American National Woodworkers Association. He will demonstrate how he uses these antique tools which are needed for his restoration work.

He has amassed a collection of over 2,000 woodworking and blacksmithing tools. Bill said his tools and those owned by other EANWA members are being compiled into a book about American toolmakers. The book project is in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institute.

He will also talk about his other

hobby, the Civil War. He is affiliated with a national organization that is trying to locate Civil War veterans grave sites. This should be a great meeting for those of you who are also history buffs.

Bring a chair.



ANNUAL AUCTION 2007

It will soon be time for the annual auction and we are happy to announce that it will once again be held at Wes Hofer's shop near Dinuba. The date is January 20th so mark your calendars and be thinking about what items you may be able to contribute for this annual fund raising tradition which in large part funds our toy making budget.

How about if we make this the best auction ever? Think about it. We are truly blessed to have the Hofer family providing a wonderful location, countless hours of preparation and a fantastic auction accounting system that is really pretty cool. All the rest of us have to do is bring some stuff to sell and buy the stuff that we bring.

Just a quick word about that. We all do realize what the purpose of the auction is, right? It is a fund raiser. As such, the better the items donated, the more money we raise AND the more we bid, the more money we raise too! Pretty basic huh? So won't you please consider donating some good stuff to the auction this year? All items are truly appreciated but let's kick it up a notch this year and in addition to all of the goodies that typically show up, how about we come up with some quality stuff for ace auctioneer Tom Tucker to sink his teeth into and let's also give him a really big crowd to auction to.

Give it some thought and then give Wes a call at 591-0629 to arrange a time to drop off your auction items. Please leave your items in as clean and operable of a condition as possible.

Here is a start:

Near new condition
Craftsman Professional
stationary air compressor

Specifications:

7h.p. max developed and
2.9h.p. running

60 gallon tank and two
stage compressor and oil
free pump

9 scfm @ 90psi

240 volts, 15 amps, single
phase

Color: black

Model #919.165612

Purchase date: August 2004

Original price on sale: \$429.00 + tax

There is nothing wrong with this compressor. It's simply just slightly undersized to adequately run a sand blasting machine which is a bummer for the present owner and a real opportunity for one of you! Do your research and come prepared to bid. Complimentary delivery will be provided if needed on auction day.



• WANTED •

SJFWA BULLETIN BOARD

• FOR SALE •

“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.

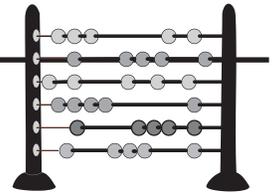
For Sale – Delta lathe for sale.

P N 46-765X 2 hp -230 volt wood lathe.

Has wheel kit and shelf. \$1950.00 delivered.

Contact Tom Tucker 568-1542

THE BEAN COUNTER’S CORNER



By: Ken Kenoyer

There are a lot of activities coming up in the future and all of them need your support, namely the auction, toy project, hands-on woodworking classes and the dreaded dues collection. So, lets get started.

AUCTION: Have you started getting your stuff together for the auction yet? Believe me it's not too early. This auction is one of my favorite activities because I always find stuff that I just can't live without and the money goes for a great cause. For the newer members this is the way it works. All items are donated and all the proceeds go into the treasury. This income is a major factor in financing our “Toys For Needy Children” project. (More on this later.) So we ask you to please support this auction with items to sell and high bids to buy.

NOTE: As of this writing we have spent \$ 1,978.16 this year for supplies needed for these toys and we are not done yet. Last year we made about 4,000 toys and we are well on the way to meet or exceed that this year. If you are not involved in this toy-making project contact a board member and find out how you can help.

WOODWORKING CLASSES: By popular demand, we are going to repeat the “Hand Cut Dovetail” class. The date (as it stands now) will be February 24, 2007 at Tulare Western High School. Mr. Dave Summers will be the instructor. This is a top-notch class in which you will lay out and cut several different types of dovetails the old fashioned way, by hand. The cost will be about \$20 to \$25 dollars.

We will also be offering an “Introduction to Turning” class. The date has not been set as of yet but it will be after the first of the year. This class is designed to give you rudimentary instruction and experience with turning on the lathe. This class was brought about by comments from several people who had never had the opportunity to turn on a lathe but would like to. After this

class you will have a pretty good idea if you want to invest in a whole different line of woodworking tools. Caution,

this class may create an addiction to making beautiful and exquisite objects out of raunchy old pieces of fire wood. At this time we plan to have the classes in Visalia with two outstanding turners as instructors. These guys were invited to instruct seminars at the American Association of Woodturners' National Convention in Portland Oregon next year. Class size will be limited to 6 to 8 people. Arrangements are being made to offer additional classes on a routine basis until the demand is met. The cost has yet to be determined but will hopefully be in the same range as the “Dovetail” class.

DUES: I know it's early to be bringing this up, but, some people need to start thinking about this early in the game. I will start collecting dues AFTER January 1, 2007. A good time to do this is at the Auction. When you check out just add \$30 to the amount of your purchase to take care of your dues for the coming year.

For new members and as a reminder for the rest of you, this is how it works. All dues are due and payable by the third Saturday in March. If I have not received your dues by April 15th I drop you from the mailing list. I will keep you in the database for one year. If you do not reinstate by that time I will delete you. So if you miss the April date you can still pay and receive your newsletter.

Happy Woodworking

DECEMBER MEETING

By: Roger McCoy

John Manselian's Shop

DATE: December 16, 2006

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: John Manselian's Shop

707 West Shields Ave
Fresno, CA

Ph: 229-6216

John Manselian will again be spreading his Christmas cheer by allowing us to use his beautiful shop for our last meeting of 2006. Hope everyone can join us for what should be a great presentation and I hope many of you will participate in our annual gift exchange.

Presentation

We will be presenting Part III of our "Finishing" series. The topic will be about selecting the right finishing materials and how to apply them, along with demonstrations of favorite finishing methods. In addition to the expertise of some of our own members, master craftsman Chuck Argo of Ideal Saw Works has agreed to describe and demonstrate his method of applying shellac and wax.

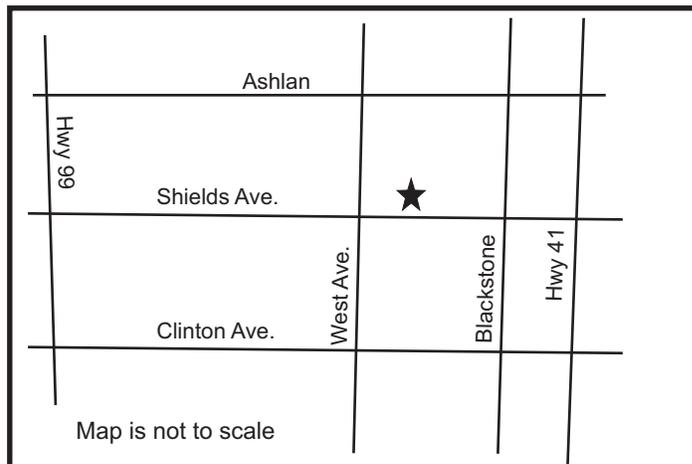
Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in our annual Christmas gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift and have a little fun.

Gifts should be in the \$10 range and related to woodworking if possible. **Please no gag gifts.** Don't feel obligated to bring a gift to attend the meeting. The gift exchange is just for those that want to participate.

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 ½ mile. Turn left on West Avenue and head north another ½ mile. Turn right on Shields Avenue and it's a couple of blocks to John's shop.



"1871 Scroll Saw, I'll keep mine."



"Will I Ever Catch Up?"



"Santa's Little Helpers Busy at Work."



The San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to teaching woodworking techniques through workshops, monthly meeting presentations, promoting woodworking education and community interest in woodworking and "Sharing the Love of Wood".

The SJFWA Newsletter is published six times a year and is included with your membership dues.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

DUES \$30 A YEAR

Prorated to \$15 for September through February.

MAIL TO: San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association

P.O. BOX 3132

Visalia, Ca. 93278-3132

Date: _____ 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

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

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

Occupation _____ Retired _____ Yes No

SJFWA VIDEO REVIEW

By: Tom Tucker

I recently joined the American Association of Woodturners. This organization exists to further the art of turning. They publish a quarterly magazine which is very informative with articles loaded with information to help you improve in the craft. A bonus for joining is a video entitled Fundamentals of Sharpening. Wow, this video is worth the membership fee. It is produced by the AAW and narrated and presented by four well known turners who are:

1. Bonnie Klien = sharpening basics
2. John Jordon = side ground gouge
3. Bill Johnston = grinder tune-up
4. Alan Lacer = Skews and spindle gouges

This video is done by people that make their living turning. It is to the point, very informative and really loaded with useful information.

I was so caught up in it while viewing I forgot to time it but it was well over an hour long. Each of the four sections has something for any style of turner. They all show sharpening with and without jigs. It is not a video to sell you a jig. Actually it really points out what the bare necessities are for tools needed for sharpening. Each presenter has valid points about their section. Bonnie Kline points out that, new tools out of the box, need to be shaped and sharpened and she shows you how.

She has temperature charts with colors vs. temperature and its relationship to carbon and high speed steel. She uses a belt and a disc sander to shape a new tool.

John Jordon discusses the grit of grinding wheels. He uses a 60 on one side and a 60 on the other. John makes the point that you should clean the tool of wood and pitch prior to grinding.

Bill Johnston shows you how to balance the grinding wheels and uses a jig to dress the wheel. He uses the One Way balance system.

Alan Lacer stresses good light, face shields for protection and shows you how to sharpen some of the more difficult tools like the 1/4 and 3/8 inch spindle gouges.

I am in the process of getting a copy of this video from the AAW. Until then, I would be happy to offer my video for club use. This is such a good video I will keep it as a tool for future viewing.

All club videos are available for the very reasonable fee of \$3.00. This gets you a whole month of viewing and then you return the video at the next meeting or mail it back to the video chairman. See me at the next meeting and look over the great selection of wood working videos and DVD's we have available



For Your CALENDAR

Sequoia Woodturners Meetings

Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

November 11, 2006

Used Tool Swap Meet

8 A.M. to Noon

Ideal Saw Works **REAR** Parking Lot

52 E. Herndon Ave.

Fresno, CA

November 15, 2006

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SJFWA Board Meeting

Sun Hong Kong Restaurant

Kingsburg, CA

All Members Welcome (Good Food!)

November 18, 2006

9:00 A.M. - Noon

Association Meeting

Bill Melton's Shop

Porterville, CA

December 2, 2006

Toy Distribution at the

Tulare Western High School

December 8, 2006

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are due to the Newsletter Editor.

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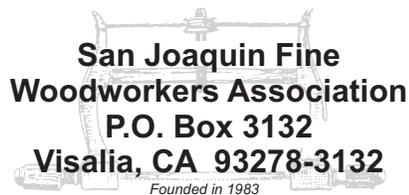
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December 16, 2006

9:00 A.M. - Noon

Association Meeting

John Manselian's Shop

Fresno, CA

January 20, 2007

Annual Auction at Wes Hofer's

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