San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association
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Newsletter

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Issue 149

The Tulare County Fair

By: Ken Kenoyer

The Tulare County Fair is over for another year, and what a great time it was. This was Tony Wortner's first year as Fair Chairman and he did a great job. All the preliminary contacts, scheduling, and all the behind the scenes tasks that only a few know about were taken care of. But that's only part of it. There are always changes (some at the last minute), and he skillfully took care of those also. Good job Tony.

This year we received the trophy for the most popular booth. So thanks and kudos go to all the members that came to help make this year's booth such a success. There were 15 who signed up to cover 12 shifts. There were anywhere between two and four people per shift and with the high turnout of fairgoers this year they were very much needed. If you do the math you will notice that several people pulled several shifts to maintain adequate coverage.

This year we added another aspect to both fairs in the form of a fundraiser. Mac Macklin built a "Krenov" style display case that we sold raffle tickets for. These funds will go toward purchasing materials needed for our annual toy project. We sold almost $500.00 worth before and during the Tulare County Fair. When all factors are considered we should pretty much sell out by the end of the Fresno fair. We had 1,000 tickets printed so we should do pretty well.

"Whoa-Cool!!"

"Always a Favorite Spot- What Fun"

One of the highlights this year was a young lady that bought a ticket to support our toy project. It seems that when she was a little girl she had received one of our toys. You never know when a situation will occur that makes your hard work seem worthwhile. We also had several people who would buy two tickets, hand you a five dollar bill and say "We like what you are doing, keep the change." There

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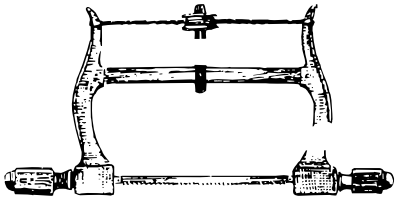


Board of Director's Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, California
September 12, 2007

President Ben Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Roger Mc Coy, Dave Summers, Mac Macklin, Tom Tucker, Howard Atamian, Al Sindlinger and David Dunlap.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting were read and approved. MSC/Ken Kenoyer/ Dave Summers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $5,261.61. All bills are paid.

Total Commitments: Red Bead Payout:	$115.00
Woodworking Classes:	$473.63
Memorial Fund:	$457.00
Sub Total Commitments:	$1,045.63
Total discretionary funds available	$4,215.98

(2007 Toy Project Expenses to date: $1,273.40)

Paid members total: 101

New Members: 2

Note: Money from the sale of tickets is not figured in the above report. A deposit will be made after the Tulare & Fresno County Fairs.

VP REPORTS: *(South Region)* Mac Macklin made a cabinet to be raffled off after the Tulare & Fresno Fairs. The November 17, 2007 meeting will be in the South Area.

(North Region) Roger McCoy reminded us of the Dec. 15 scroll saw meeting at John Manselian's shop. Bring a $10 gift if you want to be involved in the Christmas gift exchange.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Editor David Dunlap reminded us that all articles are due to him by Oct. 12, 2007.

VIDEOS: Tom Tucker said Leroy Ediger & Dan Pettit each made 6 DVD's each..

FAIR REPORTS: The Tulare Fair is from Sept. 12-16, 2007. Tony Wortner was not present but the sign-up sheet is full.

The Fresno Fair is from Oct. 3-14, 2007. Chris Grothe was not present. Ben Douglas needs a few more names to finish filling in the time slots for the booth.

TOY COMMITTEE REPORT: *(South)* Chairman Dave Summers' group has been busy making more toys.

(North) Chairman Glen Gray's group has made approx. 1200 toys.

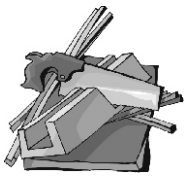
OLD BUSINESS: Al Sindlinger made the hopper for raffling tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Gray,

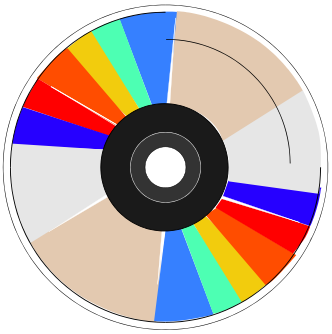
Secretary



By: Tom Tucker

SJFWA VIDEO REVIEW

Chairmaking Techniques with Jeff Miller



We can again thank Ideal saw works for the gift of videos when they changed their operation last year.

In this 55 minute video, Jeff Miller demystifies the art of chair making. You'll learn that the woodworking techniques for building many types of chairs are just variations of common joinery. Jeff will show how he builds comfort, strength, and good looks into three different structural chairs: framed chairs, post and rung chairs, and chairs with plank seats.

You will learn:

- How to tackle chair projects with confidence
- The strategies of approaching chair construction
- How to deal with compound angles and complex joinery
- How to design your own chairs
- Ways to build more comfortable chairs

This video is available for viewing for one month for a small fee of ONLY $3.00 You simply return it at the next meeting or mail back in the box provided.

President's Message

A big thank you to everyone who worked at the fairs this year. The dedication of a handful of the membership makes it all happen. Fifteen members worked the Tulare Fair and 24 worked the Fresno Fair. Several worked both fairs and multiple shifts. Also, thanks to Ideal Saw Works for letting us use several of their power tools at the Fresno Fair. Be sure to thank the people at Ideal Saw Works for their support the next time you are there.

As always the fair booths were very popular with fairgoers especially the children. There were times when there were 20 kids at the tables. It's always fun to watch guys like Wes Hofer or Al Sindlinger help the kids. They have so much patience and are so good with them, explaining how all the toys and puzzles work. I'm sorry but I don't have that much patience. One group of kids showed up while I was there and one of the boys was saying to his friends things like "this is new "and "I remember that". I asked him when he was at the booth before and he said he comes every year. The schools bring the kids to the fair and when they enter the Home Arts building, they make a b-line to our booth. Hopefully, some of our effort will translate into encouraging people, both young and old, to get interested in woodworking.

I also want to say thank you to Mac Macklin. As I indicated in the last newsletter, Mac made a Krenov style display cabinet and donated it to the Association for a raffle. Our goal was to sell a total of 1000 tickets at the two fairs. Unfortunately, selling raffle tickets is more difficult than it would seem. It is especially difficult when you are totally tied up watching over 20 kids at the tables. We still have about half of the tickets so we will be asking all members to take at least one book of tickets (6) to sell. As Ken indicated in the last newsletter, the drawing will be on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at Tulare Western High School. That's the day we distribute the toys.

If you haven't been by the Ideal Saw Works North store lately, manager Chuck Argo has brought in some new merchandise and tools I am sure you are going to want to see. Ideal Saw now has a full line of beautiful exotic and domestic wood veneers. In addition, they now carry Vac-U-Clamp vacuum systems for gluing veneers along with the glue and accessories. They also now carry Vicmarc lathes and accessories and the Grex line of air driven 23 gauge pin nailers, a random orbit sander and air brush system. Also coming soon is the Turbinaire HVLP spray system.

The last two meetings of the year are coming up. In November we are going to meet at Mac Macklin's shop in Visalia. Mac hasn't firmed up the agenda at press time but he assures me it will be a good one. Mac has a really nice shop so if you haven't seen it, you will want to come to this meeting. And for what's becoming a tradition for the December meeting, we are meeting at John Manselian's shop in Fresno. Roger McCoy and his committee are putting together a program on the scroll saw. It should be a good one. Refer to the SJFWA calendar and meeting articles for details. See you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

Ben R. Douglas

"Attention fellow Woodworkers"

The Sequoia Woodturners club would like to invite you to a special upcoming event. The Woodturners have arranged for two world renowned wood turners to appear for demonstrations.

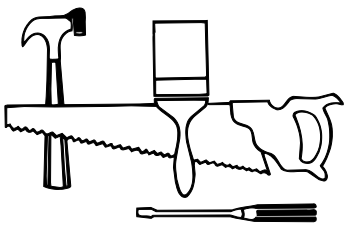
- First from the U.K. is Jimmy Clewes on Saturday **February 19, 2008**
- Second from Quaker Town PA is David Ellsworth on Thursday **March 13, 2008**.

Both will be held at Ideal Saw Works, Fresno, CA

Please come join us for this educational day. Cost is $25.00 per person for each show. If interested, contact Tye Putman at H:559-297-1930 or C:559-281-8499.

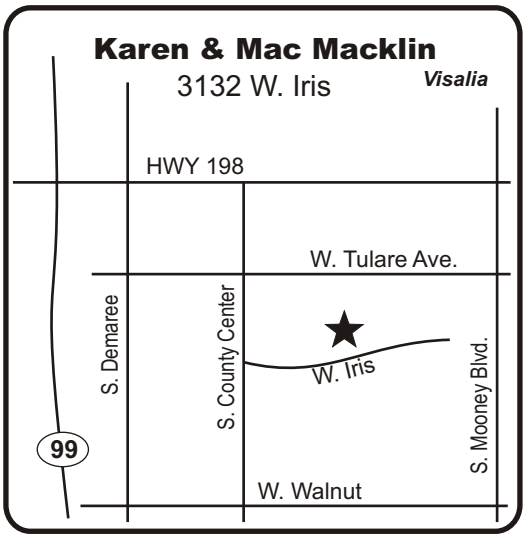
Make checks payable to Sequoia Woodturners. Mail to Tye Putman, 7202 N. Bonadelle Ave.• Fresno,CA. 93720

Sorry, but no refunds will be allowed.



November Meeting

Date: November 17, 2007
Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Where: Mac Macklin's Shop
3132 W Iris,
Visalia, CA 93277



It has been a few years since we have met at Mac's shop so Mac has invited us back for another look at his very nice shop. The program has yet to be determined but it is sure to be a good one. So bring a chair and be prepared to be impressed with Mac's shop and craftsmanship.

Tulare County Fair Pictures

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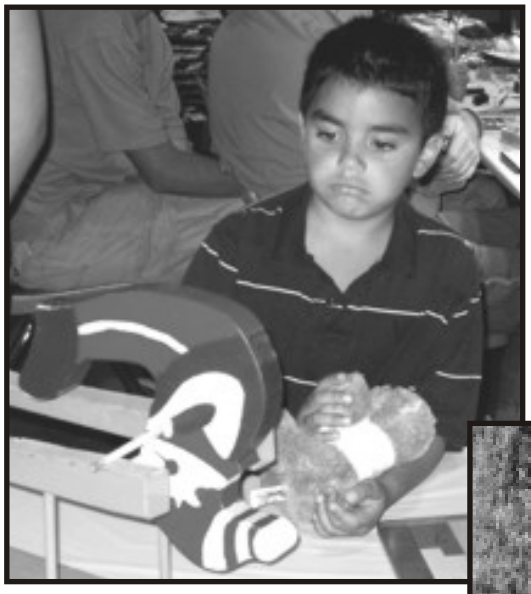
were even cases where they would offer the money but refused the ticket. Neat huh!

We would like to thank the teachers who escorted their classes to our booth this year. The kids, while enthusiastic, were all very well behaved and really enjoyed themselves. I say that knowing the teachers will never see this but just in case they do we want them to know we appreciate the supervision.

For the life of me I can't figure out why more people don't get involved. The reason there are no meetings in September and October is so that the members can support the Tulare and Fresno fairs. These fairs are the meetings for those two months. You get to meet a lot of people and really show off your woodworking projects. Talk about bragging rights. Next year be sure to sign up and give it a try, you'll like it.

"Proud Fair Chairman - Tony Wortner"



"Just How I Feel!"

"Mac's Krenov Style, cabinet for the raffle"

"I'll Just Stare It Down"

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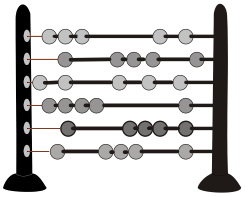
"You Can Place Your Ad Here... Just Contact Your Newsletter Editor"

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.

Bean Counter's Corner



By: Ken Kenoyer

FUND RAISER:

As you should know by now we are holding a special raffle to raise funds for our annual Toy Project. The prize is a "Krenov" style Display Cabinet made by Mac Macklin of Visalia. It's a beautiful cabinet made with walnut and olive woods. The main sale of tickets took place at the Tulare County Fair and the Fresno Fair. Now that both fairs are over and accountings of income from both pre-sale and Fair sales has been tallied we are far below the anticipated goal. As of this date only $739.00 has been collected. This means that we, the membership, must get out there and make this fund-raiser happen.

The tickets are a **$2.00 donation** each or a **$10.00** donation for a book of six tickets. (The tickets are bundled in books of six. Only 1,000 tickets have been printed.) Since there is no one available to travel to everyone's home and collect the money the following procedures are suggested.

- Deposit the money in your personal checking account.
- Write a check for the same amount.
- Mail your personal check **with the tickets stubs** to me.

Kenneth E. Kenoyer
560 W. Theta
Porterville, Ca 93257

NOTE: THE DRAWING IS DECEMBER 1, 2007. MAKE SURE I RECEIVE YOUR CHECK AND TICKET STUBS PRIOR TO THE DRAWING.

NOTE: MAKE SURE THE DONOR FILLS OUT THE TICKET STUB.

NOTE: DO NOT SEND CASH.

For those of you who would like a photo of the cabinet to show prospective donors contact me and I will send you a 5" X 7" color print. (My phone number and email address is listed on the back page of this newsletter under "Treasurer".

Let's get out there and make this happen.

BEGINNER'S TURNING CLASS #2

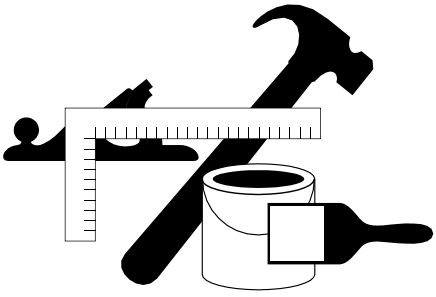
By the time you read this the class will have already taken place. I feel I can say, at this time, the class will be/was a great success. Unfortunately Jim Mathias was unable to be there due to illness. However, Howard Atamian took over as lead instructor and performed admirably. Filling in behind Howard as an assistant is a new face for most of you, Mr. Tye Putman, Tye is the Vice President of the Sequoia Woodturners Club. Also assisting were Bob Sansom (Mr. Bowl Turner) and Dave (The Renaissance Man) Summers. Bob supplied all the bowl turning blanks. Dave not only is responsible for making available the facilities but he and his wife also catered the two-day affair with great lunches. It must be noted that all instructors and staff furnished the tools and equipment to make this class possible.

Special thanks must also go to John Phillips owner/operator of "PHILLIPS HARDWOODS" at 1751 East Finni Ct. Visalia for his donation of wood for the spindle turning portion of the class. He not only donated the poplar but cut and ripped it to the size and length needed. John's store is similar to the Woodshed in Clovis in that he handles all kinds of exotic woods and does special projects. THANKS JOHN.

Due to the popularity of this class it is anticipated that one more BEGINNER'S CLASS will be given sometime in 2008.

There is also an Intermediate Turner's Class in the planning stages for 2008. However, be for-warned that any turning classes beyond the beginner's stage will require that you furnish your own tools and supplies. There might be a modest discount if you bring your own lathe. (Think Minnie Lathe.) Also expect a slight increase in price.

Until the next time, Happy Woodworking.



December Meeting

Just like Christmas, having our December meeting at John Manselian's shop is becoming a SJFWA tradition. Hope everyone can join us for what should be an informative presentation and "hands on" experience, and I hope many of you will participate in our annual gift exchange.

Presentation

We have had several members request a presentation dealing specifically with the scroll saw. As a result, we have put together a two-part program that will be presented at the December and February meetings. For the December meeting, some of your fellow members will be covering some scroll saw basics such as saw selection, saw set-up, blade selection, techniques, general tips, etc. Several scroll saws will be set-up for members to get a "hands on" experience after the main presentation. In February, we have Marc Brenner scheduled to give us a more advanced presentation on the use of the scroll saw. Marc is experienced in doing demonstrations and has stated he "can make a scroll saw sing".

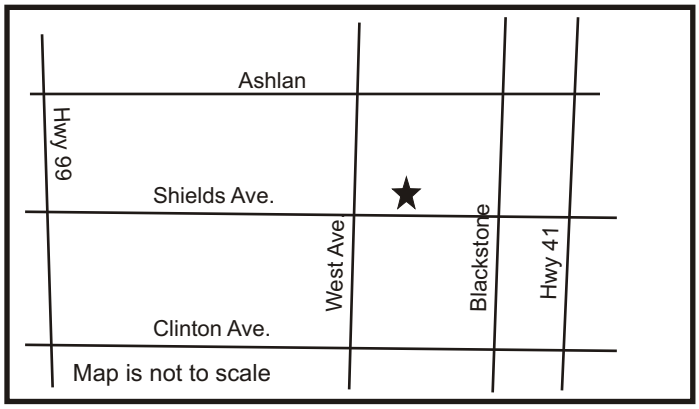
Gift Exchange

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 to $15 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.

Date: December 15, 2007
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: John Manselian's Shop
707 W. Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA



Fresno Fair

"Hey Let Me Try It!"

"Easy Does It!"

"I Love This Thing..."

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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: _____2007

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

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

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Mark Moran	841-4160	*(Auberry)*
Ron Newquist	688-2303	*(Tulare)*
Ron Zanini	539-2543	*(Springville)*

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WE NEED TOYS, & MORE TOYS

The year is flying by and you only have a little more time to finish up those toys for the year. The collection date is November 24th and distribution is December 1st both at Tulare Western High School. Thanks for all you have done in helping to make sure a lot of kids have a special Christmas.

WOODWORKING SITES

www.WoodNet.net
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www.WoodworkingTips.com
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www.ShopNotes.com
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Sequoia Woodturners Meetings
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

November 14, 2007

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

November 17, 2007

9 A.M. to Noon
Association Meeting
Mac Macklin's Shop
3132 W. Iris
Visalia, CA 93277
972-3620

November 24, 2007

Toy Collection Date
Tulare Western High School
8:00 A.M.

December 1, 2007

Toy Distribution Date
Tulare Western High School
8:00 A.M.

December 14, 2007

All articles for the January/February Newsletter #150 are due to the Newsletter Editor.

December 15, 2007

9 A.M. to Noon
Association Meeting
John Manselian's Shop
707 West Shields Ave.
Fresno, CA
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