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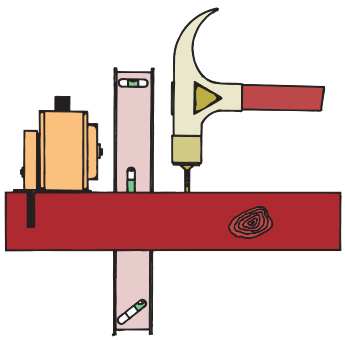
Fair Booths a Rousing Success!

By: Al Sindlinger



Tulare County Fair

By: Al Sindlinger

The Tulare County Fair is just a memory. This year the theme was "*Dancing with the Steers*". (That sounds a bit like Aggie talk) The Fair ran from September 3 through September 7, 2008. Tony Wortner - (The Tulare Fair Chairman) was called away at the last minute to Washington State to help his son with some personal matters. With Tony called away the crew from this area stepped in to take over . J.C. Charles (The Cat House man), Wes Hofer (The puzzle & Rube Goldberg man), Ken Kenoyer (The Coffee, pie,cake and goodies man), Bob Sansom (The wood turning man), Craig Miller (The Duck Carver & Expert Painter man), Jerry Ellis (The 3-D Reindeer man), and Newel Herum (The P.R. man), Tom Tucker (Our outside salesman)- All these people stepped-up to the plate to make this another very successful Fair. Those of you that do not participate in these Fairs are missing a chance to meet a bunch of very nice people that support our program and what we are trying to do for the youth of our communities. We also had our President and his wife visit our booth this year - we helped to initiate Peggy into our way of running the Tulare Fair. Also the women that run the Home Arts Building, Sally Anderson and Barbara Sores gave us all the support we needed to make our display very attractive, as well as fed us all the goodies we could hold. Thank you Sally and Barbara. We were once again awarded the Visitors Choice Award for our booth in the Home Arts Building. All in all we had a very successful fair and all the visitors, both children and adults seem to enjoy what we are trying to do with our display and promotion of our Woodworking Club.

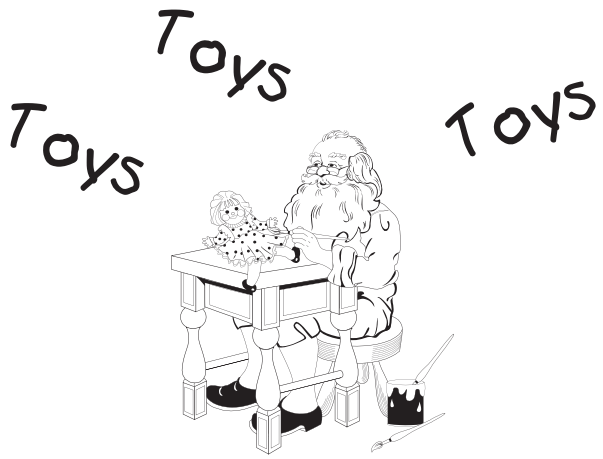
A Thank you from Tony Wortner

By: Tony Wortner

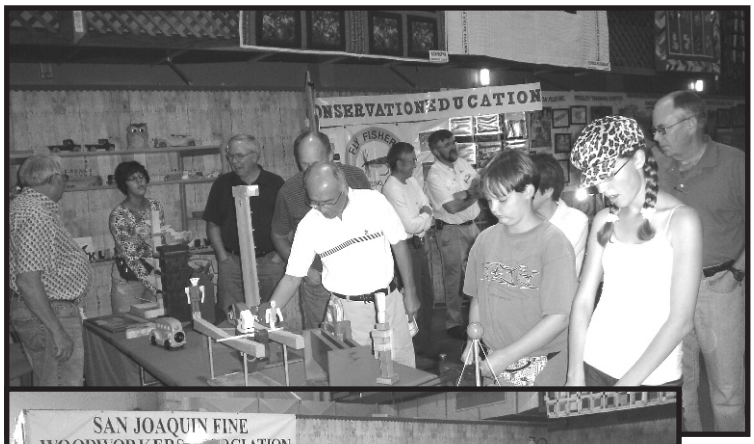
Chairman of this event Tony Wortner, in a written message to your Editor, requested the following be conveyed to members

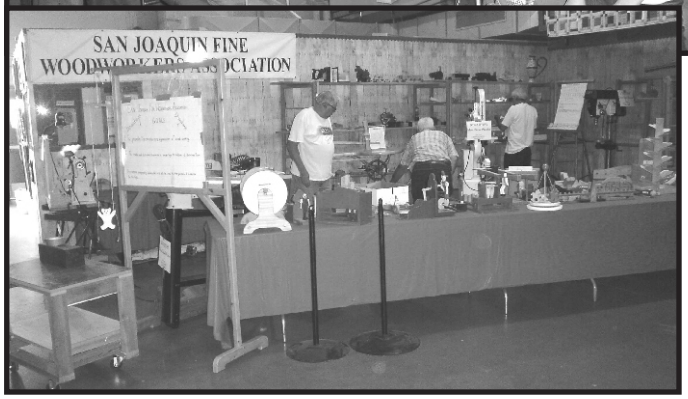
Tony writes,"I wish to let everyone know what wonderful club members we have. I very much appreciate Al Sindlinger, J.C. Charles, Ken Kenoyer and Wes Hofer who took over my duties as Chairman for the booth at the Tulare County Fair. I gave them about an hours notice that I would not be at the Fair because of an emergency. They stepped up to the plate and worked many hours to ensure that we had another successful five days. Thanks to all of you who worked at the fair, words cannot express my appreciation."

Sincerely,Tony



Don't forget we need lots of toys in December.





By Wes Butler

When I naively spoke up and volunteered for the chairman position of the big Fresno Fair San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association booth, boy was I ever in for a surprise. It has been a lot of work, frustration, schedule juggling and most of all, a time consuming project. But, at the same time, it has enabled me to become more acquainted with many fellow members and appreciate the time and effort that they and past workers and chairmen have devoted to this event.

My committee members and helpers, Bill Lynam, Glen Gray, Chris Grothe, Chuck Smith, Wes Hofer and Rich Stevens showed up ready to work on the Monday before the Fair. Because of the dedication of these gentlemen, the booth was assembled and ready to be stocked in record time. The power tools were once again generously donated by Idea Saw Works and The Wood Shed. Al Sindlinger finished stocking the shelves with the toys and wooden projects.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the thirty-six volunteers that gave so generously of their time and energy to make our booth a success. Had these members not come forth and shared their ideas, suggestions, projects and time, our booth would not have been as great as it was.

Once again, the Fair goers were very complimentary of our booth, the toys that were on display and our Christmas Toy Project for Needy Children. At times there were in excess of fifty children at one time all enjoying touching, playing with and sharing the toys on the table tops. If we heard the following comments once, we heard them dozens of times *"these toys are great...don't ever stop what you are doing, these toys will be here long after the plastic ones are gone, etc"*. The more adult oriented projects, such as the wood turnings, buckboard sear and the fret work, to name a few, received the same amount of appreciation and compliments. Many adults commented that "this booth is the first one my child wants to see every year".

I will update the membership in our next monthly issue regarding the media coverage that will take place too late to be included in this issue.

Respectfully submitted by Wes Butler, Chairman

COUNTY FAIR

President's Message

Well, the "quiet" part of the year for the club is now past and here we are staring at the end of the year already! I hope you have had a great summer. Your Board and club committees have made some progress and you will be hearing more about that in the near future. All of the committees have had significant activities.

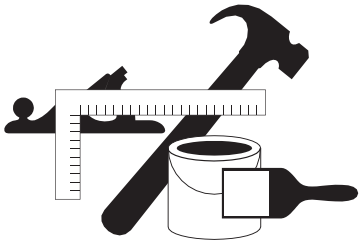
We have a couple of interesting meetings coming up to finish out the year so hopefully you will all be able to make it to each of them so that you may learn what your committees have been up to. They will be held at Tulare Western in November and John Manselian's in December. There isn't much time left to wrap up your toy making either so if that is one of your missions – good luck.

I would also like to plant the seed for you to begin thinking about officer and board positions for the coming year – no it is not too early to think about and there will be open positions so please give it some serious thought.

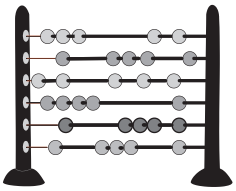
Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next couple of meetings.

Sincerely,

David Dunlap



Bean Counter's Corner



By: Ken Kenoyer

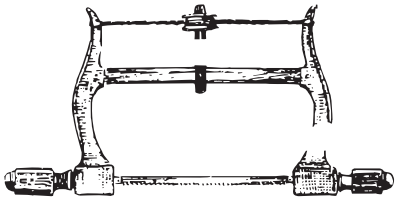
Treasurer's Report
(To the board of directors)
September 17, 2008

BANK BALANCE: ALL BILLS ARE PAID

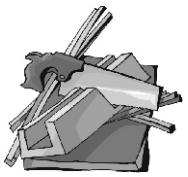
OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS:
TOY PROJECT
WOODWORKING CLASSES
RED BALL PAYOUT
MEMORIAL FUND:

SUB-TOTAL OF COMMITMENTS:
TOTAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AVAILABLE:
(TOY PROJECT BREAKDOWN)

Income:	Barbra Robbins (Visalia)	$100.00
	Auction	1,576.00
	Tulare County Fair	196.00
Total Income:		**$ 1,872.00**
Expenses to date:		**$ 649.46**
Balance (see above):		**$ 1,222.54**



Board of Director's Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, California
September 17, 2008



TOYS: Al Sindlinger (Coordinator) said south chairman Dave Summers & north chairman Glen Gray said the making of Christmas toys is well on the way

Monthly Meetings: Chairmen Ben Douglas is working with committee members to establish an annual calendar of topics to be covered at the monthly meetings.

Fairs: (*Tulare*-Sept. 10th-14th) All booth slots are filled.

Fresno-Oct. 1st-13th) Most slots are filled for working the fair.

Education & Safety:

Find each new members skill level & provide classes before using tools. Safety first.

Fund Raising: Louis Volpp & Ken Kenoyer are looking into various ways to raise money. (Auction, dues, selling toys, etc.)

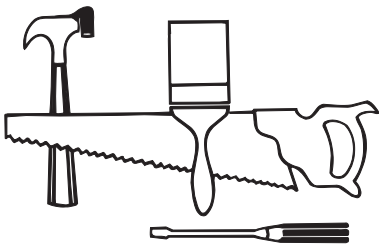
Membership Orientation: Chairmen *(North)* Bill Lynam & *(South)* JC Charles. New members arrive at various stages of woodworking knowledge & skill. After accessing that status, the person should be guided into one or more appropriate courses.

Videos: Tom Tucker is in the process of receiving more videos. He is open to suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8-PM

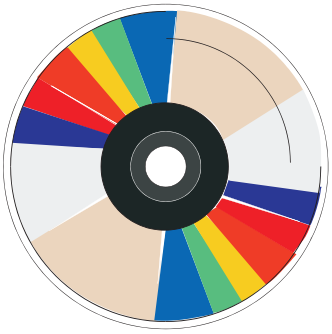
Thanks to Wes Butler for taking the minutes for Glen Gray.

Glen Gray
Secretary



SJFWA VIDEO REVIEW

By: Tom Tucker



Hot off the presses is this month's video review .The second in a series by Paul Schurch, Marquetry Volume two.

This DVD comes along with a companion book and to view in one sitting is two hours and twelve minutes. I watched it from beginning to end and never once left the chair.

This is a step by step instructional DVD on how to make a sixteen piece radial match. Paul goes over the foundation of Marquetry, techniques and drawing the cartoon. He demonstrates Packet cutting and how to build the packet. He shows how to select the veneers, scroll saw cutting, sand shading,

Assembling the Marquetry. He shows the glue up, sanding and veneer repair and finishing and edging.

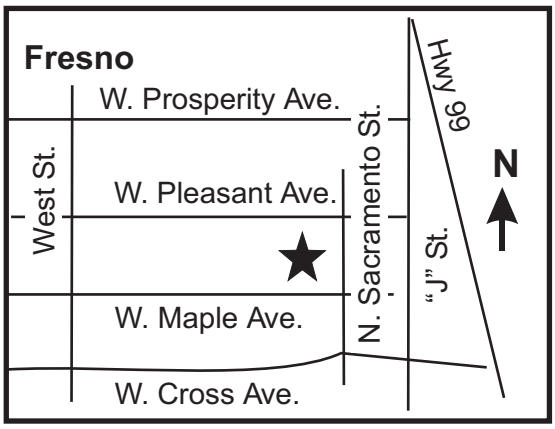
This is a must see DVD if you have an interest in Marquetry.You can rent this video for only $3.00 at our next club meeting. You better be fast as this is going to be a popular subject.

November Meeting

Date: November 15, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Place: Tulare Western High School Woodshop
Tulare, CA

The monthly meeting for November of the S.J.F.W.A. will be held in Tulare @ The Tulare Western High School Woodshop on Saturday, November 15, 2008 The program will be on a C.N.C. (Computer Numerical Control) end mill cutting machine. Dave Summers will discuss the sequence of setting up a program that will automatically mill one of our toys, (Last man game) from start to finish. He will also be demonstrating the use of various files that are used in woodworking - Both on bench work and with various machines.

Tulare Western High School

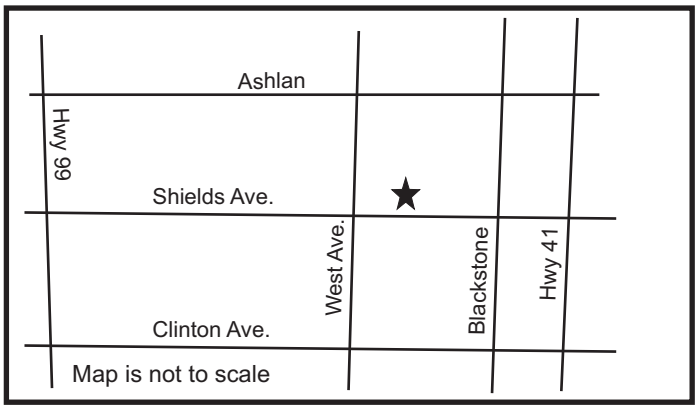


December Meeting

By: Roger McCoy

Date: December 20, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Place: John Manselian's Shop
707 W. Sheilds
Fresno, CA

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



This year's December meeting is only five days before Christmas, but I hope most of you can take a break from your holiday responsibilities long enough to attend the final monthly meeting of 2008. John Manselian has graciously agreed to host us again in his beautiful shop.

Show and Tell

"Show and Tell" has always been a tradition at our monthly meetings, but we would like to see this part of the meeting expanded. We would like to encourage all of our members to consider bringing something of interest to share at the monthly meetings. This could be a completed project, a new tool, a newly made jig, a failed project (hopefully with an explanation of why it failed), or any other item of interest to our club.

Presentation

Ever feel a little intimidated when shopping for rough lumber? Have you ever felt overwhelmed when trying to take a rough plank of lumber and turning it into flat, straight, and square pieces of wood? This may not be the sexiest aspect of woodworking, but it may be the most important. Jason Dogey of the Wood Shed will start our presentation by demystifying the process of shopping for and selecting lumber. Jason will be followed by a discussion on how to successfully mill lumber to get pieces of wood that are precisely flat, straight, and square.

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.

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.
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Visalia, CA. 93278-3132

Date: _____2008

Name: _____

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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

Michael Mauricio	688-8816	(Tulare)
Gene Miller	627-2876	(Visalia)
Mary Rivera	992-2774	(Corcoran)
Bill Schroyer	936-1077	(Clovis)

REINSTATED MEMBERS

Mark Brage	438-8840
Don Conroy	539-2679
Mike McClelland	584-0543
Ed Nichols	431-0898
Charles Reding	432-4824
Vivian Radanovich	683-434?

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

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Sequoia Woodturners Meetings
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

November 12, 2008

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

November 15, 2008

9 A.M. to Noon
Association Meeting
Tulare Western High School
Woodshop
Tulare, CA

December 20, 2008

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

December 12, 2008
All articles for the January/February Newsletter #156 are due to the Newsletter Editor,
Richard Pierce, *rgpsheriff@aol.com*

Toy collection date is Sat. Nov. 29, 2008
Toy distribution date is Sat. Dec. 6, 2008.
Both are at Tulare Western High School woodshop.

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