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Tulare County Fair-2014

By: Stan Stephens

"Big kids having fun"

The Tulare County fair was held September 10-14, 2014 in Tulare. Once again the San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association manned a display at this year's Fair. We saw thousands of kids and adults visit our display.

This year's display was a bit different than in past years. In addition to the hundreds of toys, games and puzzles, it included a display of club member's handiwork. Members displaying items included Ken Kenoyer, Stan Stephens, Bob Paskwietz and Bob Cravy. We had cutting boards, cradles and a cute stool built by our President that could be ordered. There was a display of raffle prizes and tickets for the November drawing were sold.

Club members who contributed time and effort to this year's Fair were Frank Balajadia, J. C. Charles, Bob Cravy, Mike Cunningham, David Dunlap, Jerry Ellis, Kevin Gerke, Norm Gough, John Harkless, Ray Jackson, Ken Kenoyer, Bob Paskwietz, Jim and Deanna Purvis, Al Sindlinger, Stan Stephens, Dave Summers, Tom Tucker, Tony Wortner and Dodd Yahnian.

Ken brought his lathe and associated equipment (you need to buy more stuff Ken) and J. C. Charles loaned his scroll saw and talent to the cause. The public seemed to enjoy both displays as bowls were turned and small animals were cut-out on the scroll saw and given away to children, thanks to J. C. Charles and Kevin Gerke.

The toys, games and puzzles that are always most used and enjoyed by the kids attending the fair are those made by the late Wes Hofer. Wes had a knack for knowing what toys kids would most enjoy. I can't tell you how many fairs we have used Wes' toys at, but the wheels on toy car racetrack are worn out from thousands of trips down the slide. It seems fitting that Wes would pass during the fair that he loved. I think the last fair he attended was probably 2011. He loved spending time talking with the kids and helping them work through the puzzles he had created. He will

"Kids enjoying our puzzles"

See more pictures on page 3 "Tulare County Fair"

President's Message

This is the last Newsletter of the year where did that year go?! Did we accomplish anything as a club? Here is a review of some of the things you did:

- Our new Board had 7 first time Board members
- Established a brand new website
- Established a Club Calendar on the website
- Published 6 Newsletters
- Started up Lunch With Julia
- Instituted a toy inventory parts management procedure
- Established a pay-on-line feature for members
- Held 11 monthly meetings with the associated educational component
- Held a raffle
- Held 7 Board meetings and will end the year with another budget surplus
- Held a veneering class
- Held a cutting board class
- Several class members made over 75 cutting boards for retail sale
- Held a Power Tool/Box Making Class
- Had a booth at the Tulare Fair
- Had a juried show at the Fresno Fair
- Manufactured in excess of 2,000 toys
- Had a bird house contest
- Launched a retail sales effort to sell club made items
- Converted the entire club library to DVD's that are available on the website

Not a bad years work. Thank you to all of you members who made it happen.

So, what about next year? Please let me know what you are thinking. What do you hope to get out of the club in 2015? Things that I hope to hear from you about are classes you would like to see, do you want to have another club auction, do you want to have another club banquet, is there another activity you would like to see offered? Maybe go on a field trip to a woodworking show or special out of town class. Any or all of these are possible; just let us know your pleasure and we will do our best to make it happen. You can also expect to see an activation of the Fine Furniture Committee and the Scroll Saw committee in 2015. These two groups hope to satisfy a specialization opportunity for those interested in these two areas. Other groups are certainly possible what would you be interested in?

With your help, we can be even better next year. Please take a moment to send me an email suggesting how we may better serve your needs as a member of this group.

Here's wishing you good safe fun out in the shop as the year winds down,

David Dunlap

Misc Information for You

WOODWORKING is one third planning, one third execution, and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake that you just made during the execution.

Looking Forward to January

New board members starting for 2015

Your 2015 club dues will be due.

Lunch with Julia

Don't forget to get your payment in for Lunch with Julia happening after the November meeting in Tulare.

Interesting Woodworking Websites

www.woodworkerssource.com

Based in Arizona, they have a large selection of wood and some tools.

www.arbortechusa.com

Based in Australia, they manufacture power woodcarving chisels, sanders, and grinder attachments. Their website also includes how-to videos.

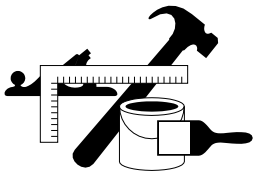
www.bartleycollection.com

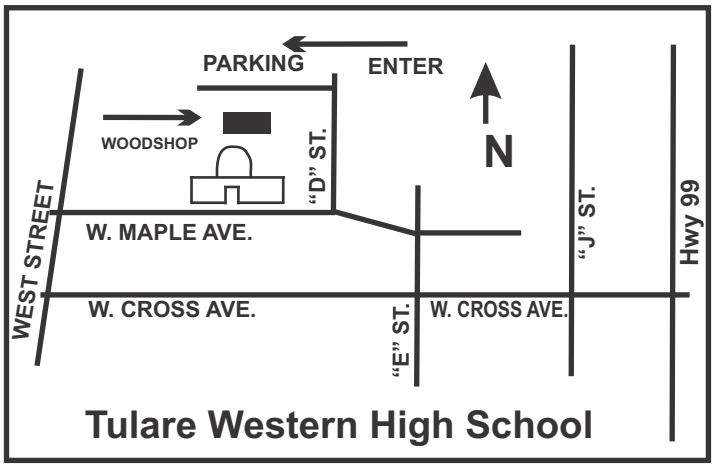
Bartley sells a large selection of unassembled or assembled, unfinished or finished reproduction museum quality furniture kits. It is a great place to look for your next project idea, whether you build it yourself, or buy one of their kits.

November Meeting

Date: November 15, 2014
Time: 9:00 to Noon
Place: Tulare Western High School
Tulare, CA
Lunch at Julia

Program: We will have a professional wood finisher discuss techniques and products that he uses in furniture finishing and restoration. Afterwards we will go have lunch with Julia.



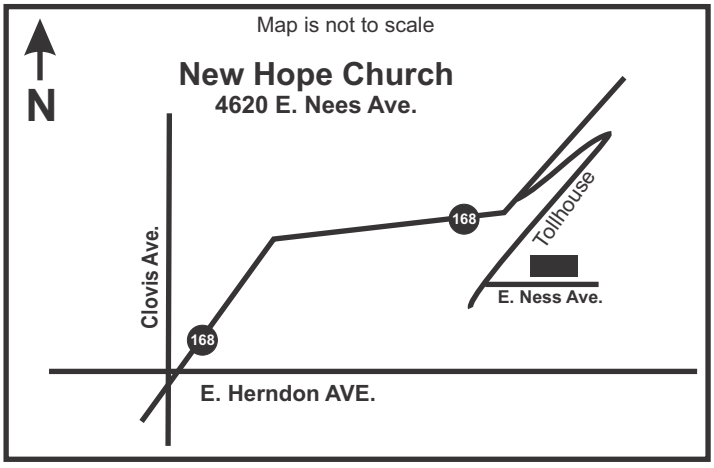


Tulare County Fair Pictures" *from page 1*

"Kevin at the scroll saw"

"Ken at the Lathe"

December Meeting



Date: December 20, 2014
Time: 9:00 to Noon
Place: New Hope Community Church
4620 E. Nees Ave.
Clovis, CA

Program: The presentation will be on choosing and using wood adhesives. Also, we will have the yearly gift exchange (see information elsewhere in this newsletter).

Directions: Take Hwy 168 to Tollhouse Rd off ramp. Turn right on Tollhouse and go to E. Ness Ave. Church is on the left.

October Meeting

By: Mike Weatherson

The meeting was held in Bill Lyman's beautiful back yard. David Dunlap led the first half of the meeting. He started by explaining that there was a table set up displaying many of the items that were for sale to raise money for the club. The child's stool sells for $50, the doll and cradle set for $75, coasters that look like mini cutting boards are $25, and the different sizes of cutting boards go for assorted prices. David mentioned that the members that took the cutting board workshop from him a few months ago have stepped up and made quite a few boards. The club-made items are a great fundraiser for our club. With only a couple of months until Christmas, make sure to tell your family and friends about purchasing a hand-made item to give as a gift this year.

"Howard during his presentation"

David asked for feedback from club members on the direction that you would like our club to take in the next year, and beyond. Topics include the tool auction, the banquet, education classes, monthly meetings, monthly presentation topics, etc. Dick Powell reminded everyone that a set of 5 push sticks is given to each new member, and if you haven't received yours yet to contact him. Craig Gough was inspired by Mike Cunningham's presentation on building kaleidoscopes a couple of months ago, and had a display of about 10 that he had made. He raffled off one of them that went to the high bid of $130, which was donated to the club. Everyone was reminded that Lunch with Julia will be happening again in November, right after the meeting. Ben Douglas talked a little about the Juried Show at the Fresno Fair and said that there would be a meeting of the Fine Woodworking sub-group on Saturday, October 25th, with future meetings scheduled soon. On another note, it was mentioned that the new board will begin in January.

Howard Atamian put on the presentation on wood finishing. Howard has a Masters Degree in wood and metal finishing. He started off by saying that there are a large number of products and techniques involved in wood finishing. Try to focus on a few and get really proficient at them. You put a lot of work into building a project, so you don't want to ruin it in the finishing process. You should be thinking about finishes from the very beginning of your project as far as wood and grain selection.When sanding, don't go beyond 220 grit. Finer sanding burnishes the wood making the finish go on uneven. Always follow up machine sanding with hand sanding. When using most finishes, remember to wear a respirator and eye

"Mike auctioning off Craig Gough's Kaleidoscrope"

protection, Nitrile gloves, and make sure to have good dust-free ventilation.The temperature of your finishing area, as well as the finish used should be between 65 and 90 degrees. Always read the label on the finish for information like stirring vs. shaking, spraying vs. brushing, dry time, clean-up, etc. Water based finishes are less toxic and dry faster, but they tend to raise the grain. One solution is to pre-raise the grain ahead of time and re-sanding it smooth.

Howard always does a great job and is very good at covering his given topic, and being sure to get feedback and other ideas and methods from his audience. The presentation in November will be by a professional finisher and should be a good follow-up to Howard's.

"Members enjoying the Lyman's beautiful back yard"

Wes Hofer
Passed Away 9-12-14 at the age of 88

Wes has been a member of our club for 22 years joining in March of 1992.

He founded and hosted our annual club auction for many years. Those auction days were always special as we were usually treated to a huge pot of corn chowder.

Many times folks would donate things to the auction that didn't work. Wes bless his heart would take the time to get those items in working order. ***Wes liked to tinker***.

Wes was a dedicated and whimsical member.

He would routinely bring cool practical items to the meetings for show and tell and it wouldn't be unusual that it would be some kind of a home made contraption he had put together out in his shop. ***Wes liked to tinker***.

We really enjoyed his whimsical side though.

He used to make some of the darnedest things you ever saw. Some of his segmented turnings were just incredible. The more outrageous he could make it the better he liked it. ***Wes liked to tinker***.

He also made a lot of really cool big wooden construction toys. Trucks, bulldozers, road graders you name it. These were very popular at the auctions. It was always fun to see Glen and Tom engage in their bidding wars for these very special toys.

But the thing about Wes that most of us will remember the most fondly was his passion for kids and spending time at the Tulare and Fresno fairs. He loved being at the fairs and showing the kids the many wooden toys, puzzles and games, many of which he had made.

"Wes Hofer at the 2011 Tulare Fair"

Wes liked the kids.

Did anyone else find it most interesting that the day Wes moved on to his eternal home in heaven was the third day of the five day Tulare Fair? Coincidence? I think not.

Wes was a very fine gentlemen and he will be missed by his many friends of the woodworking club whose lives he touched and made better. ***We liked Wes***.

Our condolences go out to sweet Martha and the rest of Wes's family. Thank you for sharing this special man with all of us over the past 22 years.

"Pictures" *continued from page 4*

"Some of the items for Sale by the club"

"Howard explaining wood finishing"

Juried Show

By: Mike Weatherson

We had our Juried Show display again this year at the Fresno Fair during the first part of October. There were a total of 19 entries, with 8 being entered into the Juried portion, and the remainder entered as Show Only. Due to the low number of entries, there were no ribbons awarded this year. Those who entered the Juried portion each received a written critique from the two judges.

Ben Douglas did an excellent job again this year of organizing the show. Chuck Argo, who judged again this year, told Ben that he thought that the quality of the entries was of better quality this year. There is a good chance that we will not be able to display at the Fresno Fair again next year.

The Juried Show is a great way to show the public what our club is about, and to showcase the woodworking ability of some of our members. The intent of the Juried Show is to give our members constructive feedback on the projects that they are building in order to improve our skills and make us better woodworkers.

RAFFLE PRIZES

By: Al Sindlinger

As you know, the Association is in the process of conducting a raffle as a fundraiser for the Christmas Toy program. The drawing will be held November 15, 2014 at the monthly meeting. Hopefully members are still selling books of tickets for a very worthy cause.

The Association would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for constructing and contributing prizes to this year's raffle:

Two boxes of toys: Toy Committee members

Buckboard Bench: Tom Tucker, Kevin Gerke and Al Sindlinger

Three turned wood bowls: Craig Miller; additional wooden bowl: Stan Stephens

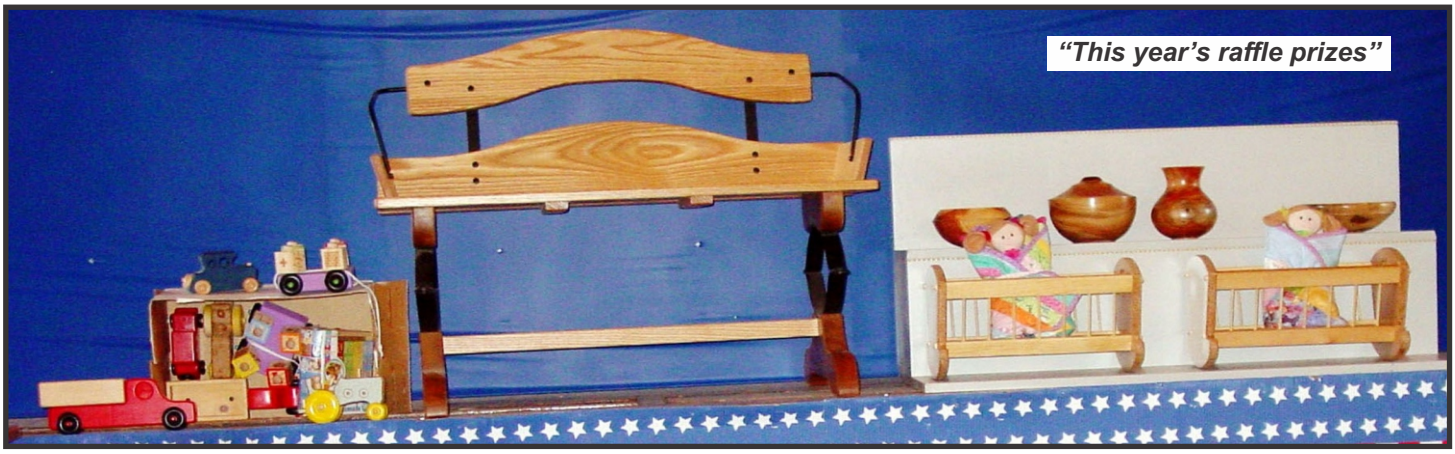
Two Cradles: Porterville Quilters for dolls, blankets, pads and pillows

Donation of ticket printing costs: David Dunlap

"Juried Show display"

December Meeting Gift Exchange

There will be a voluntary gift exchange during the December meeting. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped, unmarked gift with a maximum value of $15. Be sure to put a star beside your name when you sign in so we know who is participating in the exchange. And don't forget to bring your chair.



"This year's raffle prizes"

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues $30 per year, but send only$15 after July 1.
Make check payable to SJFWA and mail to:
SJFWA, PO Box 3132 Visalia, CA, 93278-3132

WWW.SJFWA.COM
sjfwoodworkers@gmail.com

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CITY: _____STATE: _____ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____CELL PHONE: _____
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OCCUPATION: (Past) _____RETIRED: Yes___ No___

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It is my wish to participate in and/or be present at activities provided by the San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association, (hereinafter referred to as "SJFWA") which will sometimes include my using and/or being present when others use potentially dangerous power tools, sharp tools, chemical products and other items which can and sometimes do cause damage to property, serious personal injury or even death when used. I do voluntarily and for my own purposes accept and assume all risks of any and all injuries or harm to me while participating in such activities and/or while being present when other people do so regardless of whether the injury is the result of negligence, gross negligence or other fault of myself, the SJFWA, SJFWA's members and officers or any other person with the exception of acts done to intentionally cause me harm, or fraudulently done or done in violation of law. I hereby do (WRITE THE WORD "RELEASE" IN THE FOLLOWING BLANK SPACE) _____SJFWA, SJFWA's officers, directors and members from any and all liability on account of any injuries or damages arising from my participation in and/or presence at any and all such activities. I further acknowledge that it is my responsibility to use safe and good woodworking practices when involved in SJFWA's activities and to seek help if I am not familiar with the safe operation of any tool.

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Print Name)

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(Date)

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Sequoia Woodturners Meetings
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

November 12, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SJFWA Board Meeting
Sun Hong Kong
1425 Draper Street
Kingsburg, CA
All Members Welcome!

November 15, 2014

South Meeting
9 A.M. to Noon
Tulare Western High
Tulare, CA
And Lunch at Julia!
See Map

December 20, 2014

North Meeting
9 A.M. to Noon
New Hope Church
4620 E. Nees
Clovis, CA
See Map

December 22, 2014

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