San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association
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# Newsletter

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Issue 154

## JULY MEETING

***By: Richard Pierce***

Annual Auction for Toys a Success! As you all know children treasure quality hand made wooden toys. Many of you have shared memories of the joy these type of toys bring to kids. "*There is something special about wooden toys*" is a quote heard often when club members gather. Accordingly, each year members of this club have as a priority the construction of hundreds of toys to be donated to kids throughout this region. We partner in this effort with innumerable good hearted people and philanthropic organizations throughout the valley. In the absence of this effort, many children would not receive any toys.

*"Al and J.C."*

*"Mike gives Tom a break"*

Thanks to the hard work and financial generosity of club members and business partners, the annual auction on July 19th benefitting the toys for kids program was very successful. In excess of one hundred and seventy one (171) items were donated for auction by club members and key sponsors, plus six walnut wood stacks and 47 silent auction magazines. As always a big thank you to Ideal Saw for their generosity towards this effort. In excess of $1500 was raised this year, down a little from last year but a sign of the times, I guess. Kudos to our host this year Dave Summers, along with Al Sindlinger, J.C. Charles, Ken Kenoyer, auctioneers Tom Tucker and Mike Cunningham and all others who donated their treasures, time, effort and money for this important event. If you missed this event you can always help the "cause" with a financial donation to the club earmarked for the toys program. Those members wishing to participate in making the toys should contact either Glen Gray North Toys Chair or Dave Summers South Toys Chair.

The South Toy Workshop Dates to be held at Tulare Western are as follows;

August 2 and 23
September 6 and 27
October 4 and 25
November 1 and 29
(29th will be the collection date.)
December 6-- Distribution date

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The North Toy Workshop Dates to be held at David Dunlap's Shop are as follows;

David advises these dates are pretty certain but things do change so suggests that you check with Glen Gray a day or two in advance to confirm.

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| 8-19 | Tuesday | 6:30pm-9:00pm |
| 8-23 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 9-13 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 9-18 | Thursday | 6:30pm-9:00pm |
| 9-27 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 10-4 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 10-15 | Wednesday | 6:30pm-9:00pm |
| 10-25 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 11-8 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |
| 11-19 | Wednesday | 6:30pm-9:00pm |
| 11-22 | Saturday | 8:00am-12:00 noon |

*"President Dunlap"*

*"Tom Tucker"*

# August Meeting

***By: Richard Pierce***

A plaque hanging on the wall in Jim Crocket's shop in North Fork reads as follows:

***IF GOD HAD MEANT US TO BUILD FIBRE-GLASS BOATS, HE WOULD HAVE GROWN FIBRE-GLASS TREES.***

Well, Jim has been building "Wooden Boats" since 1935 and as advertised did not disappoint any in attendance at the association meeting at his shop Saturday August 16th, 2008. On display was Osprey II, an ocean going vessel he is constructing for a client- friend, the second vessel he has made for this same friend. Jim has been working on the boat for 5 years and but for ill health would have finished it this year. The boat is constructed using mainly Honduran Mahogany with Ash being planned for the cabin top. The sides are formed with 9 ply mahogany plywood which maintains its shape after being formed. Jim answered numerous questions from the audience members with the ease of the expert he is in this field. Jim's woodworking skills are evident in the craftsmanship on display with every aspect of the vessel from the hand carved dolphins affixed to each side, to the tiniest detail inside the cabin. Oh, did I forget to mention Jim is also an expert carver and on display were three magnificent hand carved walking sticks in addition to the dolphins on the boat. He teaches carving at the high school in North Fork and I am positive those students appreciate the wonderful opportunity they have to be learning from one as skilled as Jim. He also shared with us a few of his Sea tales as he is, not surprisingly, an accomplished sailor and has sailed the seas from Maine to Hawaii in boats he crafted. Thanks to Jim for agreeing to host this month's meeting, sharing his wealth of knowledge of boat building and again demonstrating the depth of woodworking expertise possessed by members of this association…..

# President's Message

The year is flying by and here we are staring at the summer being over and both the Tulare and Fresno fairs being right in front of us. I hope your summer has been a good one and that you have been able to complete many fine woodworking projects. I know I have been very busy in my shop with personal projects, toy making and even a little bit of tractor restoration finally!

We are still making progress with our committee initiative. I am anxious for the September Board meeting to get a report from each of them on the progress they have made. I am hopeful that the membership will soon be seeing some results from the effort that is going into these committees. Remember to call any of the Committee Chairmen or a Board member if you want to help with a committee but haven't signed up yet.

This is an exciting and busy time of year for the club as we wrap up summer and turn our attention to the Fresno and Tulare County fairs and our seasonal toy making endeavors. This is where we all get to shine and put our efforts into some very worthy activities that benefit our communities and the less advantaged children that live in them.

So what did you think of the auction at Tulare Western in July? Pretty cool that it came back to life and I thought that it went very smoothly. Thanks to all of those folks that made it happen and especially to Dave Summers, Tom Tucker and Mike Cunningham you guys were great. And what about that June meeting at Gordon Bones' shop up at Shaver Lake? Thank you very much for having us Gordon.

Let's all head into the end of the year with renewed energy and optimism and remember to always be safe out there in the shop.

Sincerely,

*David Dunlap*

## Toy Committee Workshops

*By Mike Cunningham*

The sage editor called his cub reporter into the office, "I've heard that the Toy Committee has been doing a lot of work at President Dunlap's shop, get out there and see what they have been up to. "Yes, Sir, Chief, I'll get right on it." I was off to the North Toy Committee's work shop on the 26th of July. I arrived at David Dunlap's Home and Shop and found a large number of would be Santa's elves gathered. David and Glen Gray, one of the committee's chairs assembled Leroy Ediger, Wes Butler, Murray Barry, Dick Powell, Vester Watkins, Bill Lynam and George Zerlang for the day's labor.

We all went to work at eight in the morning and each person worked a number of different stations. I started out tracing tugboat hulls to be sawn from pine boards. I then progressed to spray painting components for wooden cars. We continued through to ten and took a break for some soft drinks and congenial conversation. Back to work at 10:15, I was assigned to bore holes in small wooden wheels, A THOUSAND PLUS of them! I continued till quitting time and went home with a real sense of accomplishment. I enjoyed the experience so much that I returned to another workshop on Saturday, August 2nd.

The workers went to various workstations at the Router Table, Drill Press, Band Saw, Sander and Table Saw. David had an HVLP (High Volume, Low Pressure) spray gun out and I volunteered to spray wheels and truck bodies. The spray gun worked very well but it was a toss-up as to which had more paint on it, the objects or my legs. It seems that the reported minimal over spray on the HPLV rigs is over rated at least it is outdoors with a constantly direction changing breeze. I then helped? assemble some of the flatbed trucks until time to quit and clean up the shop.

The Toy Committees, both North and South , have been working diligently toward producing wooden cars, trucks, boats, cradles, high chairs, hippopotamuses and other toys to be enjoyed by young boys and girls throughout the Central Valley this Christmas.

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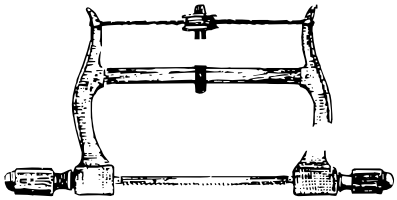
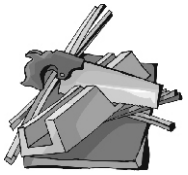


## Board of Director's Meeting
## Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
## Kingsburg, California
## July 16, 2008



President David Dunlap called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: David Dunlap. Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Al Sindlinger, Glen Gray, Richard Pierce, Wes Butler, JC Charles. Howard Atamian, Dave Summers, Roger McCoy, Bill Lynam, and Dave Kibler.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** David Dunlap moved to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2007 meeting..

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $4,113.19. All bills are paid.

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| **Total Commitments:** Red Bead Payout | $274.00 |
| Woodworking Classes | $690.07 |
| Memorial Fund | $457.00 |
| Sub Total Commitments | $1,421.07 |
| Total discretionary funds available | $2,692.12 |
| Total paid members: | 80 |
| New Members: | 0 |

Reinstated Members: 4

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| Don Conroy | 539-2679 |
| Mike McClelland | 584-0543 |
| Ed Nichols | 431-0898 |
| Vivian Radanovich | 683-4345 |

**VP REPORTS:** *(South Region)* Vice President Dave Summers said the July 19 meeting is the Auction at the Tulare Western High shop. Call Dave before delivering any items you are donating. The Tulare County Fair is in September.

*(North Area)* Roger McCoy reminded us that the Aug 16 meeting will be at Jim Crocket's shop at North Fork. Jim has built another boat.

The Fresno County Fair is from Oct. 1 thru 12. Chairman Wes Butler has most of the work times for the Fresno booth covered..

The Dec. 20 meeting will be at John Manselian's shop. We will cover routing or using hand tools.

**COMMITTEES:**

***(1) COMMUNICATIONS:*** Editor Richard Pierce said Mike Cunningham & Dave Kibler have joined his committee. They are scanning all the old Newsletters & they will wind up on our website.

***(2) MONTHLY MEETINGS:*** Chairman Ben Douglas & Ken Kenoyer are trying to get meetings set up approximately 1-yr in advance.

***(3) TOYS:*** *(South)* Dave Summers said his group will start in August. (North) Glen Gray's group has had 4 meetings and is planning 3 a month thru November 22. (2 on weekends & 1 during the week from 6:30-9 P.M. for each month.

***(4) FAIRS:*** *(South)* Tony Wortner has most of the work times for the Tulare Fair booth filled

*(North)* Wes Butler made a sign asking for donations & what the Club uses the money for. He made a box to put the donations in.The sign & box are to be used at the Tulare Fair & then the Fresno Fair.

***(5) EDUCATION & SAFETY:*** Find each members skill level & provide classes before working with tools.

***(6) FUND RAISING:*** Ken Kenoyer said, we might make a piece of furniture again & raffle it off. We could sell about 100 toys. We could sell items at the malls. Dave Summers suggested monthly dinners (tri-tip, rice, bread, veg. salad, etc.)

**(7) MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION:** Chairmen (North) Bill Lynam & (South) JC Charles.

**VIDEOS:** Tom Tucker got 3 new videos on veneering.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David Dunlap is looking into the cost of a new recorder.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glen Gray*
Secretary

COUNTY FAIR

### TULARE FAIR
**SEPTEMBER 10th THRU 14th**

### FRESNO FAIR
**September 30th THRU October 12th**

There is no Association Meeting during the months of September and October as it is hoped that all members will contact Tony Wortner at 559-686-8074 or Wes Butler 559-888-2176 to display your work and sign up for a couple of shifts to represent our group to the community. This is a good opportunity to recruit members by telling and showing all interested folks what this club is about.

Please join your fellow club members in taking full advantage of this once a year effort to publicize our skills and charitable activities

# SJFWA Newsletter Archives Coming

***By Mike Cunningham***

At a recent meeting of the SJFWA Communications Committee it was decided to digitize all the previous newsletter issues on hand for the benefit of the membership. This process entails scanning the individual pages of each issue into a computer, cleaning up each page, picture, diagram and drawing then convert the document scanned into a format that is easily readable across any computer operating system, i.e. PC or Apple and then burning the document onto a compact disk or putting it on the Website.

Richard Pierce, Newsletter Editor, put out the word and Ben Douglas graciously loaned the committee all of his copies of past newsletters. Ken Kenoyer and Howard Atamian also filled in with issues that Ben didn't have and thanks to them, we now have a full archive of all past issues of the SJFWA Newsletter.

I volunteered to do the scanning and converting of each issue and have begun the project. The first 36 issues are now scanned and converted to a Portable Document Format (PDF) and should be readable by any computer with an Adobe PDF Reader in it. The reader is free for download on the Internet from Adobe Systems at the following Internet address: http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html This hyperlink will also be included with the issues if they are released on a series of CDs.

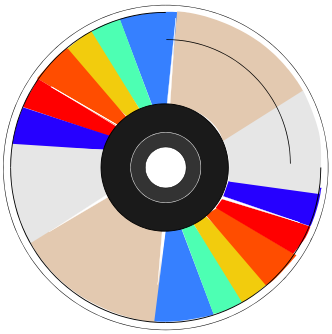
This has been a very interesting project for a new member like me. I am slowly getting to know some of the members by their pictures in past newsletters. The project gives me a chance to get to know the many fine members of the club though the past articles, pictures, tips and techniques shared with all. I am amazed to see how much is volunteered by our members over the years.

This is quite a challenging project as I have more than 150 issues with an average of 10 pages per issue; that means more than 1500 scans. It may take six months or more to complete. It will be worthwhile in the end though. The quality of the scanner and scanning program, in many cases, makes the scans better than the originals.

I am sure that I made a fine choice in joining an organization dedicated to our common love of woodworking. If you have any questions or comments about this project please contact Richard Pierce or myself at any meeting or contact us at our email addresses or phones. I'm sure you will enjoy looking through the many past articles as much as I have and am.

## SJFWA VIDEO REVIEW

*By: Tom Tucker*



**Hot off the presses**, well sort of, this review is for our clubs latest purchase, **Decorative Veneering, with Paul Schurch**.

This is an 82 minute DVD that is a comprehensive introduction to veneering.

It is an overview of the art, too; s, techniques and troubleshooting. Paul expertly takes you thru the complete process of all the essentials technology of the veneering process.

If I had to rate the video from 1 to 10 it gets a 9.

I really can't think of any reason it's not a ten but there must be.

He goes over many of the types of veneering from slip match, book match, diamond match and what he calls squiggle cut.

He covers all of the tools and supplies you will need and demonstrates them. Next he goes over cutting and panel matching.

When you finish watching this video you will have had a really great introduction into “How to Do It”.

This Video is now available for renting at each club meeting for only $3.00 plus return postage. You also get a 52 page booklet that pretty well goes over the complete subject.

See your video chairman and rent this video or choose from the large selection of tittles that our library has for your learning pleasure.

**Monthly Meeting Committee by: Ben Douglas**

The committee has not yet met but we plan to get together in August. Since North VP, Roger McCoy already has an established committee, the plan is to bring together the North committee and include the South VP, Dave Summers, and anyone else from the South who wants to be involved in the South committee. This meeting will discuss goals and ways to implement those goals. We will also discuss how the North committee functions to determine if it is appropriate or desirable for the South to have a similar format. We also need to determine how much coordination there needs to be between the two groups and indeed if the two groups need to be melded into one. Also, in that the Education Committee is responsible for (among other things) assessing the education needs of the organization, we need to discuss how we should interface with this committee

**Education Committee by: David Dunlap**

The Education Committee has produced a draft of its function and purpose. The committee will be meeting again soon to further refine this document and figure out how to coordinate with the other committees on how best to determine, develop, and deliver educational opportunities that the membership desires for all levels of skill. There are presently seven members active in this pursuit and more volunteers for this committee would be gladly accepted. Contact David Dunlap or Louis Volpp for more information.

**The Membership and Orientation Committee by: Bill Lynam**

The membership and orientation committee has produced a draft of each of the following: function and purpose of the committee; three fold brochure for new members; simple questionnaire for new members. Some responses have been received with comments.

The committee hopes to meet new prospective new members and to make them feel comfortable, to explain what the club offers and to explain opportunities for them to participate. We would also like to assess their talents and training as well as their needs and wants. This information will be forwarded to the education committee to be incorporated in future programming.

**Toy Committees by: Mike Cunningham and Al Sindlinger**

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**Communications Committee by: Richard Pierce**

Communications committee is attempting to interact with all committees in an effort to publish the progress of the various committees in the newsletter and the web site. The communications committee also investigating options to video record training sessions and make those available thru the web site...

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**Ron Zanini**
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# For Your CALENDAR

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**Sequoia Woodturners Meetings**
Call Chuck Smith at 226-3433

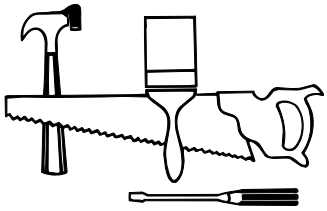
**September 17, 2008**

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

**September 10 - 14, 2008**
Tulare County Fair Booth
No South Meeting

**October 1 - 12, 2008**
Fresno County Fair Booth
No North Meeting

**October 10, 2008**
All articles for the November/December Newsletter #155 are due to the Newsletter Editor, Richard Pierce, *rgpsheriff@aol.com*



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