



North County Woodworking Club

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March 2005 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date Thursday March 17, 2005

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

MEETING LOCATION

Joslyn Senior Center, Room 1, 210 Park Avenue, Escondido, Ca 92025

The Joslyn Center is off Broadway between Mission and Washington Avenues. Thomas Guide Map code 1129 J-2. Park Avenue is in the upper left corner of block J-2

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well another month has passed and we haven't washed away yet. We needed rain, but not all at once. I hope you have all weathered the storms well.

Speaking of storms the club visit to Sam Maloof's went well despite the weather. I would like to thank Trina Langdon for her work in arranging the event and Tom Lightner for filling in for me as club spokesman. I understand that Sam is now an honorary club member and that he would like to attend one of our meetings. You're welcome anytime Sam.

59 members attended the February meeting and watched Kathy Steffen's demonstrate the construction of cabinets using pocket screws. Kathy showed us how to build cabinets that are very strong and far easier to build than those using dados and mortise and tenons. I've already started a cabinet for my shop using her method.

Ray Brooks will show us how to build band saw boxes at the March meeting. If you've seen Ray's work and wondered how he builds his beautiful boxes this is one program you don't want to miss.

Saturday, April 23rd will be the NCWC members' only veneer seminar at Palomar College. Ray Brooks, Bob Howard, Steve Alwardt, Bob Jacobson and Dave Neblett

have all volunteered to teach us how to master the art of veneer and marquetry. These four members have all displayed their talents at one time or another at our meetings and now we have a chance to see how it is done. Be sure and thank them for their taking the time to do this. Thanks guys. Look for more information and enrollment forms in this newsletter.

Roni Elsberry, our Membership Chair, reports that we now have 116 members! 89 members have paid their 2005 dues. I would like to encourage those of you that haven't paid the dues to do so, so that you can take advantage of the great club discounts from our vendors. Just one purchase using the discount often makes up for the \$20.00 club dues.

Fred Gross, the Program Chair, is lining up some interesting programs and will have more information next month. The Club night at Toolmart is April 21st and if it is anything like last year it will be well attended and a lot of fun so get there early if you can. The address and directions will be in next month's newsletter.

If you get the chance to stop by the Joslyn Center, where we have our meeting, be sure and check out the display cabinet with the clubs woodwork in it. Tom Lightner and his wife set this up and really did a nice job. Anyone who sees it should be very impressed with the talent of our members. Thank you to everyone who loaned items for the display.

The club picnic is on May 21st at the Old Poway Park. Last year we had about 60 attendees and they all had a great time. We've had many donations for the raffle and all the kids will get a prize. The 21st is Armed Forces Day and many bands will be performing patriotic music for our enjoyment. The trains will be running and the club is donating the chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, sodas and all the fixings, all that we ask you to do is to bring a dish to share. Salad, dessert, beans or something along those lines would be great.

I hope to see all of you at the March meeting and until then happy, safe woodworking.

Butch Baskins, President

This Month's Program

March will feature our member Ray Brooks with a program on bandsaw boxes. Ray is a master of the jewelry box and teaches this class at Palomar College. This is sure to be a great presentation!

We Currently Have 107 Members

Sam Maloof Visit – By Tom Lightner

Many thanks to Trinna Langdon for arranging our Club visit to Sam Maloof's museum, workshop and private home on February 19th in Alta Loma. About 25 braved the wild, rainy day drive but were rewarded with a comprehensive tour of Sam's former home, now a museum, Sam's workshop where he skillfully band sawed an arm for one of his chairs (freehand no less!), answered many questions, posed for photos, etc. then opened up his new home for a complete tour as well. At the young age of 89, Sam is like the battery commercial, he "just keeps going and going"!! Sam's website at www.malooffoundation.org/ provides more info on his work and museum hours.

SHOW and TELL

Do you have a project to show off? How about a favorite jig, a special technique or time saving hint to make our woodworking easier? Attendees should bring in projects and present them with a short 2-minute talk. More time can be devoted to questions about your projects at the end of the meeting. Thanks for sharing your ideas.

NCWC MEMBERSHIP !!!

Dues of \$20.00 will be collected at each meeting or you can mail them to Ray Brooks at the Club Post Office Box. Year 2005 dues can be paid anytime.

Remember, the longer you wait to pay your dues, the less time you have to take advantage of the great offers and discounts from our vendors.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2005:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PROGRAMS IN THE COMING MONTHS:

May is designated as Jigs and Fixtures month. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their favorite jig or fixture to share with their fellow club members. Past years have shown some interesting and very usable jigs.

April will take us back to Tool Mart in Escondido for their annual show and tell. Tool Mart always presents an informative program.

NCWC Annual Picnic in the Park - By Tom Lightner

Mark your calendar now for our 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park, Saturday, May 21st, in Old Poway Park starting at 10:00 AM. This event is free to our members (we will ask members to bring a side dish or dessert) and includes many, many door prizes, a “grab bag” for the kiddies, band concerts, train rides and more! Trinna Langdon and Tom Lightner are Co-Chairs for this event. Anyone wishing to help out please contact them at the next meeting. This is a great event in a great setting---one for our members, their families, and our Approved Vendors—and IT'S FREE!

Member News:

Our member Peter Sidlauskas always needs fine wood objects for his Woodcrafter Design Gallery at 135 E. Grand Ave., Escondido. Contracts and other important information can be had by calling him at (760) 741-0124. Even if you have no pieces to show at this time you can be very helpful to your fellow woodworkers by visiting the gallery and encouraging your family and friends to do the same. It is hoped you will be pleased with the gallery and will be proud to show your best work there.

This section is for members who have news about themselves, other members, or other good stuff they would like to pass on to the rest of the membership. Information to be included in the newsletter should be E-mailed to Joe Dusel at joe@woodistry.com least 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting.

FOR SALE or PURCHASE

Anyone who has wants or disposals, send them to me and I will distribute the info. Ray

Delta 15" planer with mobile base for sale at \$500.00
Call Butch at 760-751-1227 or e-mail sawdustvc@aol.com

MENTOR PROGRAM

Members interested in assisting other members can participate in the Mentor Program. It is as easy as sending your name, skills, and E-mail address to Joe Dusel. Joe will place your name, skills and e-mail address on a portion of the web page devoted to the Mentor Program. Remember, your name will be "on the web" so only your E-mail address will be made available. Anyone wishing to contact you will have to E-mail with his or her contact information.

OTHER TIDBITS:

We would like to make woodworking or related articles, written by our members, available on the web site. Can you write? Do you have a special tidbit that you would willingly pass along to the membership? Please contact Joe Dusel (joe@woodistry.com) with your input. Joe will assist in editing if you provide a starting text. Pictures work too, especially if you would like to have your very own gallery page!

New Website Features

We have added Calendar and Classifieds sections to the website. We hope you will check out the site on a regular basis to get updates on the latest happenings. If there is anything you wish to sell, buy or you need any sort of help with something drop Joe Dusel a line and we will be glad to post it for you. Also let us know about any events that we might have missed.

Refreshments:

This is a big job and Bill Carpenter has graciously agreed to chair this committee. Thanks Bill.

Programs:

Fred Gross, VP and Programs Committee Chair, is always looking for ideas from the membership as to prospective speakers, demonstrations, tours etc. If you have speaker ideas or topic desires, please see Fred at the meeting or contact him via e-mail.

The Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday April 7th in the Joslyn center library. The library is located just to the left of the main lobby. Members are welcome to attend any board meeting. Call any board member to confirm meeting place.

NCWC APPROVED VENDORS

Thanks to the efforts of Tom Lightner and some other club members, we have lots of great Approved Vendors for our club. They are as follows; with specifics as to the discounts available and persons to contact. Please frequent these vendors when you can. **Show your NCWC membership card and request your discount.** From time to time you may see one of their representatives at our meetings. Check the web site for the current list of vendors.

We hope to see you at the meeting. Remember that we meet on the third Thursday of each month except November and December.

To those of you who were e-mailed this notice, should you desire to have your name removed from our list or if you received this in error, please respond to Ray Brooks with your request and we'll take you off the list.

If you are not on the E-mail list and wish to save the club some money, please send me your E-mail address and we'll switch you.

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