



# North County Woodworking Club

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## May 2005 NEWSLETTER

**Meeting Date Thursday May 19, 2005**

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

### MEETING LOCATION

Joslyn Senior Center, Auditorium, 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

**Hello fellow woodworkers. It was good to see all of you at the ToolMart meeting in April. A new high water mark was set for the club with 83 in attendance. That will be hard to beat. I think that you would all agree that it was a very fun night. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners and to Ken Haines, the winner of the Oasis jointer that morphed into a Jet mini lathe. The best news is that we picked up 8 new members and have been invited back next year.**

**The third annual Jigs and Fixtures meeting on May 19th is probably one of the most educational meetings we have because of all of the unique shop aids that our members come up with. If you bring a jig or fixture that you have built and want to show it off it is suggested that you bring a sketch or plans on how to build it to share with the other members. This meeting is not just for shop built items but can also feature unique tools or other items that help you be a better woodworker. There are some pretty crafty jig and fixture builders in this club.**

**Probably one of the most enjoyable functions the club has is the picnic on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at the Old Poway Park. If you were there last year you know what I'm talking about and if you weren't, you don't want to miss it this year. I'm preparing the**

**BBQ'd chicken (secret recipe) and the club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all of the fixings. We will also provide the cold drinks (sodas and water). We ask that you to bring a dish or dessert to share.**

**Make sure you bring your lawn chair to the picnic. The 21<sup>st</sup> is Armed Forces Day and we will be entertained throughout the day by numerous bands playing patriotic music. The trains will be running and there is also a craft show.**

**Tom Lightner the picnic chairman and also resources chair has done a great job lining up raffle prizes and he will tell us about them later in the newsletter. Karyn Quraishy will have prizes for all of the kids. Tom and refreshment chairman Bill Carpenter have both put a lot of time and effort into this picnic and I would like to thank them for their hard work.**

**Tom is also working with the Escondido Children's Museum on a special project that he'll be telling us more about at the meeting this month. I know we're not a service organization, but it is nice to be able to help out the community when we can as a club and individuals as well. I would like to ask those of you that can to volunteer some time for this worthy project. It makes it so much easier when lots of hands pitch in and it's a good way to get to know your fellow woodworker.**

**Fred Gross has all of the programs in place for the year and you won't want to miss a single meeting. We are working on a special members only drawing to wrap up our year in October so stay tuned.**

**I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and picnic this month. Until then use push sticks, and safety glasses.**

**Butch Baskins, President**

## **This Month's Program**

**As Butch said, May's meeting is dedicated to jigs and fixtures. This has been an excellent program in the past. It is amazing the number of Jigs & Fixtures that people use in their shops. There are several that I saw last year that I would like to know how to build to use in my shop. Bring ANY jig or fixture that you find useful. It need not be a "one of a kind" or a shop-made jig - there are plenty of**

great jigs out there that are sold thru magazines, at shows and can be found at wood supply stores that would be of interest to people.

**We Currently Have 105 Members**

**PICNIC, PICNIC, PICNIC** - Saturday, May 21, 2005, Poway Park. Festivities start at 10 AM with train rides (which you pay for), a crafts fair, farmers market, museums, band concerts! Bring your entire family! Free to all NCWC Members and Vendors! Prizes Galore for adults and kiddies! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Chicken and all the trimmings!! Remember to bring a side dish for up to 10 people and your lawn chairs!! Vendors who have donated/ promised door prizes include: Lane Stanton Lumber, North County Abrasives, Batteries Plus, Showcase Moldings, Dulux Paints, Rockler, Casters and Wheels, Escondido Lumber, Dixieline Lumber, Keepsake Creators, California Air Compressor, Woodline, Inc., Syntropic Systems, Ray Brooks, Butch Baskins and MORE!! **YOU CAN'T MISS THIS ANNUAL EVENT!!**

**Picnic Location: Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road Poway, Ca.**

**Directions:**

From the South take 15 North to Poway Rd then left onto Midland.

From the North take 15 South to Camino del Norte (becomes Twin Peaks Rd.) then right onto Midland.

Thomas Guide page 1190 F2, Old Poway Park.

**Escondido Children's Museum**

Last year our Club assisted in the relocation of the Escondido Children's Museum to new facilities in the Escondido Performing Arts Center by building storage facilities, tables and doors. The Museum is doing great and continuing to add new activities for the children. Katie Ragazzi, Executive Director, has asked us to help them configure a donated storage building to look like an early American one room schoolhouse. Most of the work will involve carpentry skills and tools. This project will take place over the next several weeks. If you can help out, please contact Tom Lightner at email [usatom@aol.com](mailto:usatom@aol.com) or 760-734-4444. A very worthwhile community service endeavor for our Club!!

## 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 !!!**

The annual dues of \$20.00 is collected at the club meetings 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:**

**President:** Butch Baskins [sawdustvc@aol.com](mailto:sawdustvc@aol.com)  
**Vice President:** Fred Gross (Program Chairman) [fgross@adelphia.net](mailto:fgross@adelphia.net)  
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

## **PROGRAMS IN THE COMING MONTHS:**

In June we are having a demo on Intarsia by Thais Kerrell. This program was presented by another member in June of 2002 and it is time to have another program on Intarsia. Intarsia is not offered at Palomar as a regular course. They have had special two-day seminars and I have seen a few demonstrations in a veneer class that I took a couple of years ago. This is really a special part of woodworking that, if you have never seen it done will fascinate you.

For August Joe Dusel volunteered to talk about European Cabinets going into various design aspects and specialized hardware.

Fred is trying to have Dale Newell do another talk in September on Wheels and Casters. This is a very good program in that one will get ideas on making mobile bases for your large power tools. Only a handful of woodworkers have shops large enough not to be interested in having their large power tools on mobile bases. When you work from in your garage, you need to have things on mobile bases. Dale will be able to show how to make bases far cheaper than purchasing them. At the last demo he did he brought lots of give away casters, etc.

Fred has confirmed with Bill Cox to give a demo on the Leigh Dove Tail Jig. We will be selling chances for a 24" Leigh jig starting probably at the August meeting. Bill, if you never have heard him speak, is very entertaining. He flat knows this jig.

## ***Member News:***

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](mailto:joe@woodistry.com) least 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting.

# Sharing Our Craft with Others

By

Joe Stanford

I wanted to share with NCWC the story of our woodworking club in the church that I attend here in Escondido. Since I am on the fellowship committee of our church board, called the vestry, I thought working together toward a worthy goal would be something of value to our congregation, and would promote fellowship among members of our church. I have known about the Palomar College toy making endeavors for several years and the vitality of their work, so I thought I would model our efforts after their toy operation. My intent was to organize a group that would make toys to be given to needy children at Christmas. It seemed that children should be given the pleasure of old fashioned wood toys in place of plastic.

We started last fall, and didn't get rolling until about November, which is very late. I used the Internet for ideas and found four toys that we could make, easily I thought. We decided on a doll cradle, a push toy cage with four balls, a wagon with 20 play blocks, and tops that spin activated by a handle and pull string. In our first year we managed to make over 160 toys to be distributed—they turned out to be pretty nicely made, too. It was hard work but it turned out to be such an unbelievably positive experience for our church. Some of the toys I thought would be easily made weren't so easy—I learned a lot about how to get amateurs to do production work—the key word is organization.

When I first announced what we were doing, some members of the church suggested that the doll cradles would need mattresses, pillows and covers, and of course, a rag doll to go with it. I was amazed, that with just a little leadership people were ready to jump in and help. They responded with money, work, and tools. It also amazed me how many good woodworking skills we had in our membership. We had about 45 people involved in making our first toys. It promoted good will among the members—we got to know each other a lot better, and in the process had a lot of fun together doing the work.

Even as this is being written, TTM (Trinity ToyMakers) has just finished making 90 flower boxes—one box to be given to each family of our congregation. The boxes are made of dog ear cedar fence boards—most of it donated from a member of the congregation who had old fence material. The church logo, an angel, and the date were lasered in by, guess who---? Dale and Jeannie Pulver of Keepsake Creations. They did a beautiful job and the boxes look great! The boxes will be given away on May 1<sup>st</sup> for Rogation Sunday (has to do with plants, growth, nature and such). Trinity ToyMakers now has a reputation in our church and we have been asked to do all sorts of things. We have benefited from these projects in several ways. The church community is better, stronger, and more friendly. Members of our congregation have learned how to do simple processes that lead to beautiful woodwork, albeit not "fine" woodworking. I am sure many of them are better at doing things around their own home than they were before participating in TTM. We all had great satisfaction in knowing that a child's life is made happier and better through playing with one of our wooden toys.

I am writing this about our experience because I believe there may be more of you woodworkers, who with just a little encouragement could contribute to your church, temple, or other organization by using what you know how to do—to work with wood and to show others how satisfying and rewarding it can be to make something beautiful with your hands. We are all better woodworkers when sharing our craft with others.

## **FOR SALE or PURCHASE**

Anyone who has wants or disposals, send them to Ray Brooks and he will email the info to the members.

Delta 15" planer with mobile base for sale at \$450.00  
Call Butch at 760-751-1227 or e-mail [sawdustvc@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### **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 June 2nd 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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