



North County Woodworking Club

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February 2006 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting February 16, 2006

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

Well, for all intents and purposes football season is over. I don't know about you other club members, but I go into a little bit of a funk after the Super Bowl. There is not much to cheer for until baseball season starts and, being a Padre fan, it doesn't look like there will be much to cheer about at Petco Park either. Oh well, I'll just load the 240 disc CD changer up out in the shop and start kicking out those projects that have piled up.

Dan Throop has got to be one of the luckiest people I know. Not only did he come through his bypass surgery with flying colors, he went home with the band saw given away at the picnic last year and at the January meeting he won the \$250.00 ToolMart gift card that we raffled off! Congratulations Dan.

All 79 members present for the January meeting were treated to quite a program. Dr. Susan Spray gave an excellent program on wood strip canoe building. Susan and her husband Theron have perfected this art and the canoes they turn out are true masterpieces. Susan was gracious enough to donate a DVD of her presentation to the club. Thank you, Susan.

If you are interested in box building don't miss the February meeting. Tom Thornton will show us how he builds those exceptional, award winning boxes. Fred has more information on Tom later in the newsletter.

We will begin selling tickets to the May Jigs and Fixtures night raffle. Leigh Jigs has donated one of their D1600 dovetail jigs and all members with their 2006 dues paid will be able to buy tickets for this raffle. The tickets will be \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. If you know that you won't be at the May meeting be sure and write your name and phone number on the back of the ticket when you put them in the jar. If your ticket is drawn you will win the jig. You do not have to be present, but your name and number have to be on the back.

I think everyone that was at the meeting in January knows that the sound system in the Joslyn Center auditorium leaves something to be desired. Some of you have mentioned it to me. Others were more emphatic about the problem. Your complaints have been heard and Tom Lightner is working to line up a new PA system. The board has determined that we should buy our own system and Tom is researching the available systems to see which one best suits our needs. This is a fairly large expenditure so the board wants to make sure we make the right choice the first time. Ideally we would like to get a portable unit that we can use at other venues such as our club picnic, ToolMart night and other events.

Roni Elsberry, our membership chair, has compiled a list of members who have indicated in the past that they would like to serve on the board. I will try and contact you by telephone over the next few weeks to see if you are still interested. Being on the board is not a daunting task and I find it very rewarding. If you get a chance, chat with other board members and I'm sure that they will agree. We need to replace two officers and fill one, possibly two committee chair positions in the upcoming election.

The picnic this year is on May 20th. We are going to upgrade the menu this year and I guarantee you will not be disappointed. We will ask for a preliminary head count at the February meeting so that we can get an idea of what the attendance will be.

Charter Member Ray Brooks came up with an excellent idea for the August meeting. We are going to call it Show and Pie night. We will not have a program per say, but instead everyone in attendance will be asked to bring in a pie that can be shared and their fair entry or just some project that they have built that they would like to show off. To go along with the pie, the club will buy the ice

cream and I will dish it out. Ray got this idea from a local gem club he was researching. I think it sounds like a lot of fun. Besides that, it means Fred only has one more program to line up for 2006.

As you can see membership definitely has its privileges. We have a ton of fun stuff on the horizon so be sure and mark your calendars. Until next month, use those push sticks and wear the safety glasses.

Butch Baskins, President

This Month's Program

You have all probably seen the gorgeous boxes that member Tom Thornton builds. He also received awards at the Design in Wood show at the fair last year. Tom will give a very detailed program on the construction methods he uses to build his beautiful and unique boxes. You don't want to miss this February program.

Tom Thornton grew up in a house designed and built by his father. He sailed a sail boat designed and built by his father. A good environment to get him started in woodworking.

Tom started by making toys and boxes to "hold things". He did home remodeling to work his way thru college and he has owned two small construction companies. He has been a school teacher, a Visual Merchandising Director for a retail clothing chain, and helped start a company which designed commercial building products. Creativity, design, and unique composition have been a part of his endeavors. Tom has also done wood carving, followed by backgammon board making.

All of this has moved Tom to his place today as a First-Place Award Winning Box Maker. He has been best of show at prestigious woodworking competitions and won many awards at large juried art festivals.

Tom's unique pieces are distinguished by being one-of-a-kind with emphasis on geometric designs using contrasting woods from around the world. His pieces are made using a segmented construction technique and he does not use veneers or in-lays.

Most recent awards: 2005: Best of Show Division Winner, Class Winner, Jurors Choice Winner at Orange County Woodworkers Association; 1st Place Southwest Arts Festival; 1st place Indian Wells Arts Festival; 2nd Place Design in Wood at Del Mar. He has won many other awards in 2004

and 2003 including a 1st Place in Design in wood in 2003. The list goes on and on and we simply don't have room for the rest.

Get ready to see a truly talented box maker!

Fred Gross

Upcoming Programs

Our March program is tentatively scheduled to feature Barney Rigney with Vaccu-Clamp. Many of you have Vaccu-Clamp veneering clamps in use in the shop, but Barney also builds other clamping devices. Barney will demonstrate his entire product line and probably be able to provide answers to your clamping problems.

The meeting in April will be at ToolMart in Escondido. This yearly event will also draw the largest crowd so get there early for the best seat. ToolMart and cosponsor Milwaukee Tools will probably have some pretty exciting prizes. Last year ToolMart gave away a 6' lathe as the grand prize.

May is our Jigs and fixtures night. This is also an annual event and it keeps getting bigger each year. Last year we had excellent participation. There were some new and very innovative Jigs and Fixtures displayed and demonstrated.

I am working hard to line up informative programs if you have an idea for a topic you would like to see in the future I would love to hear from you.

Fred Gross, Vice President and Program Chair

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.

We Currently Have 103 Paid Members

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 2006 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 2006:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 least 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting.

FOR SALE or PURCHASE

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

One of our new members, John Hurst, has a vintage speed boat in need of restoration for sale. The boat is a Mercury Sabre, 18ft with a Graymarine inboard engine (very similar to Chris Craft boats made in the late 40's). All components appear to be intact including a trailer but the teak and mahogany are in pretty bad condition. It would make a great woodworking project (and become very valuable!) for someone who has the necessary tools and a place to do the work. The boat is located at his business in Vista. Asking \$1,500 or best offer. You can contact John at 760-497-4112 during normal business hours.

Delta 15" planer with mobile base for sale at \$450.00
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!

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 March 2nd in the Joslyn Senior Center library. The library is located just to the left of the main lobby. Members are encouraged to attend any board meeting.

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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