



North County Woodworking Club

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March 2008 Newsletter

Next Meeting Thursday March 20, 2008

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you who read the president's message you know that I always conclude with words of caution. It's also something that I need to remind myself of every time I work in the shop. It's way too easy for us to get too comfortable with an operation on a tool that could change our lives forever in an instant. All it takes is a moment of inattention, a distraction, trying to rush and we find ourselves wishing for a time machine to reverse what just happened.

As many of you might have heard, our friend, fellow NCWC woodworker and Palomar instructor Phil Stivers had a run in with a jointer at school last week. I have personally been thinking about this all weekend, as I'm sure Phil has. I would imagine that all of the other Palomar CFT instructors have also been concerned about Phil as well.

Here is what happened, from what I was told. Phil was face-joining a piece of wood 1 1/2" thick x 4" wide and 10-12" long. He was holding a push block in his right hand and his left hand was near the front edge of the wood. As he began to make the cut, the wood kicked back and his left hand was badly cut.

This weekend I re-read the jointer section in an old book by Ian Kirby. Here is what he said in his book, Plane Perfect, "The only way to avoid injury is to stay out of the danger zone of

each machine. Don't ever pass stock over the jointer cutterhead in such a way that the only thing between your hands and the knives is the stock itself. Even if the stock is 3" thick, don't do it. Now is the time to develop habits that will always keep your hands 6" away from the cutterhead no matter what the thickness of the stock."

One of the other things that Ian talks about in this book is the deficiencies of the swing guards used on the American style machines versus the stationary guards used on the European machines. This accident would be highly unlikely to have happened with a stationary guard. You would have to actually push your hand under the guard.

I hope Phil heals quickly, both physically and emotionally. He is a good woodworker and a good guy.

See you all at the next meeting. Be sure to use those guards, splitters, push sticks, safety glasses, hearing protection and dust masks!

Joe Dusel, President

This Month's Program

This month's program will feature guest speaker Russ Filbeck for a discussion on hand tool sharpening. As most of you know, Russ is a professor in the Palomar College Cabinet & Furniture Technology Department. Russ is great at anything he teaches – from chair making to finishing, so this is bound to be an informative meeting.

Joe Dusel

Upcoming Meetings

Here is the tentative list of upcoming club programs for the first 6 months of 2008:

- ❖ April 17, 2008. Veneering, Dave Thompson
- ❖ May 15, 2008 Tool Mart Program
- ❖ June 7, 2008 Club Picnic

Bob Fisher, Program Director

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2008

NCWC Shop Tours 2008

I'm still looking for shops to add to our tour schedule so let me know if you would like to have one in your shop. If you would like to show off your shop e-mail me at BNCFisher@sbcglobal.net.

Bob Fisher, Special Projects Chairman

We Currently Have 87 Members!

NCWC MEMBERSHIP !!!

The annual dues of \$30.00 are collected at the club meetings or you can mail them to Ray Brooks at the Club Post Office Box. Year 2008 dues can be paid anytime.

Remember, only paid members may participate in the fabulous raffles, plus the longer you wait to renew your membership, the less time you have to take advantage of the great offers and discounts from our vendors.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007 - 2008:

President: **Joe Dusel** joe@woodistry.com
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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!

Member News:

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

FOR SALE or PURCHASE

Anyone who has wants or disposals, send them to **Roni Elsberry** remuinc@pacbell.net and she will email the info to the members.

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 you with his or her contact information.

OTHER TIDBITS:

Joe Dusel has a new blog site! It's www.cft411.com. The web site is collaboration between Joe Freenor who is a woodworker and a repressed novelist, and Joe Dusel who is working out the technical details of getting this site running smoothly. Check it out and let us know what you think.

The Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday April 3rd in the Joslyn Senior Center Library. Members are encouraged to attend any board meeting. We do occasionally have the board meetings at other locations, so if you plan on attending you should probably contact Roni Elsberry first.

NCWC APPROVED VENDORS

Vac-U-Clamp Sale! Barney Rigney of Vac-U-Clamp told me that they are having a big sale with incredibly low prices to reduce their inventory of items they are no longer going to carry. For more information please visit their web site at www.vac-u-clamp.com or call 888-342-8262. They are located at 4040 Calle Platino, Suite 112 in Oceanside.

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Fisher, Tom Lightner and some other club members, we have lots of great Approved Vendors for our club. Please frequent these vendors when you can and **Show your NCWC membership card and request your discount.** From time to time you may see one of their representatives at our meetings (Check our 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 Roni Elsberry with your request and we'll take you off the list. If you are changing your email address please let us know.

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.

For those members who wish contact information for another member, please email the secretary. The secretary will contact the member to get permission prior to giving their info to the requesting party.

Roni Elsberry, newsletter circulation chair. E-mail remuinc@pacbell.net