



North County Woodworking Club

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January 2009 Newsletter

Happy New Year!!!

Next Meeting Thursday January 15, 2009

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

So, here we go again, starting up a new year. I finally got used to writing 2008 on my checks and now I've got to coax my brain to write 2009. As exciting as 2008 was I believe 2009 is going to be even more so for our planet and also for our club. With so much emphasis on "green" products we are starting off the year discussing an old favorite natural finish – shellac. Our guest speaker, Vijay Velji, is said to be both entertaining and informative. I think it's going to be the start of another great year for the club.

We also have news that you don't want to miss about North County's new lumber supplier in our Approved Vendor section of this newsletter, so be sure to read on.

I hope to 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 meeting will feature Vijay Velji. Vijay is a local expert on shellac and its uses. He's also the owner of a business that sells shellac. His web site is www.shellacfinishes.biz. He's been doing woodworking since he was a teen, and of course his favorite finish is shellac. Interestingly, for those of you who know of Ian Kirby, shellac and wax is about the only finish he recommends for fine furniture.

Vijay will demonstrate shellac application and finishing techniques at the meeting, including French polishing as I understand. He's also given this presentation to our friends at the San Diego Fine Woodworker's Association and I heard it was one of their best for 2008! I think this is going to be another meeting not to miss.

Joe Dusel

Upcoming Meetings

Bob Fisher is working hard putting together the list of upcoming club programs and speakers for 2009. We will update you on this in the next newsletter.

We need your help! Please let us know what sort of programs you like best and help us with ideas for next year's programs. We want next year's meetings to be the best ever!

Bob Fisher, Program Director

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2009

We are looking at having some very interesting tours this Spring. One of the places we have talked to is San Diego Kitchen's and Baths who have generously volunteered to give us a tour. We are also looking into a possible tour of the Taylor Guitar factory as well. As soon as Saroyan is stocked up they would also like to give us a tour.

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 55 Paid 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 2009 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 2008 - 2009:

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:

Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event in Norwalk, CA

Woodworkers of all abilities will have a chance to try new tools and learn new skills at a special Hand Tool Event held at Cerritos College in Norwalk, CA (about 17 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles). The free event offers fans of woodworking a chance to use a wide array of hand tools and learn techniques such as simple honing methods for razor sharp blades, and tuning a hand plane for optimal performance. The event will be held **Friday, January 23rd and Saturday, January 24th** at Cerritos College’s Wood Shop (Room WD-13), and is sponsored by Lie-Nielsen Toolworks. The event will feature guest demonstrators including: plane blade maker, Ron Hock; Founder of Glen-Drake Toolworks, Kevin Drake, and Bridge City Tool Works.

For more information visit: <http://www.lie-nielsen.com> or call 800-327-2520.

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 February 5th 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

We now have another lumber and sheet material supplier in North County!!!

Here's an announcement from Don Widders.

Saroyan Lumber of Huntington Park Ca, is proud to announce the opening of Saroyan Hardwoods of San Marcos. We opened for business as on 1/5/2009 and are servicing the greater San Diego area. We have in stock a full line of Domestic and Imported Hardwood lumber in thicknesses ranging from 1/2" all the way up to 16/4 in many species. We also carry a full line of Domestic and Import Panel products including many "Green" items.

Our hardwood mouldings will be stocked in up to ten different species. The Premium Series provides the ultimate in design possibilities, convenience, and value. Custom millwork is provided by a state of the art, 8 acre yard located in Huntington Park Ca. with the largest hardwood inventory in the Western United States. Saroyan provides ripping, surfacing, custom moulding, glue-ups, profile sanding, and many other services. Saroyan Hardwoods of San Marcos is also stocking a full line of Cabinet and Furniture Hardware. Everything for the experienced craftsman to the novice woodworker.

Saroyan Hardwoods of San Marcos is dedicated to providing only the finest quality wood products available, the reputation to stand behind what we sell, and offer discounts to members of the North County Woodworking Club. We take pride in our customer service and Don, Armando, and Dan are eager to serve and look forward to seeing you.

Thanks, Don



Dan, Armando & Dan

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Thanks to the efforts of Bob Fisher, Tom Lightner, Bert Elliot 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