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It's Back to School in October!

OCTOBER -MEETING-

WHEN

Thursday
Oct. 17, 1991

WHERE

Castro Valley
High School
Castro Valley

SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign-in &
Social Time
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Program

UPCOMING -EVENTS-

OCT. 17

October
Meeting

OCT. 31

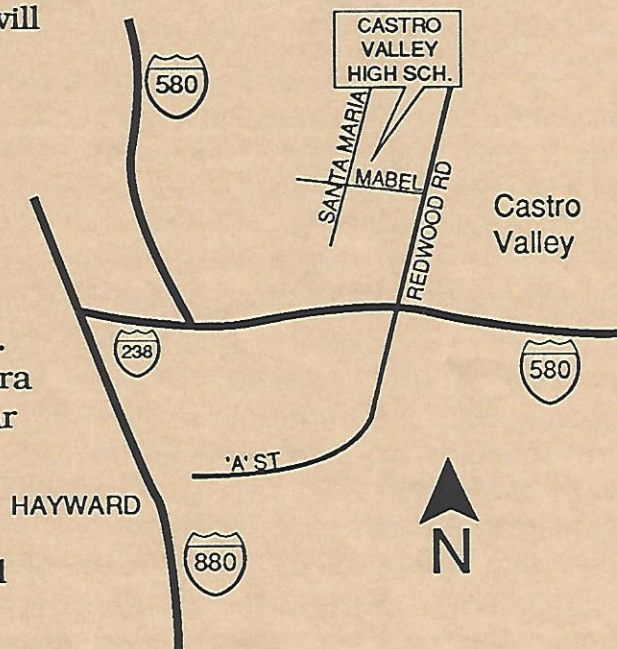
Halloween

NOV. 21

November
Meeting

Our meeting for October will be at Castro Valley High School in the Woodworking shop. Sign-in and socializing will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our program will start at 7:30.

The evening is being hosted by the knowledgeable and enthusiastic Dick Taylor. He will give a program on Ultra Low Tech methods of modular cabinet making. His years of teaching combined with his experience as co-owner with his wife of a cabinet shop will make for a very interesting evening for everyone.



When Last We Met

Written by John Weidner.

Our September meeting was held at Segale Bros., the Menlo Park cabinet shop of Don Segale. It is a great shop, and we had a big crowd, and Don is a BAWA member from way back, and a number of other old BAWA folks showed up, and it all made for a fine evening.

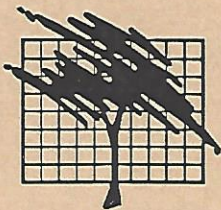
Fred Sotcher opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members, and by thanking several people who have recently volunteered their

time and energy to make BAWA work. Joan McWilliams of course deserves our appreciation for taking on the job of treasurer. Ann Fuller is working as a social chairperson (isn't there a better word than "chairperson"?) and is going to put together our upcoming tour of home workshops. She could use some help with this. And Alton Jenson is tentatively coordinating a Scroll Saw workshop with Joanne Lockwood. If you saw Joanne at our June meeting you know this is going to be good !

Happy Halloween!



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A Message from Fred

We sure had a big turnout at last months meeting. Thanks to Don Segale for sharing his fine shop with us. He seems to be doing the right things to succeed in a challenging business. It was fun to see a lot of the older BAWA members, they're welcome anytime. I hope that we might see a lot more them in the future.

The next tradeshow will be held in San Mateo on December 6th through the 8th. We need people to staff our booth and a person to schedule the staffing. We are also interested in a good show of projects to display at the BAWA booth. We can show the world what great woodworkers come from the Bay Area. Please call me at (408)734-1774 days, or (408)253-7831. We need your help and support.

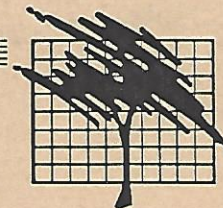
Arnold Champagne has the Toys for Tots Christmas program in full swing. We are looking for ten toys from each member, so best get going. Arnold is also holding a project day at his home shop. Call him for more at (415)282-1704. Let's get that saw dust flying and make a great Christmas for some nice little people. We are planning a special December meeting (Dec. 19).

Joaquin Echavarri is organizing a pot luck dinner and a raffle with some great prizes. He will be publishing a list of what food to bring in next months newsletter. We will also be offering a door prize to those who bring in some toys. I am looking forward to seeing a great turnout and lots of toys for the young people. The dinner will be held at the MainLiner Club, our regular meeting place. Family members and friends are invited. If you would like to help or need more information, call Joaquin at (415)341-2705.

Anne Fuller is organizing the home workshop open house. It's planned for Saturday, January 18. She is looking for 4 or 5 home shops in the San Jose area for the first tour. This is a great chance to show off your shop and how clean and neat it is always maintained. We are looking for shops of all sizes and shapes. Call Anne today and get your shop on the list.

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We need more volunteers! Especially, we need a chairman for the Woodworking Trade Show on December 6, 7, & 8, in San Mateo. It's not a hard job, and rather fun. We already have a list of people who have volunteered to man our booth, we just need someone to schedule them.

It's time to step up our toys for tots program! Other woodworking associations crank out toys by the thousands! If you need ideas, call Arnold Champagne. He has patterns, ideas... he'll get you started. Also, Arnold could use some TURNERS to make toy parts. Come the December meeting, we are going to have a potluck dinner and hand out some prizes for great toys.

Stan Booker introduced our host, Don Segale. Don started in a garage 15 years ago making wood novelties. Now he has a full-line cabinet shop with 20-30 employees. About two-thirds of his work is cabinet refacing.

Don gave us a tour of the shop, talking about his methods and machines. Incoming supplies are forklifted onto pallet racks. He has been frustrated with the quality of red oak plywood he has been buying lately—most of it has to be re-

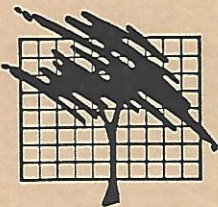
jected. Some other odds and end of information from Don: Quality comes in once a week to sharpen his blades. Most of the doors for his cabinets are contracted out, door specialists can make them more economically. Water-based finishes, a tricky situation. The new law comes into effect next July, and water-based will be required. But they are far from perfected. He is currently using nitro-cellulose lacquers.

Large pieces of plywood are cut on a panel saw, more accurately and smoothly than can be done on a table saw. Long pieces of stock go to a cross-cut saw with a blade that rises up, rather than being pulled across like a radial arm saw. Components for face-frames go to a face-frame machine, that clamps them tight while drilling diagonal holes to screw them together. (the majority of Don's cabinets are face-frame) The face-frames go to a 52" wide belt sander, and the whole frame is sanded to the same height. Then the cross-grain scratches are taken out with an air-sander. They start with 13/16 stock and take off about 1/32nd.

Gluing is with regular Aliphatic Resin (yellow) glue. Though they no longer do many doors, Don showed us a nifty

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*TOYS, TOYS and
more TOYS, We
Need Your Help!*



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machine, a 3-level shaper that could machine all the parts for a door in one setup.

When we moved to the assembly area we got to see some of the results of having computerized design and layout. Each piece has a label with dimensions, material, cabinet #, room #, and lots more. (Special labels are used that don't stain the wood.) The program used "Cabinetware," (about \$6,000) is complex and has a long learning curve. Don says it needs a large shop to make it cost-effective. He has a layout man working full-time on the computer. One disadvantage is that, since the program optimizes cutting panels to waste the least amount of wood, you have to cut everything at once, which can leave them with a huge number of parts to keep track of (they bundle pieces together with cellophane wrap,

which leaves no residue), and no way to make adjustments if things start going wrong.

Don likes spring-loaded European Style hinges. He says that 120° hinges are great, but with 170° you can expect maintenance problems. He's not keen on touch-latches, because they need to be kept "tuned-up" like a car. They build cabinets with a 3/4 to 1" scribe on the sides. For refacing, they provide new doors and drawers, and cover the sides etc with 1/8" veneers. (Dick Taylor, host of our next meeting, promises to show us how to reface cabinets "ULT." which means "Ultra-low-tech."

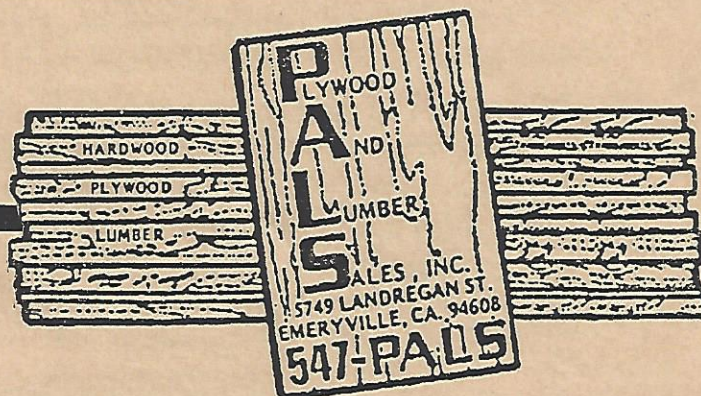
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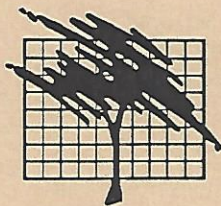


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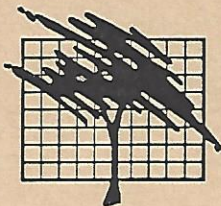
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Check out our monthly columns!

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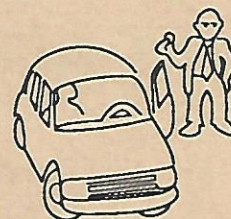
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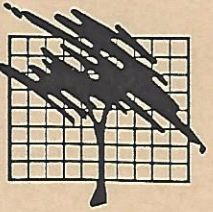
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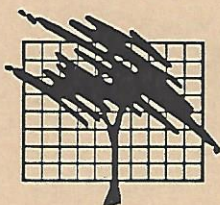
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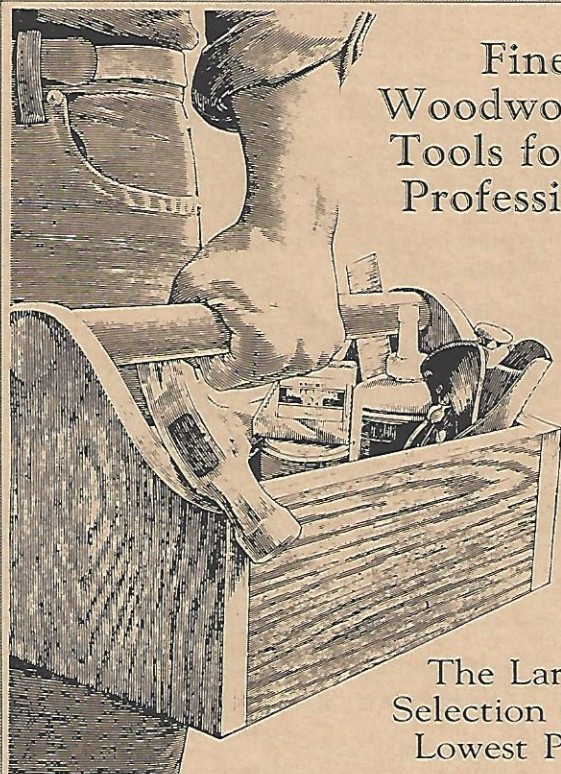
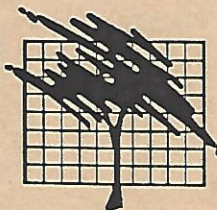
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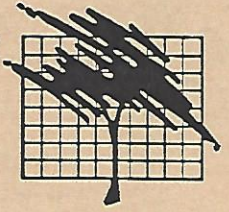
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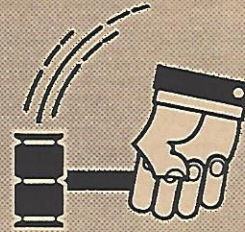
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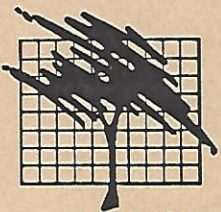
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