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JANUARY MEETING

WHEN
Thursday
Jan. 21, 1993

WHERE
The Japan Woodworker
Woodline
1731 Clement Ave.
Alameda
(510) 521-1810

Sign-in & Socializing
7:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 18
Jason Grant
EcoTimber
Mainliner Club
San Mateo

MARCH 18
Bob Berryman
Carl Johnson
Windsor Chairs
Mainliner Club
San Mateo

JANUARY MEETING

(Anne Glynn)

Why is the stone used so often in sharpening tools? As we've read in books, seen on the telly and watched in our fellow woodworkers' shops, "When in doubt, pick up a stone and sharpen the tools..."

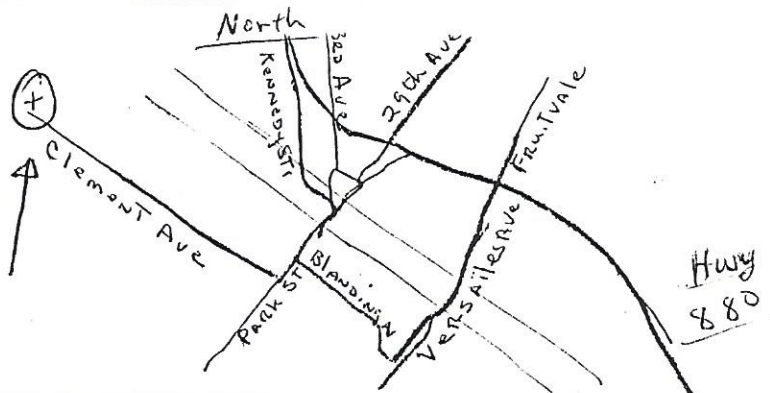
But why is this so important? We will find the answer to this when Fred J. Damsen gives his talk about the stones he carries in his store. Fred has been in woodworking all his life because his father was a carpenter, but when he started a 37 foot sailboat in 1968 he *really* got into woodworking. The boat was launched in 1974 and later sold it to a fellow who sailed it to the South Pacific. As far as Fred knows, it is still afloat and running great in Hawaii.

His talk will be about the different attributes of the stones, what goes into making them and why one stone is better for a given task than another. He will answer all your questions about stones, including why they carry the Japanese water and diamond stones rather than others.

As a highlight to the evening, his store will be offering a 10% discount on anything you wish to buy. The store has hand and electric tools and supplies, wood, finishing supplies, videos, books and (naturally) stones. I know when I was there the other day, I found it difficult to "just browse" and left with a video my library didn't have.

Dress warmly: the meeting will be inside the store and there is a pot-belly stove, but it may be a bit chilly.

Directions: From 880 Southbound, take the Kennedy St. exit to 29th and turn right on 29th. From 880 Northbound, take the 29th Ave./Fruitvale exit and turn left on 29th. Take 29th west towards the bridge. Across the bridge, the street becomes Park St. Turn right at the signal at Clement Ave to 1731.



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Anne Glynn)

Please send in your dues so we can find out how many people are going to be able to help the club this year. The sooner we have a meeting schedule, the sooner we can find out what we are going to be doing for the whole year and what (if any) extra programs will be possible.

I know from the past that many people wanted to see more shops and to have these field trips on Saturdays. I also know some of us would like to have sessions in someone's shop to demonstrate tools and techniques.

All of these things take cooperation from you to make them work, it won't happen by just a few of us doing it.

The Northern California Trade Show is looking for BAWA members or others to do a seminar at the upcoming trade show. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Mandy Shamis at (310) 312-6684 as soon as possible (collect calls accepted). NOTE: they *DO* pay you money for doing these shows.

One of our members has a shop in San Francisco called Basic Bookshelves. That store and others in the Hayes Valley neighborhood have Block Parties and would like to have items from our members to show in the store. The store has approximately 1700 square feet of and we might be able to get almost half of that space to exhibit our items. It's a good way to show what we are as a club, to get publicity, to show what those in business or who want to get into business what can do. Please contact our Show Chairperson, Frank Hungler at (415) 343-9539, Anne Glynn at (408) 967-6149 or Angela Scott directly at (415) 863-5864.

Welcome to the following people who saw us at the recent Trade Show, came to a meeting and decided to join on the spot:

Chris Scott	(cabinetry and furniture)
Jane Spieker	(toys and furniture)
Don McGrew	(beginner)

WHEN LAST WE MET

December was not only our potluck dinner, but also the round-up of all the toys that members have been making. Arnold staggered in with an enormous "tinker-toy" contraption in his arms. Said Carl Johnson "No wonder Desert Storm was almost a disaster." The toys were heaped high around the room. Most will go to the Recreation Center for the Handi-

capped in San Francisco. The tinker-toy sets contained about 2000 blocks!

The food was great (but several potholders and items of cookware were left behind - see Anne Glynn).

John Schmidt mentioned that he and some friends had formed a Modesto Woodworkers organization. If you are in the Modesto area on the 3rd Wednesday, come by. John can be reached at (209) 848-9535.

Among the visitors was Jason Grant from EcoTimber in San Francisco, (415) 282-2667, a new company attempting to provide a market for tropical woods which are harvested responsibly. They are expecting a shipment of some very interesting wood soon.

WHERE TO BUY IT

I recently stumbled across the Norman Wright Co., a hole-in-the-wall place at 611 York St. in San Francisco. You may think, as I did, that De-Sta-Co Clamps come in a dozen or so varieties. These guys have about 300 different ones!

CLASSIFIED AD

Closing shop. For sale:

Approx. 400 bd ft old mahogany, 5/4 and 6/4, 16 to 30" wide, 14' long. \$3.50 bd ft.

Assorted hardwoods, wholesale less 10%.

Powermatic 12" planer. \$1200.

8" Jointer. \$800.

14" DeWalt radial. \$500.

Call Gary at (415) 474-1056

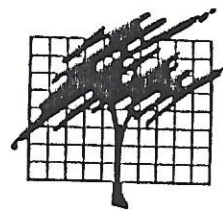
SHOW & TELL

Fred brought in some 1-2-4 blocks, made from a rare wood from Home Depot, called "White Wood."

Anne Fuller demonstrated a toy dinosaur which wiggled beguilingly. It was articulated in the same fashion as a roll-top desk.

Bob Berryman brought in some pretty toy planes, made from scraps of hard maple.

Anne Glynn showed a batch of her jig-saw puzzles. She needs pictures to make into future puzzles; things that children would



like.

Doug Ryan displayed more puzzles and Sig Rich brought some of his "friendly ghosts".

Gene Wagg showed a set of blocks; he was going to make tinker-toys, but "drilling holes takes too darn long, so it is a set of blocks!"

Bob Steves brought five trains - beauties - made of alder and maple.

Arnold Champagne showed a batch of his kid clocks.

Bill Henzel brought a batch of pull toys that move and click as they are pulled along.

Bonnie Henzel showed a some crocheted teddy bears.

Tips from Sterling Johnson on making toys: Use food coloring, it's not bright but it is pretty, plus salad bowl finish. Oak is a good wood because it is hard to destroy.

is to succeed, so I am asking for your help and ideas. Please write to *Woodworkers Network*, 2528 Dell Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043-4149 or call (415) 967-6149.



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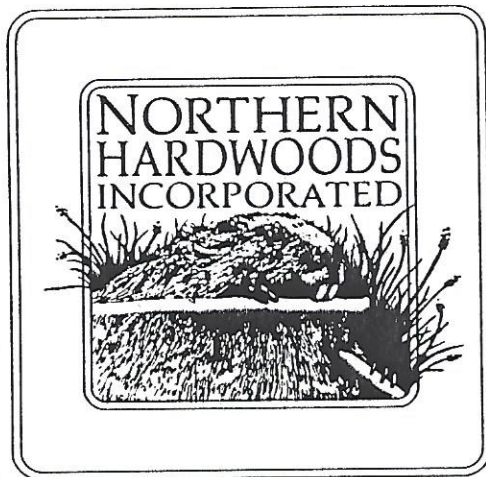
John Schmidt's phone number in the ride-share section should be (209) 848-9535 (Oakdale).

Neil Tsubota is at (415) 571-6054.

NEW NEWSLETTER

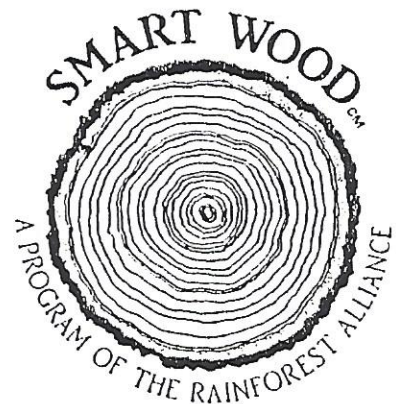
Anne Glynn

I am starting a newsletter on my own and would like to get some help from my co-woodworkers. Although I have ideas of my own, it is good to brainstorm with others if something



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