

BAY AREA WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter for MAY 1998

May 21st Meeting 3rd Thursday Refreshments at 7:00pm Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

Custom furniture maker Jaap Romijn will host this meeting at his shop. The address is 5515 Doyle street in Emeryville. Jaap does exclusively custom pieces. You will be amazed and inspired by the small size of the shop, where Jaap and his team do their magic. Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with one of the most experienced - and nicest - guys in the business. Doyle Street is just off Powell Street in Emeryville. Call Mike Bray if you need directions.

BAWA Calendar 1998

June: probably "Sharpening Stones" at Woodline in Alameda.

July: Yeung Chan at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo.

August: Dewalt Tools (location TBD).

September: Warren Wise at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo.

October: TBD

November: TBD

December: Annual Potluck Dinner at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo.

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Membership...	Open...	Please Apply

Last Meeting:

The April BAWA meeting was held at the unbearably attractive Hafele showroom in San Francisco, and we were once again allowed to wander through, fondle, and covet the remarkable collection of hardware and ideas that Hafele offers. Thanks again to Brad Borne for his hospitality.

Turn-out was very good, as you might expect. What with having the meeting in such a setting, and having the 2x4 contest AND having Bob Berryman as our main speaker, it was bound to be a heavily attended meeting. There were many guests and new members present, to help swell the ranks.

BAWA president Mike Bray introduced John Walker from the Thomas Moser Cabinetmakers shop in San Francisco. John invited BAWA members to submit old or personally created wooden hand-planes for a show he is organizing. The planes will go on display at the Thomas Moser gallery at 3395 Sacramento Street, San Francisco from May to early July. You can contact John at (415) 931-8131 if you have any questions or want to display your planes in this fine setting.

In one of those BAWA coincidences almost too amazing to believe, Arnie Champagne had donated a wooden hand-plane as a prize for the April 2 X 4 contest. Although Arnie initially claimed that this was his contest entry and that the wood was Douglas Fir, no one else had ever seen Douglas Fir that was grown in a South American or possibly Malaysian jungle...

Reports from officers:

Craig Mineweaser announced the updating of the computerized BAWA membership list. He asked all members to return a Membership Form to him with updated information for the list.

Stan Booker updated the plans for 1998 BAWA programs. We're set with interesting programs for the rest of the year, with October and November still needing to be firmed up. Stan also invited an old acquaintance who has been associated with the Recreation Center for the Handicapped, to join us in May to talk about donations of toys to their toy lending library.

Arnie Champagne put in a pitch for Christmas-in-April, which this year was expecting 200,000 volunteers nationwide to help the poor, elderly, and handicapped refurbish their homes. Contact Arnie to get your name on the C-inA mailing list for next year!

Rodney Finlay, our BAWA librarian, appeared at the meeting and was applauded by the membership for his tough spirit. During the heavy El Nino flooding in La Honda Rodney lost his home, his workshop, everything, including the BAWA library and woodworking
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videotapes. He seems more concerned about our library than his home and workshop! We on the other hand are far more concerned about Rodney! He's rebuilding the videotape library, and if you can help him with that or in any other way, please contact him.

Show and Tell:

Carl Johnson started a freebie feeding frenzy when he brought in three full boxes of woodworking and home-building magazines and books. They didn't last long!

Annual BAWA 2 X 4 Contest:

This years 2x4 contest was not heavily participated in, but the three who did make the effort all made wildly different things from the same humble material.

3rd prize went to Mike Bray, who carved a large number of Treen scoops. His prize was a hand-made marking knife made by...Mike Bray...

2nd prize went to Richard Shirasawa, who distinguished himself by being the only guy who actually made a furniture piece for the contest! He made a beautiful small table with a trefoil design cut through the rails. His prize was a \$25.00 gift certificate.

1st prize went to Glen Krueg, who made a lathe-turned vase from glued up sections of wood. The finish was an astonishing number of layers of metal leaf and chemical patinas. It seemed impossible that the vase was

just Douglas Fir, but looking at the underside it was easy to see the grain of the wood. WOW. Glen won a gorgeous wooden hand-plane with a Hock blade, the plane was made and donated by Arnold Champagne. Arnold's generosity made a big impression on all of those in attendance!

The contest was presented by a BAWA president not in command of all his faculties, so it could have run a lot smoother, but it ran. Our president cites dead-line exhaustion and a lingering cold for his discombobulated demeanor. At the presentation of second prize, the president quite unfairly made it sound like the Newsletter Guy was supposed to have arranged the gift certificate. The newsletter guy had nothing to do with organizing the prizes. Our president extends his apologies to Craig Mineweaser the Newsletter Guy for the whole darn mess! (More about the 2x4 contest in future issues!!)

Main Presentation:

Bob Berryman presented and demonstrated Sam Maloof's furniture techniques. Bob not only showed us how Sam Maloof creates his beautiful pieces, but made the old master come alive as a real person. Bob's deep affection and respect for Sam Maloof shined through the entire presentation. You can count on Bob to throw some humor in for good measure during his presentations, and we were not disappointed on that score!

THANKS BOB! It was a real treat for all of us!

More Stuff

The Furniture Society Conference is drawing near. Join soon to get in their show. Also, they still need housing for a few out-of-state students. Please help out if you can. Call Mike Bray soon if you are thinking about helping. This may mean the difference between coming or not for these kids, so please consider it! Thanks!

Classified Ads

15" Delta Joiner 110v and
13" Delta Planer 220v for sale!
\$1500.00/both. Good Cond.
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