

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 1999

**December 16**

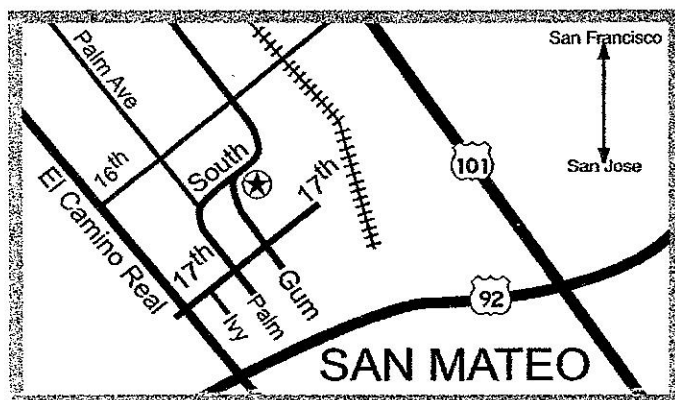
**3rd Thursday**

REFRESHMENTS 7:00 PM

MEETING STARTS 7:30 PM

### **BAWA Holiday Feast will be at American Legion Post #82**

★130 South Boulevard, San Mateo



**HOW TO GET THERE:** Get to Route 92; get off at El Camino Real going North; turn right at 17th; go past Ivy and Palm; turn left at Gum, which bears right around a curve; American Legion Post #82 is right on the curve as Gum meets South Boulevard.

## **Holiday Gift Exchange**

We will be having a Woodworker's Gift Exchange at our December banquet.

Please bring a gift appropriate for woodworkers that does not cost more than \$10. It can be something you made, something you own, or something you buy. It should just be something you'd be glad to take home yourself. Wrap your gift so it'll be a surprise to others.

If your guests want to join in, bring as many gifts as there are people in your party who participate.

### Our December Meeting:

## **End-of-the-Century Holiday Banquet NOT A POTLUCK!**

To celebrate the end of BAWA's first millennium, members voted to have a spectacular banquet at our December 16 meeting instead of the usual potluck. Thanks to Vince Dellachiesa, we have arranged with Crystal Springs Catering to serve us the following holiday feast:

*Chef-carved Roasted Turkey and Ham with  
Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Cranberry Sauce  
Grilled Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls and Butter  
Tossed Green Salad  
Dessert*

\$12.50/person. Bring your favorite guests.

## **Reserve Your Places Now for the Holiday Banquet**

Please call in your reservations before December 8 so we can give the caterer an accurate count:

Fannings—650/323-1183

Leave name and number of people attending.

The cost is \$12.50 per person. Send checks made out to BAWA to

Fannings  
632 Bay Rd  
Menlo Park, 94025,

or pay at the dinner. (If you make a reservation and do not attend, we will have to bill you.)

**Mark your calendar**

**Dec. 4**

**Toymaking Session**

Call Arnie 415/282-1704

**Mark your calendar**

**Dec. 16**

**End-of-Century  
BAWA non-Potluck Banquet  
American Legion Post #82**

## November Presentation: Setting Up Shop

Sandor Nagyszalanczy offered tips from his new book, *Setting Up Shop*. Sandor ranged across all aspects of setting up a wood workshop, and engaged BAWA in a great discussion. Here's just a sampling of what he (and we) covered.

1. *Lighting*: general vs. task lighting. Get C50 overhead fluorescent tubes for almost full-spectrum light without the high cost. Don't use these for the lathe area (strobe effect) unless you install the high frequency ballast (20khz.) Mount drafting lamps to a square peg to drop into bench dog holes.

2. *Work surfaces*: use the height comfortable for you—high for close work, low for big cabinets, etc.

3. *Vises and bench*: make them solid; wobbly = problems.

4. *Floor covering*: thick mats (DriDek) with holes for comfort, especially on concrete; also minimize how much dust you kick up as you move around.

5. *Power*: plenty of outlets in convenient locations to keep tools plugged in. Use GFI power strips. Automatic cord reels for power cords and compressed air lines.

6. *Permanent sharpening stations*: convenient; sharp tools work better.

7. *Dust*: minimize the fine dust especially. Filter at the tool and in a central location. Shopvacs, box fans, open doors, and out-of-doors help. *Respirator masks*: get one with 2 straps. Keep wearing it long after sanding is done!

8. *Noise*: use ear plugs (or turn your hearing aid off!). Isolate the shop from the rest of the home with sound channel between the drywall and studs. Sound-damping mats under tools can help too.

9. *Fire prevention*: care for oily rags especially! Watco burns easily. Watch out for flammables near sharpening station. Have at least a 3A 40BC fire extinguisher at hand.

Next newsletter/classified ads issue  
DEADLINE:  
January 7, 2000

## Volunteers Still Needed:

## BAWA Officer Slate for Year 2000

We now have volunteers for most of the BAWA officer and committee chair positions for 2000. Nominees will be confirmed at the December meeting by vote of BAWA membership.

Volunteers are still needed for: **Secretary** (jot notes on BAWA business sessions and presentations); **Membership** (greet new BAWA members and make them feel welcome); **Shows** (coordinate the BAWA booth at the annual Woodworking Show).

### Year 2000 BAWA Slate:

#### OFFICERS

*President* ..... Linda Salter  
*Vice Pres.* ..... Don Naples  
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*Treasurer* ..... Tony Fanning  
and ..... Robbie Fanning  
*Newsletter* ..... Mike Bray  
*Program Chair* ..... Arnie Champagne  
and ..... Jay Perrine

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

*Hospitality* ..... Stan Booker  
and ..... Rodney Finlay  
*Membership* ..... OPEN  
*Shows* ..... OPEN  
*Outreach* ..... Bill Henzel  
and ..... Allen Harrison  
*Librarian* ..... Gene Wagg  
*Webmaster* ..... Jim Voos

## JOIN BAWA—or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

BAWA dues are \$30.00 per year (family memberships are \$35.00 per year). Membership can begin during any month of the year.

Make check payable to BAWA. Give it to the BAWA Treasurer at the monthly meeting along with the information in the application below, or mail both to:

BAWA Treasurer  
632 Bay Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

### SHORT-FORM BAWA Membership Application / Renewal Info

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## BAWA Member's Technique Tip:

### Veneer Flattening

Bill Small

I recently purchased a vacuum press from Vacuum Pressing Systems, Inc. of Brunswick, MA (207/725-0935). Included with the press was a procedure for flattening wavy veneer. I am very pleased with both the press and the flattening technique.

I used the technique on very brittle and moderately wavy mahogany crotch veneer. The process is as follows: Generously coat both sides of the veneer with the following mix: 2 parts white or yellow glue, 3 parts water, 1 part glycerin (available at most drugstores as a first aid), and 1 part denatured alcohol. Brush, roller, or sprayer all work for application.

Create the following sandwich: bottom caul (I used 3/4" MDF), 3 sheets of newspaper, 1 sheet of fiberglass window screen, the veneer, another sheet of screen, 3 sheets of newspaper, etc. and the top caul. You may use as many layers of the sandwich as you wish. The screen keeps the newspaper from sticking to the veneer.

Place the sandwich in a press. During the first 24 hours, change the newspaper 3 times and reset the press. On the second day, again change the newspaper 3 times. Now you may leave the sandwich outside the press, but it should be weighted.

The manufacturer warns that you must allow at least 2 full days for drying to avoid shrinkage after the veneer is bonded to your substrate. You may store the veneer for future use, but should keep it weighted.

I found the process easy to follow. The veneer emerged very flat and significantly stronger. I was concerned that the presence of yellow glue would affect finishing. I ran a test using a mix of boiled linseed oil and varnish on pieces of treated and untreated veneer and couldn't see any difference. The treated veneer was easy to trim and tape, and bonded well when glued (I used urea resin). If you have questions or can improve on the above, please call Bill Small at 925/735-8260.

## Rebuild the Back to Basics Set

Help BAWA rebuild the **Back to Basics** set that was lost in the El Nino Floods. If you have a copy of any of these, please give it to **Rodney Finlay** so he can have it duplicated for others.

Band Saw Blade Types & Uses  
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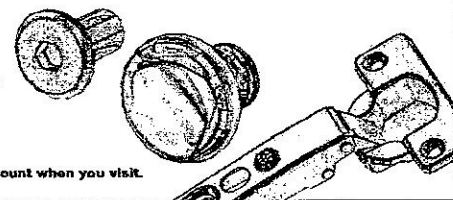
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## DOOR PRIZES ARE BACK!

**Stan Booker** has revived the BAWA custom of door prizes (free drawing) and drawing prizes. He'll be handing out drawing tickets each meeting. Please donate items for door prizes directly to Stan at the meeting.

## Remember the BAWA SILENT AUCTION!

To raise extra money for the BAWA newsletter and other BAWA functions, we continue to run a silent auction before each BAWA meeting. **YOU CAN HELP!** Please donate tools, raw wood, wood items, books, magazines, videos, or anything else that another member might want to buy.

**Clean up your workshop and help BAWA!** Bring precious and still-useful items to the next BAWA meeting. Give them to Honorable BAWA Auctioneer **Jeff Preston**, or co-treasurers **Tony and Robbie Fanning**.





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### JOIN or RENEW today!

On the mailing label to the left, the date above your name tells when you need to renew your **BAWA** membership.

**JOIN or RENEW:** Fill out a renewal form at a **BAWA** meeting and pay your dues. Or write or call the **BAWA Treasurer** (See Page 2).

If you haven't joined yet, and there's no date on the label, it means that you must join now, otherwise **THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!**

## LAST MEETING

President-elect **Linda Salter** ran an enthusiastic meeting at which we worked over the Holiday Dinner, the Holiday Gift Exchange, BAWA elections, more Show-and-Tell, and next year's activities (details in the rest of this newsletter). We greeted guests **Paul Honis**, who works with computers, metal, and wood; **Ann Hillman** (wife of **George Comstock**); **Jim Ives**, a refinisher; and new member **Joe Hourigan**.

Show and Tell: **Arnie Champagne** passed around samples of hand-cut dovetails, and promised us we could do work that good if we take his class (call him). **George Comstock** brought in his gorgeous strip canoe, the result of an earlier BAWA presentation on canoes and a random comment from a friend. George and his friend ended up both building strip canoes in George's garage, which has become something of a neighborhood club for people interested in woodworking. George's presentation was as elegant as his canoe. He briefly took us through acquiring the pattern (only one page!); getting the pre-shaped northern white cedar strips; building the hull around the hardback; shaping the rest of the frame; laying on the fiberglass; and completing the finish, which George is still working on. There is no doubt that this was one project that George had fun with. He estimates that it took 200 hours to build, and he loved every minute of it.

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For any questions or information about **BAWA** programs, contact Arnie Champagne or Jay Perrine.