

Bay Area Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

BAWA is a club open to all. Our purpose is to educate ourselves and others in the art and science of woodworking. At least as important a purpose is to have fun and make friends! Dues are \$30.00. **If you would like more info** about the club or how to join, you can email the newsletter editor at **m.bray@ix.netcom.com**.

This Month's Meeting

Thursday, August 17th, 7:00pm

This meeting will be hosted by **Dieter Kuhnert** at his shop in San Francisco. Dieter will show us around his shop. After that, **Ashley Eriksmoen** will continue the presentation.

Dieter Kuhnert Restorations

1777 Yosemite Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94124

Dieter did his apprenticeship at the Berlin Museum. Art Deco is an important source of ideas and inspiration for him, and he cites Jacques-Emile Ruhlmann as one of his most respected designers of the period. He has also been referred to as a Biedermeier devotee. Not surprisingly, he is very experienced at working with exotically figured hardwood veneer.

Ashley Eriksmoen, like many furniture designers and builders, got her start in another field...in her case it was geology. Her artistic interests overwhelmed that career early on. Two years ago she completed the two-year course at the College of the Redwoods and more recently graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with an MFA in Furniture Design!

It's a good bet that this will be another awesome BAWA meeting!

Arnie recommends that anyone who wants to sit should bring a chair...perhaps made from a 2x4?

Directions:

From the south take 101 northbound to the 3rd Street exit, the one just past Candlestick Park, in San Francisco. Go on 3rd street for just over 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Yosemite. The shop is in a large building on the left near the end of the block.

From the north take 101 southbound to the 3rd street exit. go north on 3rd to Yosemite; turn left.

Important dates

August

17th. Monthly meeting at Dieter Kuhnert Restoration, 1777 Yosemite Avenue in San Francisco.

19th. Annual multi-club Picnic and 2x4 contest show-down.

September

Toy Workshop at Bill Henzel's. Date to be confirmed.

21st. Monthly meeting at the new Woodcraft store in Dublin. Bill Small, one of our members, will demonstrate the Leigh dovetail jig. 10% discount for BAWA members that night!

October

19th. Monthly meeting at the Cottage Table Company in San Francisco.

November

3rd 4th and 5th. BAWA booth at the Northern California Woodworking Show at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds.

November

16th. Monthly meeting The main presentation will a short course in use of the Tormek grinder and an extended course by Arnold Champagne on building a

wall-hung display cabinet – focusing on veneers and laminating with jigs and fixtures.

December

21st. The annual catered dinner, featuring the annual officer voting/hazing ritual.

2nd Annual Picnic

The Bay Area Woodworking Association is hosting the second annual woodworkers picnic on Saturday, August 19th. Starting time will be 10 a.m. Sign-ups in advance would be appreciated.

It will be held at Huddart Park in Woodside. There is a fee of \$4.00/car to enter the park. There is a dirt volleyball court and a horse-shoe pit at our site.

This will be a potluck barbecue, with each family bringing their own meat or vegetarian equivalent to barbecue and one dish to share. Please bring your own drinks and utensils. Shared dishes are being assigned by the first letter of your last name - hopefully this way we won't have 100 salads and 2 desserts.

A-F Desserts

G-L Appitizers

M-R Salads

S-Z Side dishes

Events at the Picnic:

A show and tell table, so bring some of your best work to show off.

A 2x4 contest (see rules below).

A tool swap - bring some tools you no longer use and see if you can sell or trade them.

A raffle with plenty of door prizes.

Directions to Huddart Park:

Take Hwy 280 to Woodside; exit at Woodside Road (Hwy 84); turn west (to Woodside); continue on Hwy 84 for 1.7 miles; turn right onto Kings Mountain Road; the entrance to Huddart Park is 2.4 miles up the hill, at 1100 Kings Mountain Road. Signs will be posted by the park to direct you to the site. You can also ask the ranger at the toll both for directions. For more information or if you have questions, contact Linda Salter at 650-365-4093 or LindaSalter@earthlink.net.

Last Month's Meeting

Our last meeting was held at **Home Depot** in Palo Alto. They set us up in their largest staff training room, but there was standing room only by 8:00pm! Some of the staff at Home Depot took time out of their busy evening schedule to give us a brief overview of on-site supplies and special-order services. They also stayed open for us while we ran through the aisles shopping like there was no tomorrow. You drill-press purchasers know who you are!

Visitors and New Members

Jeff Preston brought his mother, **Mary Ann** to visit. **Merle Herson**, a former member, also returned for a visit. He could not make the July meeting but we have a new member, **Bud Ruby**, who is looking forward to meeting some fellow woodworkers. Another new-comer is **David Rupprecht** of Pacifica. We hope to see David at the August meeting, since it is not terribly far from his home!

Announcements

Co-Treasurer **Robbie Fanning** reported \$1,900 plus minus in our account. She said this was largely due to the silent auction. A few members reminded us of tools they have listed for sale in the newsletter. **Linda Salter** said she has some shelving boards to give away. She also spoke for **Bill Henzel**, who's on vacation, reminding us that the next toy workshop will be at his shop in September (bring wood for building-blocks for a toy castle.) **Anne Glynn** said she's looking for woodworkers to include in her database, so that when people call her for commissions, she can give them a list of local artisans. If you want to be included, write to her at **P.O. Box 90670, Mountain View, CA 94309**.

Program Chair **Arnold Champagne** announced details of upcoming meetings.

Show and Tell

Bill Manix showed us a line-boring jig he made from scratch. It uses a router to drill the holes, so they are super clean. He discussed in detail how he

accurately set up the holes in the jigs. It has many useful features, such as an adjustable stop so you can set the holes in from the edge just about anywhere. It also has a register pin so you can use it to make a line of holes longer than the actual jig. As usual with his work, it was clean, precise and very well thought out. Great job Bill! Newsletter editor **Mike Bray** discussed the phenomenon of "case hardening" that occurs in poorly kiln-dried lumber.

Main Event

The big thing was of course the 2x4 contest. With only three entries, the participants were able to talk in-depth about the hows and whys of their contest pieces. It could have been the shortest meeting in history, but the three contest winners managed to talk quite a bit.

Third prize went to **Mark Rand**, who before this has made a name for himself by not only making suggestions about how to improve the club, but volunteering IN WRITING to do the work. Despite this clear indication of insanity Mark came through on the 2x4 contest with a nice side table. The top included some 2x4 material of a different color than the rest, which added interest. It turns out this wood came from another 2x4. With a promise to redo the top with just wood from the one 2x4 the piece stayed in the contest. Mark has already made the change.

Second prize went to **Arnold Champagne**, our program director. Arnie is famous within the club for being, well, ARNIE! He recently spent two years at the College of the Redwoods and it shows in his work. The craftsmanship he demonstrates is consistently excellent. And every year he does a piece for the contest. Way to go Arnie! For this year, he made a lovely little stand that one uses for holding an open book. Although the final piece will have figured Maple elements in it, for the contest he made all parts from the 2x4...except the floating tenons. Since these are technically used as fasteners, and unseen in the final piece, Arnie talked us into letting them stay, even though they were maple.

First place went to **Mike Bray**, the writer of this column. Mike's entry was a small oriental display case on a stand. The stand sits on four smooth stones. Mike made his piece from a Home Depot kiln-dried construction stud, costing about \$3.00. He spent about \$40.00 on clamps to do the project. He also spent his prize money on MORE clamps. At the **Picnic** he will be giving quite a detailed account of the trials and tribulations of making his little cabinet, using cut-offs from the actual project to illustrate the story.

BAWA Member Profile

Bob Steves.

Guys like Bob quietly make up the backbone and heart of groups like ours. Bob is one of those guys who you may hardly notice at a BAWA meeting; he doesn't get up there and make announcements or do anything much to draw attention. But he comes to almost every meeting; he makes toys every year for the toy program - and designs his own every time. As a matter of fact, Bob likes to build everything from his own designs - that's half the fun of doing woodworking, for him.

His first woodworking job was building fences as a teenager, a job so crude he hardly thinks of it as a woodworking experience! He ran boilers in the Navy for some years, including the period of the Forgotten War in Korea. Bob worked for Southern Pacific for 12 years as a repair engineer, a job my six-year old son thinks must be the coolest job on the planet! Bob worked for a time as a civil flight instructor for World Airways (also the coolest job on the planet). After a further 21 years as an engineer he 'retired'. Over the course of his career, Bob, who is a native San Franciscan, has been stationed in such vastly different places as Hawaii, Alaska, and...Oakland!

Long before he retired, though, Bob got back into woodworking. Since 1975 he has been making and selling toys, as well as the occasional piece of furniture. So we have had a professional toymaker in midst all this time!

Over the years he has accumulated a well equipped shop. The shop is in his 2-car garage, a garage which has never seen a car...there is NO room. Sound familiar? I wonder what toys Bob will make for the Toy Program in his shop this year?

Classified Ads

I was given a 4"jointer and it does work, but is only partially assembled. Can someone put it together and adjust it for me? I am willing to pay for your time and will even bring the work to you. **Mark Rand 415 647-9244** or email at okmor@aol.com.

Our regular printed newsletter features ads by

Hafele

151 Vermont Street,

San Francisco, CA 94103

415-241-9176

Their showroom is breath-taking! Kitchen storage ideas are a strong point. Cabinet hardware is their speciality. 10% discount to BAWA members.

Jordan International

1303 Elmer Street

Belmont, CA 94002

650-592-7725

Paul Jordan has a large selection of native and imported hardwoods, as well as sheet-goods for cabinetmakers. Offering wholesale and contractor prices to BAWA members.

The Woodsman (Warren Wise)

2701-A North Alpine Road,

Stockton, CA 95205

209-931-3293

Custom milling and drying, retail hardwood sales. Warren taught woodworking for years and holds a wealth of info in his head on everything to do with wood.