

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: LINDA SALTER

I just returned from the Open Shop at George Comstocks', and it was worth seeing. George, aside from having a great shop to show off, gave us a home and garden tour as well. There were examples of Georges' work everywhere in his home and in his garden. Seeing all of this really gave me a whole new view of George. He has brought in a canoe and some smaller items to show us but those of us who were at his house now know that he does it all. There were model airplanes, cabinets, office furniture, fences, tables- you had to be

The shop tours show many sides of the people in our club that we to see in just a few hours once a month at the meetings. This is one of the things that I want to see the shop tours become a success. In July Gene Wagg is going to open his shop to us. I hope a lot of you get a chance to go to Genes' shop to see what he's up to.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING July 20th (3rd Thursday)

Refreshments at 7:00pm, Main Meeting 7:30pm.

Our July meeting will be hosted by Home Depot in Palo Alto. There will be a fairly brief presentation by HD staff about their specialty woods and power tools. Of course, the big event of the night will be the 2x4 Contest! We know you are feverishly working on your entries right now, and expect to have 10 to 15 to judge. If you haven't started yet, take this newsletter NOW and get out your shop! There is still time. More details about the contest are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Directions to the HD store:

From Hwy 101 take the University Avenue exit and head east. Turn right at the first light. Turn right on Donahue. Turn right on East Bayshore. Home Depot is at 1781 E. Bayshore in E. Palo Alto. Look for the signs that say....."Home Depot"

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Visitors

Ken Horner visited from the South Bay Woodworkers. Mike Bray's son, Searle-Bray also attended.

Announcements

Co-Treasurer Tony Fanning reported the treasury contains approximately \$1,500.00. Newsletter Editor Mike Bray urged everyone to sign on to our web/chat site www.onelist.com/subscribe/BAWA to receive the newsletter via email. Guru of Prizes Stan Booker announced that our hosts, MacBeath Hardware, donated a large piece of Bloodwood that will be raffled off when we've sold that equal the price of the wood. Our hosts at MacBeath also donated the contest prizes: a piece of Rosewood and MacBeath T-shirts. BAWA President Linda Salter reminded all of us of the 2x4 Contest this month, and that donations are going in for the August picnic.

Show & Tell

Arnie Champagne discussed his investigations into why wood doors fail. Rodney Finlay passed around two very unusual antique wooden planes to see if anyone could guess their function. Yeung Chan showed a fine marking knife he had made.

Main Speaker

Our guest speaker for the June meeting was Greg Hay of the Sonoma Woodworkers Association. Greg is a very accomplished woodworker, and focused his talk on one of the more demanding specialties of the trade - chair-making. Actually, building one chair can be pretty easy, but building a set of chairs can be a huge challenge! Greg brought along several examples of his chairs for us to study. He gave detailed accounts of the goals set in building each chair, the problems overcome, and how he fared with each job from a business standpoint.

We would like to thank Greg for an excellent presentation!!!

IMPORTANT BAWA DATES

2x4 Contest Final: July 20th meeting.

Open Shop @ Gene Wagg's: July 29th.

Annual Picnic: August 19th.

Toy Workshop @ Bill Henzel's: September 16th.

Box Contest Final: October 19th meeting.

Woodworking Show: Early November.

2x4 CONTEST

The contest is fast approaching! Here are the rules...again:

The object of the contest is to see what extraordinary things you can make from an ordinary 2x4 (a 2x4â douglas fir construction stud, eight feet long). It must be kiln dried, but may not cost more than \$10.00 (they usually cost less than \$5.00). This is the only wood allowed for the entry. It's OK to pick through available lumber for the piece you want. Wood shall constitute at least 75% of the finished project. For example, a wooden table with a non-wood top (glass, tile, etc.) is acceptable if the top does not exceed 25% of the material used. A table using the douglas fir as veneer over engineered wood products (mdf, plywood, wheatboard etc) would not be accepted. Fasteners and necessary hardware are okay.

Each woodworker in attendance will cast one written vote in judging the entry. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Honorable mentions will also be mentioned. Honorably. By the way, a publisher is interested in having us discuss about the contest, so your work may get into a nationally distributed book.

PICNIC ALERT!

BAWA 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 picnic.

This will be a potluck barbecue, with each family bringing their own food. 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 Appetizers

M-R Salads

S-Z Side dishes

Events at the Picnic:

Show & Tell table, so bring some of your best work to show off.

2x4 Contest (see rules below).

Tool Swap - bring some tools you no longer use and see if you can find a new one.

Raffle, with plenty of door prizes.

Horseshoe and Volley Ball areas.

Directions to Huddart Park:

Take Hwy 280 to Woodside; exit at Woodside Road (Hwy 84); turn west onto 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 for directions at the toll booth for directions. For more information or if you have questions, contact Linda Salter at 650-365-4093 or LindaSalter@earthlink.net.

OPEN SHOP PROGRAM

This month Gene Wagg will be showing us around his shop in Albany. His street address is 825 Santa Fe, Albany.

From I-80 take the Buchanan Street/Albany exit; go east on Buchanan changes its name to Marin Street when it crosses San Pablo. Continue up Marin to Santa Fe. Turn left onto Santa Fe. Gene's place is 1-1/2 blocks up, on just 1/2 block past Solano Avenue. Call Gene with any questions @ 510-527-

NEWS FROM OUT AND ABOUT

Members of the Sonoma County Woodworkers Association are featured in an exhibit called Artistry in Wood / 2000. The exhibit is at the Sonoma Center and runs from June 23rd to September 17th. Our guest speaker last month, Gene Hay, has work in the show. Many other exceptionally talented professionals are featured in the show. It is yet another great reason to head for the woods. For more information call 707-579-1500 or visit www.sonomawoodworkers.com

Builders Booksource is hosting a book signing with Sandor Nagyszal, author of Setting Up Shop. Sandor has been the guest speaker at several BAWA meetings, so most of you know him well. This will be a good chance to get an autograph on your copy of his new book! He will be at BB Thursday, July 13. Builders Booksource is at 1817 Fourth Street in Berkeley, near the University exit. For more info about this or other BB events call 1-800-843-2028.

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

We are looking for a woodworker who is knowledgeable in the shop with We are a production shop that makes high end furniture for hotels as well retail fixtures.

If interested please call Ralph King at 415-822-5847. You can also items and type of work we do on our web-site at www.RKF2.com

Items For Sale

For sale by Frank DiTomaso in Los Altos:

Scroll Saw: 1950's Rockwell/Delta 24" cast iron! Painted and in near condition - with a stand. \$300.

Belt Sander: 1960's 6"x24" stationary belt sander with cast iron base is probably from the 50's. Could use painting, etc. Looks very rugged. \$300

He is unloading tools that he has two or three of. Call him at home

For sale by Jay Perrine

Delta Sanding Center: 6"x48" belt and 12" disk, with stand, and a HTC mobile base with locking wheels. Used for perhaps 20 minutes total (before remodeling!). About 4 or 5 years old. For sale since I bought a big MAX from DiTomaso above!!! Very Clean Condition. Current retail: \$950 for sander and base. Asking only \$700. Jay Perrine 408-367-8227 at work.

For sale by Arnie Champagne

Ryobi Thicknesser

Delta 6" Planer

Davis & Wells Mortiser

6"x48" Belt Sander w/Stand

All tools guaranteed! Call Arnie for details at 415-282-1704.

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