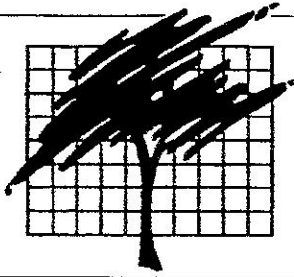


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# BAY AREA WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

March 2000

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

March 16th                      3rd Thursday  
Refreshments 7:00pm      Meeting 7:30pm

This month's meeting will be held at the **Woodworker Academy**, which is inside The Japan Woodworker store.  
**Woodworker Academy**  
1731 Clement Avenue  
Alameda CA 94501-1204  
Ph 510 521-1623

Our guest speaker is **Jerry Konicek**, director of the Academy. He will be demonstrating mortise and tenon joinery.  
**BRING YOUR EYE PROTECTION!**

This will be a great meeting for those members who want to learn about one of the most important joints in furnituremaking. This will also be a chance for more seasoned members to compare their methods with the efficiency and **SAFETY** of Jerry's methods.

The store will be open until 7:30 for those few of you members who enjoy shopping for tools!

**Heading northbound** on I-880 take the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue exit. Get over to your far left lane and make a U-turn. Cross back over the freeway westward on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Cross over the Park Street bridge and turn **right** onto Clement at the second traffic light. Its less than a mile to the store.

**Heading southbound** on I-880 take the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue exit. Follow the frontage road. This merges with 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Cross the Park Street bridge and turn **right** onto Clement at the second traffic light. Its less than a mile to the store.

**Parking:** The store will close at 7:30pm. We will leave through the back entrance after the meeting. We can park behind the store, near this door. One block south of the store is Entrance Gate #7. This will allow access to the back entrance of the Academy (look for the Woodworker Academy sign).

## From Our President

I hope you're all giving some thought to the Box Building contest. I'd like this to become an annual event. Check out the book section at Japan Woodworker where we'll have our next meeting. There are loads of books about boxes. If you're a beginner and have no idea where to start, maybe one of the other members can give you a few pointers.

I heard a lot of you say that the open shop idea sounded good, but not too many signed up to host! I'll just sort of nag you throughout the year. How long has it been since you cleaned your shop? Not just swept of the sawdust, but really organized it? I'm signed up for May, and I know I'll want to show off and have everyone say "Wow, it's so neat, does she ever work here?" Or don't clean and just let us wade through the chips and marvel over all the work you've been doing. It could be a nice way to spend a Saturday morning! - Linda Salter

## Bawa Web Page

From **Jim Voos**, BAWA Webmaster:

This is an invitation to join the eBAWA group, an email group that I moderate at ONelist, a free, easy-to-use email group service. This will be a place on the Internet to store club related plans and photos, list meetings and events, and will provide a forum for our discussion group.

Many items that appear in the newsletter will appear there first. If you don't get your copy of the newsletter in time (unthinkable!) just check the web page! By joining this group, you will be able to send messages to fellow group members using just one email address. You can subscribe at [www.onelist.com/subscribe/BAWA](http://www.onelist.com/subscribe/BAWA) or submit your email address to the webmaster (that's me) at [Jim\\_Voos@intuit.com](mailto:Jim_Voos@intuit.com)

See you there!

## Last Month's Meeting

Prior to our business meeting **Arnie Champagne** gave a talk on Exterior Wood Door Construction. About 40 members were in attendance. ☞ Visitors **Joe and Denise Keyes** were introduced, as well as new member **Axel Weichert**. ☞ Arnie Champagne is holding another marquetry class April 8 & 9. Call him to sign up. He is also our Program Director, and announced details of many upcoming meetings - see the BAWA Calender for dates. ☞ **Bill Henzel** displayed a copy of "Guide to Published Woodworking Plans." He explained what "Christmas in April" is and circulated sign up sheets for those who can volunteer. ☞ **Linda Salter** announced the Box Construction contest and discussed open shop tours. Members were very enthusiastic. ☞ **Stan Booker** explained the various raffles and prizes we are offering, to raise money. A book was auctioned off in the silent auction. ☞ **Jim Voos**, our Webmaster, said he's set our website up on onelist.com. See 'Bawa Web Page' for more details.

### SHOW AND TELL:

**Don Naples** displayed his new Bosch Flush Cutting Saw and explained how he'd used it to cut doorjamb. He also showed the Drill Doctor and discussed what an excellent job it does of sharpening drill bits. Lastly he showed pieces of a wainscot project he's constructing for the walls of a stairwell in his house.

**George Comstock** passed around a plane he made at Arnie Champagne's recent plane making class and talked about what he got out of the class. Bill ????? passed around examples of his first ever hand cut dovetails. He did them at Arnie's recent dovetail class. He also showed a chisel he made to use in the class.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Thanks from all of us to **Tony Cooper** for his excellent presentation. Tony is a self-taught woodworker with marketing and engineering degrees, is now displaying furniture in 6 or 7 galleries and he's created his own furniture company called **SPLINTER**. Whew!

After graduating from Cornell he went to work as an engineer for the Saturn car company. From there he headed for California to work on product design. He soon felt a stronger need to get more involved in the customer's use of the product, so he formed a furniture company. That way he could work directly with the customers to create pieces that fit their needs: "I wanted furniture to be part of the life of the person using it. You can't dictate the use of furniture." Showing slides of his line of wall clocks, dining tables, etc. he explained, "You should always find something new in a piece of furniture...its gift to you." His designs certainly do this.

He also showed some of the commercial contract interiors he's done - the predominate material being wood. These were striking examples of his design theories. His theories really became clear when he showed individual pieces of furniture he designed.

Tony talked about the emotional reactions and attachments we develop to our furniture. For example, a baby's crib that is passed down through the generations becomes layered with meanings and emotional attachments that can be affected by the design of the piece. He showed examples of how furniture can strike a balance in its form, texture, use of materials, a visual balance that can assist you to strike an emotional balance in your own life. These days Tony doesn't have time to build every piece he designs. He will design a line of furniture and have a builder manufacture it for him, but each piece can be modified to suit the customer's (emotional) wants and needs.

By the end of his very informative slide show we understood the tag line of Tony's company: "creative therapy for spatial relationships." Thank you Tony for pushing us to consider and respond to how others perceive our furniture designs. We can see some of Tony's furniture at the McKray Hinkley store in building 32E of The Galleria at the SF Design Center.

## Classifieds

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**Arnold Champagne** ph 415 282-1704.



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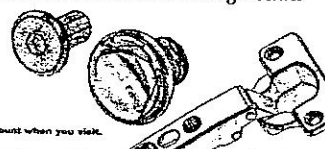
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## Open Shop Program

BAWA is offering an informal look at members shops starting in March 2000. Each month one of our members will open his/her shop to visitors from 9am till Noon. Refreshments are provided while supplies last. Open shop hosts are encouraged to have a work in progress on the day of the tour. Visitors will hopefully be able to see the shop "In Action". It is a great opportunity to see how everyone else is doing stuff.

It would be helpful to r.s.v.p. to the open shop host so he/she will know how much caviar to put on ice!

Check the new BAWA  
Calendar for details of the upcoming open shops.

## BAWA 2000 Calendar of Events

Items shown briefly below appear in greater detail nearer to actual event dates. Non-BAWA related events are in smaller type.

### March

14<sup>th</sup> Presentation by **Galen Cranz** at CCAC in San Francisco

16<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. **Jerry Konicek** at Woodworker Academy in Alameda.

21<sup>st</sup> Presentation by **Galen Cranz** in Berkeley.

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> **Guy Marsden** has a booth at the Contemporary Crafts Market in San Francisco.

25<sup>th</sup> Open Shop with **Mike Bray** in Oakland.

### April

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Marquetry class. Taught by **Arnold Champagne**

20<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. **Brent Merkley** at his shop in San Carlos.

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Woodworking Show in Pleasanton. (No BAWA booth).

29<sup>th</sup> Christmas-in-April

### May

18<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. **Greg Hay**, chairmaker. Location TBA.

27<sup>th</sup> Open Shop with **Linda Salter** in San Carlos.

### June

15<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. **John Grew-Sheridan** at his shop in S.F.

24<sup>th</sup> Open Shop with **George Comstock** in Portola Valley.

### July

20<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. Annual 2x4 Contest. Location TBA.

### August

17<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. TBA

### September

21<sup>st</sup> BAWA meeting. TBA

### October

19<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. TBA

28<sup>th</sup> Open Shop with **Bill Manix** in Antioch.

### November

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Woodworking Show in San Mateo. BAWA booth.

16<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting. TBA

### December

21<sup>st</sup> BAWA meeting. Annual catered dinner at the American Legion Hall in San Mateo.

## Bawa Member in Juried Show

BAWA member **Guy Marsden** will have a booth at the next Contemporary Crafts Market at Cow Palace March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Guy specialises in "fine handcrafted wood furniture and accessories made from richly figured and exotic woods". He can be reached at: (707) 642-6372 or FAX 642-6373 or on the web at <http://www.arttec.net>

## Upcoming Events

### **The Chair: Rethinking Culture, Body, and Design.**

**Galen Cranz** celebrates the paper back release of her landmark book "The Chair". Well-written, even humorous. Its chronicle of industry's attempts to create ergonomic and body-friendly chairs reads like dark comedy. Slide presentation, talk & book signing. Galen Cranz—sociologist, architecture professor, and teacher—gives new meaning to the term chair work.

Event locations:

**CCAC-SF**

March 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm  
Lecture Hall, 450 Irwin Street  
San Francisco CA

**Builders Booksource**

March 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 6:30pm  
1817 Fourth Street  
Berkeley CA 94710



### **Marquetry Class:**

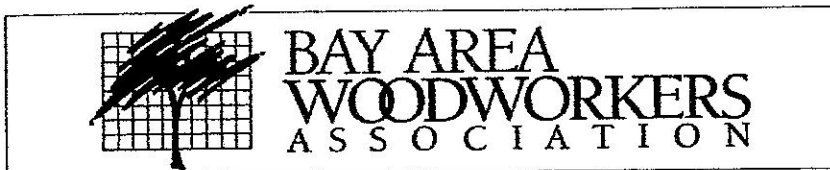
**Arnold Champagne** is offering his popular class again. The date for this two-day class are April 8th-9th. Members who have taken his classes before rave about them! Please call Arnold directly for details at 415 282-1704.



### **Open Shop**

This month's open shop will be hosted by **Mike Bray**, from 9:00am to Noon, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The address is: 4134 Gilbert Street, Oakland CA 94611.

Directions: From the Bay Bridge take 580 East. Take the Broadway Auto Row exit. When this splits, go right – the sign says Broadway North. Keep right, going back under the freeway. Turn right onto MacArthur at the first intersection. Get in the left hand lane. Turn left onto Broadway at the first light. After several blocks, turn right onto 41<sup>st</sup> Street (there is a 7-11 at the corner). Turn left onto Gilbert Street. Mike's place is half way up the block on the right. Call or email Mike to r.s.v.p. Phone: (510) 595-8168. Email [m.bray@ix.netcom.com](mailto:m.bray@ix.netcom.com)



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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.

To join or renew, simply fill out the renewal form inside or at a BAWA meeting.

Or: write or call the BAWA Treasurers.

If you haven't joined yet, and there's no date on the label, it means that you must join now, otherwise

**THIS MAY BE YOUR  
FINAL NEWSLETTER!**

### **BAWA Computer Needs A Home**

The BAWA computer, a 486 PC donated by Jim Voos, needs a home. We use it primarily at the woodworking shows to make a mailing list. The rest of the time you can use it for whatever you want. If nobody speaks up for it by the next meeting, its current keepers, the Fannings, will donate it to Goodwill. Please call (650)323-1183 and leave a message with your name and phone number if you want it.

Not many years ago this would have been considered a hot-shot computer. Now we are having trouble giving it away!

This is your chance to get a decent computer absolutely free! Just for being a BAWA member. What a deal!

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