

# BAY AREA WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

May

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

May 18th 3rd Thursday

Refreshments 7:00pm Meeting Starts 7:30pm

This Month's Meeting will be hosted by BAWA charter member **John Grew-Sheridan** at his studio in San Francisco.

John designs and builds high-end furniture in his studio. He also runs woodworking classes there. Besides teaching from his studio John has taught at CCAC; the Arrowmont School; Haystack; and the Anderson Ranch. Of course, for John, the learning never stops: while teaching Chairmaking at the Anderson Ranch many years ago he also attended classes, by such noted woodworkers as Sam Maloof.

John is a prolific writer, with articles in *Woodwork*, *American Woodworker*, and *Fine Woodworking*, to name but a few.

John will talk about his "Open-Framed" bookcase design and about a screen he made for an East Bay painter. He will spend a little time discussing how and why he got into the business.

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3450 Third Street SE,

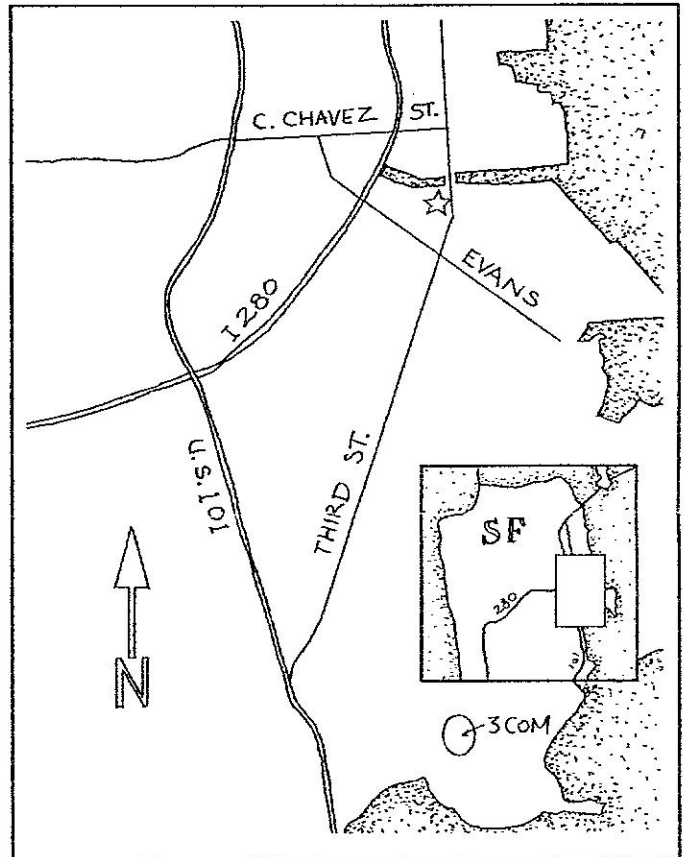
San Francisco, CA 94124

This is between Ceasar Chavez (old Army St.) and Evans.

### Directions:

From 101 Northbound take the Army St. East exit; drive about 1/2 mile to Third St; turn Right onto Third St.

From 101 Southbound take the Army St. East exit; follow the directions as listed above



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Linda Salter

It's May already and we have so much to do!

Have you started on your 2x4 contest entry? Wow, a chance to have it published in a book. That should add some incentive. I'm asking someone out there to come up with a super special entry so we can have the best 2x4 project at the picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup>. I can't believe that another club, that had never heard of a 2x4 contest before, beat us. The humiliation!

Speaking of humiliation, I get quiet embarrassed when I can't remember someone's name, so help me out here and make your name badge.

If you find it easier to work on a project with someone else, I'm thinking of having a woodworking night on Thursday nights. I'm not available every Thursday so give me a call first to find out. I'll try this out for a month or two and see if there is some interest. We can work on name badges, 2x4 entries or you can just watch, visit, share ideas, clean the shop (fat chance). Let's see what develops.

## Last Meeting

### New Members/Visitors

**Rich Kolb**, new member, introduced himself. Welcome aboard Rich. If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to ask any of us.

### Announcements

Treasurers **Tony & Robbie Fanning** reported we have \$1,900 in the treasury. ☞ Newsletter editor **Mike Bray** mentioned that he'll be speaking on the topic of 'Hand Tools' at the April wood-working show in Pleasonton. He also reminded us about the upcoming 2x4 contest in July. ☞ **Allen Harrison** told the story of how he recently lost his shop to a fire. ☞ President **Linda Salter** discussed the upcoming picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded all to get creative and make their club name badges. She announced the next toy making workshop to be held at her shop on May 6<sup>th</sup>. ☞ **Carl Johnson** and **Arnie Champagne** discussed the "Christmas in April" event. ☞ The silent auction netted a few members some great deals, but bidding was not very spirited, so some of the items will return at the next meeting. ☞ Next month's meeting will be at **John Grew-Sheridan's** shop in San Francisco.

### Show & Tell

Several of you showed off your new name badges. Thanks! ☞ **Mike Bray** showed a finished piece of the redwood handrail he built. Last month we saw it in process. He shaped the lower half with a table saw and two cove router bits. He planed the top of the rail by hand. As it will be outdoors, he coated it with a penetrating liquid epoxy that soaks into the wood prior to painting. It is an incredible primer coat! ☞ **Tony Fanning** passed around his mouth harp box. We saw it last month in progress. The harp sits in a felt lined depression inside the walnut box. There's a small flat sterling silver fretwork circle inlaid into the cover of the box. The box is protected by a cloth bag. Very nice job. That is one item for the Box contest in October! ☞ **Linda Salter** showed a typical small, painted wood puzzle of the type that will be made at the next toy workshop. ☞ **Paul Reif** showed a bench top router table. It has a laminate top with an accurate and easily adjusted fence, and storage space in the hardwood trimmed box below. ☞ **Bob Berryman** displayed a Maloof style settee of black walnut that his son helped him build. As is typical of this style chair, many parts were shaped to avoid sharp right angles. While the entire piece contained beautiful wood, the chair back was particularly nice. It was made from a single beautiful walnut board. Molto bene! Bob's affection for **Sam Maloof** is evident every time he talks of Sam, but even if he never spoke a word, you could still see it in his execution of Maloof's designs.

### Main Presentation

Our host and main speaker was **Brent Merkley** of **JUSTASHOP** in San Carlos. Brent built his shop as a hobby (his words) and went professional some years later. He built many of the machines in his shop, including a huge pin-router. He built in features that no commercial machine has, and even made the table for the pin router as a series of segments, to maximize use of space in his small shop. The segments all go back together in perfect alignment every time. He also built a panel saw, a router carriage for turning cylinders, and a vacuum forming station for making plastic parts. Brent also has older machines that he refurbished. One example is the huge cast-iron bandsaw just inside the door. Besides all the work he did to get the saw running smoothly, Brent also engineered a large adjustable fence for resawing his own veneer. Wandering through that shop was an amazing experience. **Thank you Brent for a memorable visit!**

## Classifieds

### For Sale

Moving back to England. These are tools I cannot take with me:

1. Delta 22-540 12" portable surface planer. 110 volt. Includes optional dust extraction hood. Almost new - lightly used on two projects.
2. Makita 3901 Biscuit Jointer. Only run about 50 biscuits.
3. Porter Cable 6912 Router with D-handle and accessory edge guide.
4. DeWalt DW412 quarter sheet finishing sander.

Contact **Dave Martel** 650-323-9797 (evenings) or e-mail [dmartel@cea.com](mailto:dmartel@cea.com)

### Help Wanted

Moldmaker/Woodworker for production work at artistic pre-cast concrete company (see **Bulders Booksource Events** in the BAWA newsletter).

Full benefits package, \$14-20/hr DOE, willing to train. Fax resume to 415-641-1575 or e-mail

[renee@buddyrhodes.com](mailto:renee@buddyrhodes.com)

### Subscription Discount

Fine Woodworking magazine has a new website for woodworking clubs at [www.finewoodworking.com](http://www.finewoodworking.com) and is also offering a 20% discount on all Tuanton Press magazines. There are some restrictions: the order must be for at least ten subscriptions and the order must come direct from the club. However, each subscription will be mailed directly to each subscriber. As part of the deal BAWA will get a free subscription to Fine Woodworking to put in the club library.

### BAWA Membership Application / Renewal

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Bawa dues are \$30.00 per year. Make your check payable to **BAWA**. Mail to: BAWA Treasurers, 632 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

## Builders Booksource Events

**May & June events at Builders Booksource**  
 1817 Fourth Street  
 Berkeley CA 94710  
 510 845 6874  
 www.buildersbooksite.com

**MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 630pm**

**Five Concrete Artisans Concrete As A Finish Material.** (free event) Slide presentation & talk. A jam packed evening with the top names in concrete detail work including Michael Bustin of Buddy Rhodes Studio (They are looking to hire someone, so come and schmooze!) These artisans will introduce their work and discuss some of the intricacies and concerns of using concrete as a finish material.

**MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7pm**

**Jane Powell Bungalow Kitchens.** (free event) Slide presentation, talk & booksigning. The book that we have all been waiting for has finally been written by a Bay Area expert in Arts & Crafts restoration. Jane Powell will show us how to incorporate modern technology while maintaining the bungalow look.

**MAY 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7pm**

**Lynne Elizabeth Alternative Construction: Contemporary Natural Building Methods.** (free event) Slide presentation, talk & booksigning. Required reading for every architect and developer. ADPSR member Lynne Elizabeth brings us the definitive source on this essential topic.

**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7pm**

**Darrel DeBoer Bamboo In Construction.** (free event) Slide presentation & talk. Nationally recognized bamboo construction expert and ADPSR member Darrel DeBoer returns to the store to give an update on the successes of bamboo structures.

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7pm**

**Sandor Nagyszalanczy Setting Up Shop.** (free event) Slide presentation & book signing. Having written books on all aspects of the woodworker's shop, Sandor now takes us through the first steps of setting up your workspace.



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## Open Shop Program

This month's open shop is at the home and shop of BAWA president Linda Salter. She and her husband hand-built their home. Her home and shop are full of wonderful things for woodworkers to see. And she will have home made cookies! It will be a high-point in our Open Shop Program! This is a must-see!!!!

Linda Salter,  
 2527.5 Graceland Avenue,  
 San Carlos, CA 94070

## BAWA 2000 Calendar of Events

**May 18th** BAWA meeting: **John Grew-Sheridan** at his shop in S.F. 27<sup>th</sup> Open Shop at **Linda Salter's**.

**June 22nd** BAWA meeting (location TBA). 24<sup>th</sup> Open Shop at **George Comstock's** in Portola Valley.

**July 20th** BAWA meeting. Annual 2x4 Contest (location TBA).

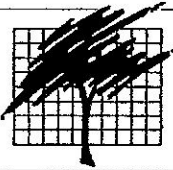
**August 17th** BAWA meeting (location TBA). 19<sup>th</sup> 2nd annual BAWA picnic

**September 21st** BAWA meeting (location TBA)

**October 19th** BAWA meeting. 1st annual Box Contest (location TBA). 28<sup>th</sup> Open Shop at **Bill Manix'**

**November 3rd-5th** Woodworking Show in San Mateo. BAWA booth. 16<sup>th</sup> BAWA meeting (location TBA).

**December 21st** BAWA meeting. Annual catered dinner at the American Legion Hall in San Mateo.



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### Join or Renew Today!

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

To join or renew, call the Newsletter Editor or simply fill out a renewal form at a **BAWA** meeting.

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

**THIS MAY BE YOUR  
FINAL NEWSLETTER!**

### Newsletter News

(Deadline: first of the month)

Christmas-in-April probably went very well, but at press time we have not heard from any participants, so we are unable to recount any details. At this month's meeting Arnie Champagne will doubtless regale us with stories from the big day. Hopefully we will be able to chronicle those stories in the next newsletter, but if no-one sends info to the editor nothing gets printed! Get those pens going you guys!!

Thanks to a former member of the club we now have excerpts from old issues of the BAWA newsletter, dating back to 1986. They include great articles about dealing with difficult clients, the Mechanics Lien law and other business issues. We will reprint them here as space and time allow.

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