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Meeting Minutes

by Eitan Ginsburg

SFVW – Minutes September 19, 2024 meeting

Club president Jim Baldridge said it was good to be back at club meetings. He congratulated vice president Emily Lichtman on the birth of her son Bennet. He said that he visited with Jack and Loreen Robbins last weekend. They are settling into their home in Windsor, California, very nicely and will visit in Los Angeles in December. There were no new attendees at this meeting.

Announcements

The toy build will be on October 19th and 20th in the wood shop at El Camino Real High School. We will need help assembling and wrapping toys, dolls, and trucks that day. Members' spouses and friends are welcome to attend. The quilt boutique, where we will sell things that members made to raise money for the club, will also be on Saturday, October 19th. A flyer has been made about the quilt boutique, so please take one and spread the word.

We will have club officer elections in November, so nominations for those positions are welcome. The offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Our annual holiday lunch will be on Saturday December 14th,

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Our President says...

By Jim Baldridge

Happy fall to all!

Believe it or not, the end of the year is rapidly approaching, and this is our busiest time of the year for the organization!

Venue Change for the November 21st Meeting ONLY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the November meeting (only) will take place at the Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino! This location is one-mile south, just before Ventura Blvd. This is a one-time change due to a Rec & Park clerical error.

Sincerely, Jim Baldridge, President SFVW

October presents us with two very important events.

First, on the 19th and 20th of October, we will be gathering at the El Camino High School wood

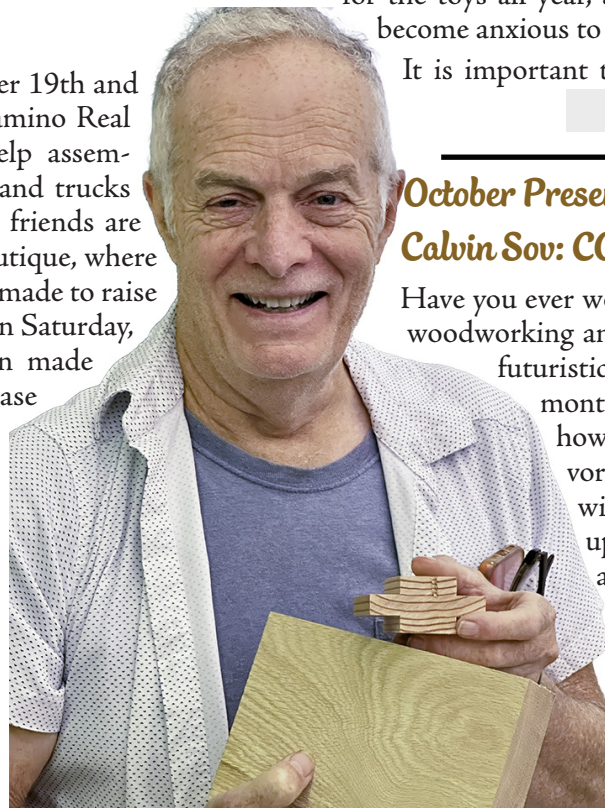
shop to complete our annual toy build. There is always great anticipation as members have been prepping parts for the toys all year, and the organizations we donate to become anxious to receive the finished products.

It is important to understand that we will need all
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October Presentation:

Calvin Sov: CO₂ Lasers & Wood Working.

Have you ever wondered how lasers can be useful for woodworking and thought that's too complicated or futuristic? Wonder no more, if you attend this month's meeting you'll gain insights on how CO₂ lasers can be used for your favorite hobby and so much more! Calvin will break down the mystery of setting up such a system, walking through a sample project, and showing several real-world examples of items he made with it. He'll also answer all your questions about what it takes to get one into your shop, don't miss it! Learn from his mistakes and embrace the future.



Who We Are

The club was formed in 1988 for the purpose of enhancing skills, providing information and sharing the joys of working with wood. The membership reflects a cross section of woodworking interests and skill levels - both hobbyist and professionals. Annual dues are \$35. Full-time student dues are \$15.

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location to be determined.



Committee Reports

Finance: Jeff Bremer reported that there is currently about \$4500 in our account. New members' dues from now through the end of the year are just \$20.

Toy Committee

Jim Kelly said that we have had a few toy projects dropped so that fewer total toys may be made this year

than last year. He said that Sheila needs the counts from all the team leaders to determine how many toys to allocate to the charities we support.

Ed Sheanin said that Don Schuster needs help with sports cars. This work on the bandsaw, spindle sander, and router, at his shop in Woodland Hills. John Fischer said he would help. Ed also said that on



the toy build weekend you will need to sign a liability waiver.

Mark Collins announced that he is having a build day this Sunday, from 10:00 until 4:00, to make block trucks. Help is appreciated.

Programs: Emily Lichtman listed the planned meeting programs for the remainder of the year

Club Officers

President: Jim Baldrige

Vice President: Emily Lichtman

Secretary: Eitan Ginsburg

Treasurer: Jeff Bremer.

Photographer Luke Wyatt

Publisher: Gary Coyne

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Web Master: Jonathan Nail

Toy Chair: Jim Kelly

Toy Distribution: Sheila Rosenthal

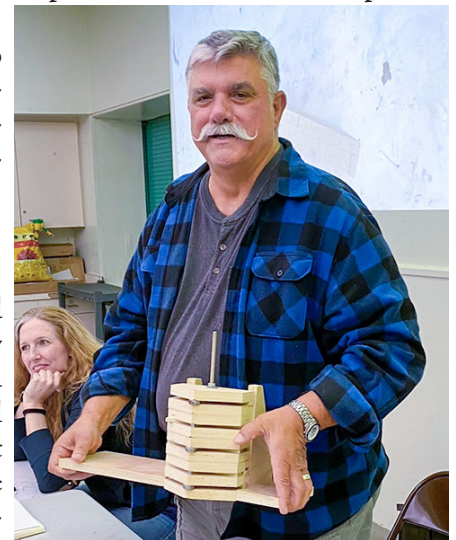
Refreshments: Greg Golden

- **October** – Calvin Sov on using a CO₂ laser in wood-working
- **November** – the Super Show & Tell, member participation
- **December** – no Thursday meeting, club holiday party, December 14.

Questions, Tips, Tricks

Ed Sheanin said that if your band saw blade gets dull you can use a Dremel cutting wheel to cut off the tips of the teeth. This will re-

create a sharp edge on the blade. Using the thick reinforced cutting wheel on the Dremel would be best. Remember to use a piece of blue tape to mark your starting point. Chuck said you



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Balboa Recreation Center Location
Map courtesy of Google Maps

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hands on deck to complete the final assembly of nearly 1500 toys for this year’s build. Members of the Toy Committee have been extremely busy milling and prepping all of the parts for the individual toys that we will be assembling: block trucks, cradles, whiteboards, cars, chess boards, treasure chests, teen boxes, rag dolls will be joined together with quilt and cradle, to name a few.

Secondly, our groups that we donate to are carefully counting the number of children they will have during the holidays. This will help us identify which toys would best suit their needs so we can provide accurate numbers and specific toys.

Also, on Saturday the 19th, at least two of our members will participate in the annual boutique sponsored by the Valley Quilt Makers Guild and the San Fernando Valley Quilt Association. Members have also been making items from wood to sell at this event. The sale of these items adds income to our treasury to help with the expenses we incur throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please feel free to contact members of the Board before our next meeting on October 17.

Let the sawdust fly, Jim Baldrige



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can also use a round stone bit on the Dremel for hooked tooth blades with no more than 4-teeth per inch (the bit is too large to work on a fine-tooth blade).



Jeff Bremer noted that when you were routing end grain, the cutting edges on a small diameter router bit hit the wood close to 90°. A larger diameter bit will have its cutting edge hit the wood at a lower angle, resulting in a better cut.

Greg Golden announced that there are still brass knobs that members may have for free.

Dave Feinner announced that the next shop tour will be on November 16th at Brian Oken’s shop in Culver City. See page 4 for more details.

Cliff Lobel said that he is giving away an old RBI scroll saw.

Sedi said that she took the doll house that Ed and Eitan assembled to be donated to the Venice homeless women’s shelter.

Show & Tell

Eitan Ginsburg brought a cane he made and asked if anyone knew the wood species of the handle, which was unknown to him. Several people thought it was bubinga. Another cane he made on the same pattern was made from



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maple, cherry, and a bit of walnut trim. He explained how the handle is mounted on a round tenon at the end of the stick, shaped using spokeshaves and scrapers. He also showed an olive wood coffee scoop he made using offset turning,



Emily Lichtman showed three pens that she turned out of African blackwood, wenge, and acrylic/maple burl.

August Program: Jigs & Fixtures

Don Emerson showed a pattern jig for

precisely drilling the pattern for domino dots. He said that

the nine holes need to be exactly equidistant from each other. Then, a carrier board that holds the domino tile blank is aligned, using two pins that fit into the holes, depending on the dot that needs to be drilled. He also showed a dovetail jig he made that



has a perpendicular shelf shaped like a Chevrolet logo to use on all sides in each direction.



John Fisher showed a jig he made for gluing parts of tabletop looms he makes for friends who are into fiber arts. The jig holds the parts using stop blocks and wedges. He also showed a center finder for dowels and a tapered sled to cut wedges. He also showed a

Shop Tours

By David Feinner

Hey gang,

Our next shop tour will be on November 16th and will start at Anderson Plywood in Culver City at about 9am for their "old tool" swap meet (bring cash) and then the continues to Brian Oken's shop at around 10am and then to Jeff Bremmer's at around 11am before lunch at Baja Bud's, Jeff's favorite place to eat, around noonish.

Most of you know Anderson Plywood as a friend of the club as well as a source of wood for our toy builds. They also host a quarterly swap meets with tons of treasures waiting to be rehoused. The swap meet starts earlier if you want to get the "early bird specials" (vendors start arriving at 5:30), but I figure 9am is a good starting point for us to meet. Then off to Brian Oken's well appointed garage shop for a long-awaited tour. Brian has been a woodworkers for eons, and I'm sure his shop will reflect that. After Brian's tour, we head over a few blocks to Jeff Bremmer's. Jeff has shown his shop a few times before, but this time will be different! Trust me... Jeff has been rearranging his shop based on his current needs and greater reliance on his hand tools and is anxious to show us his new layout.

Baja Bud's is a Mexican place that has good food and has fed Jeff for years. We'll get there around noon. All times are subject to change. Carpools are suggested.

Anderson Plywood

4020 Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230
(310) 397-8229

(near Washington Pl)

Baja Bud's

11205 National Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 478-2770

(In a strip mall on the northwest corner of National and Sepulveda)

Please RSVP to me ASAP. Hope to see you there!
Dave Feinner

jig to locate the four holes you need to cut lathe faceplate mounts, which can then be done on a drill press.

Jim Baldrige brought in a single-point resaw fence that he made for his 20-inch bandsaw. He based it on the jig that Ed Sheanin made last year. The base clamps onto the drill press table and holds several layers of "home-plate"

From the Web

----- Tips, Tricks, and How Tos -----

- 📌 **Chamfers and Stopped Chamfers | Paul Sellers**
 - ♦ Using chisels, planes, & spokeshaves
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6zw6yv>
- 📌 **Learn the Secrets of Crafting this Stunning Wooden Bench**
 - ♦ This also has a number of good design and construction tips.
<https://tinyurl.com/429su5bv>
- 📌 **Sanding sucks...until you do THIS**
 - ♦ Some observations on the type of pad and active dust collection.
<https://tinyurl.com/4v9c9cnh>
- 📌 **Dealing with Wood Movement**
 - ♦ A good collection of how to deal with wood movement for most situations where it could cause issues with your furniture, frames, cutting boards, etc.
<https://tinyurl.com/ucc86nt7>
- 📌 **Woodworking Tool Cabinet Build | Rob Cosman**
 - ♦ While many are not likely to make his cabinet, watching his design and decision process is worth the look.
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8bha95>
- 📌 **I Build 3 Cutting Boards - 5 Min vs. 5 Hour vs. 5 Day**
 - ♦ Showing options. I was amazed at the size of his shop and the range of tools, and it was interesting to watch his decision-making process for his self-made challenge. Plus, you get to watch how he deals with a mistake.
<https://tinyurl.com/58ps4k3n>
- 📌 **I wish i'd known this sooner, How to use calipers like a pro**
 - ♦ A variety of tips on how to use a vernier caliper. Some really good ones in here.
<https://tinyurl.com/3bt8ev3t>
- 📌 **I Built an INFINITELY ONE-SIDED Violin??**
 - ♦ OK, the gauntlet is thrown for any dulcimer/guitar/ukulele maker here.
<https://tinyurl.com/3axrtscm>
- 📌 **Intro to Joinery - Understanding the Basics to be a Better Woodworker**
 - ♦ A lot of basic ideas, techniques, and approaches to wood joinery. Something for everyone.
<https://tinyurl.com/bdbxan5z>

Reviews From the Web

----- Comparisons and Observations -----

- 📌 **This \$.07 Upgrade Will Save You Hours**
 - ♦ This is the BEST breakdown of Random Orbital Sander disks I've seen. There is so much information on the technology, manufacturing, and use of ROS disks I've seen.
<https://tinyurl.com/4wfkaxvk>
- 📌 **I Should Have Bought This Tool Set 10 Years Ago!**

- ♦ Having a bunch of tools in the garage are tools that are not in the home or car. Project Farm looks at Tool Sets for quality, strength, and completeness.

<https://tinyurl.com/yuaxhpf>

- 📌 **Take Your Bandsaw Resawing To The Next Level With The Laguna Driftmaster DXIII Fence!**

- ♦ For anyone who does a lot of veneer creation, this might be worth your watching.

<https://tinyurl.com/2sszrj3h>

- 📌 **People Have No Idea What These Numbers Mean**

- ♦ A good review of the various features of hand drills and impact drivers along with some product reviews.

<https://tinyurl.com/2bz5aw63>

- 📌 **Harbor Freight Just Changed BUDGET Dust Collection FOREVER!**

- ♦ A good comparison/review of the new Harbour Frieght Dust Collector compared to The Dewalt DC and Festool's DC.

<https://tinyurl.com/azwjh3pw>

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shaped plates. The plates have bearings that thread onto a 1/4-inch steel rod. He adds spacers the same thickness as the bearings to keep the back of the plates level.



Jim Kelly showed how he cuts short pieces safely on his radial arm saw. He sets a stop block, uses a long handle to hold the small piece against the fence, and

then makes the cut.

Bob Biliyeu showed a finger-joint jig that he made out of 3/4 inch Baltic birch. The mechanism runs on a 16-thread-per-inch rod. Eight turns on the crank, for example, results in moving the workpiece 1/2 inch of distance. The large wheel on the threaded rod allows for small and precise movements. He



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also showed the adjuster that he made to square the work pieces in the clamps.



Chuck Nickerson brought in a set of jigs that he made to bend and hold pieces to create a fish sculpture. He heats the thin strips, fits them into the bending form, and wedges them to hold in place while they dry. Another jig holds the bent strips in place while he cuts a half-lap on the router

table. A third jig holds the tail section in place to glue the triangular reinforcement, and another has the headpieces for gluing. He also showed his spring clamp rack, which he improved by changing the simple strip into a T shape.

Eitan Ginsburg showed a set of jigs he made to cut and shape the tapered wedges he used on the club workbench.



Jeff Bremer showed a set of jigs he uses to make toy race cars. These



jigs hold the parts for assembly, gluing, and pinning and are used to cut and shape them on a bandsaw and router. He labels the drill bit's size and cut depth right on the jig so the information doesn't get lost.

Marc Collins showed a center-line jig he made on a 3D printer. The jig has long rails that move along a parallelogram and a space to hold a pencil.

Marc and Jeff showed a dust baffle that Marc 3D-printed for dust collection hoses on Jeff's Rigid oscillating sander.

Toy Build Weekend - 2024

By Ed Sheanin

What: This year's Toy Build will again be conducted at is on the weekends of October 19th and 20th.

Where: El Camino Real Charter High School 5440 Valley Circle Boulevard Woodland Hills, CA 91367

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 20, 2024 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Come for the full-time or just for a few hours — whatever time you can give

Who: Members, family, and friends interested in assisting in building and wrapping the toys. No woodworking skills are required.

Once you arrive at the back end (East side) of the school, the gate to the woodshop is at the intersection of Dolorosa Street and Manton Avenue. You can park on the campus or on the street. Whichever you choose, please keep the gate closed after you enter, and please do not lock the gate. The woodshop is on the left, behind the bungalows.

Lunch: Many of us bring our lunch and picnic outside the woodshop. If you choose to go out, there are a number of fast-food restaurants within a two-mile radius of the school. The names and locations of those restaurants will be available at the build.

See you there!

