

## February presentation

February's speaker is professional finisher Brian Miller. Brian will talk about getting the finish you want, largely driven by questions from the audience. Brian's very skillful in color matching as well.

## Meeting Minutes

by Eitan Ginsburg

SFVW – Minutes January 16, 2025, meeting  
Club President Jim Baldrige welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Jim recognized Jim Kelly, who stepped down after serving many years of outstanding and dedicated service as our Toy Committee Chairperson. Jim presented Jim with a Thank-You gift certificate to Lee Valley Tools.

Jim welcomed new attendees at the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Joe said he has been working on various projects, including small boxes and furniture. Jim McGuire said he makes small projects on his scroll saw. Joe Lathan said he began whittling as a child and was interested in learning about turning. Thor is a luthier and guitar maker.

Jeff Bremer explained the second round of the Alan Boardman lumber sale (the proceeds are split between him and the club) that was set up at the back of the room. Ebony is being sold for \$10/pound, and everything else is \$4/pound. There are also several boxes of scrap at a fixed price per box. Jeff still has more at his house, and members can contact him for more information about that. Members browsed through an amazing assortment of domestic and exotic lumber and got great deals!

Jim said that the club challenge for the March meeting is to make something either from a

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## Our President says...

By Jim Baldrige

As our region digs out of the ashes of the recent fires, we have had contact with one of our members who lost their

home in the Palisades fire. I will not share the member's name in this article for privacy reasons. However, I hope that at this month's meeting, we can share ideas on how best to assist our members in need — for example, donating surplus

### Dues are now Due!

If you haven't paid yet, it's time. Our dues are \$35 per year (\$15 for students), and our esteemed Treasurer, Gregg Masini, can take your dues via check, cash or Venmo. [Now: @san\_fernando1]

If you need to contact Gregg for any questions, his email and phone number are on the next page in the Club Officers.

woodworking tools.

On a lighter note, last month's meeting could not have gone any better. We had a rather large turnout of members and potential new members in attendance. No less than six tables plus additional floor space covered with beautiful pieces of exotic woods. And a wonderful program presented by John Fisher.

Not to minimize John Fisher's presentation on Nutcrackers, members had an opportunity to browse the abundance of wood. The wood inventory included species such as Rose, Ebony, Purple Heart, Zebra, Teak, and Yellow Pine, to name a few. Watching those in attendance search through it for that perfect little piece for a project and those that went through it like a "blue light" sale at K-Mart was great. In the



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## 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.



Balboa Recreation Center Location  
Map courtesy of Google Maps

## Club Officers

President:	Jim Baldrige
Vice President:	Emily Lichtman
Secretary:	Eitan Ginsburg
Treasurer:	Gregg Massini
Photographer:	Luke Wyatt
Publisher:	Gary Coyne
Librarian:	Grant Christensen
Web Master:	Jan Min
Toy Chair:	Jonathan Nail
Toy Distribution:	Sheila Rosenthal
Refreshments:	Greg Golden

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Christmas tree stump or from wood you purchased at the Boardman sale today or last month.

### Finance Report

Jeff Bremer presented the 2024 year-end review. The club is doing well financially and has more in the bank than before. Gregg Massini has assumed the Treasurer position, and dues can be sent to him. Dues are \$35 for the year.



Toy Committee: Jonathan Nail said we built over 1200 toys last year. We are looking for a new person to coordinate the treasure chest project. He also provided an overview of the various toy projects for new people.

### Programs

Emily Lichtman said that upcoming programs include a presentation by Brian Miller on finishing (February), sharpening (March or April), and a discussion by Steve Sampietro about purchasing and vetting old tools. We may also do some weekend workshop skill builders or projects. She asked for volunteers interested in participating in a presentation on inlay, joinery, or dovetails.

### Announcements

Jim Kelly said that two of our members lived near the Eaton fire. He spoke with Jim Caber-noch's widow (he passed away very recently), and she had some damage to their house, but it was not burned down. He heard that Steve Kalb had lost his house and everything in it, but he hadn't spoken to him. He hasn't heard from Sedi, who also lives in Eaton Canyon. [Editor: Sedi called

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# From the Web

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

### The Easiest Way to Handle Plywood Without Breaking Your Back!

- ♦ A bunch of suggestions and tips on getting plywood from the store, transporting it, and working with it in the shop.

<https://tinyurl.com/ys58hz6y>

### Which Wood Glue is Best? Let's find out! Showdown with Titebond, Flex Glue, Elmer's & Gorilla, Project Farm

- ♦ Interesting tests that solely focus on extreme strength that one is not too likely to encounter with a usual wood project

<https://tinyurl.com/5ey4kes9>

### You are clamping too long

- ♦ The host shows a series of tests for how long one needs to clamp wood and how long before one starts to stress the joint.

Good stuff here.

<https://tinyurl.com/33pkb7va>

### 5 Expert Tips for Gluing

- ♦ All good tips. #2 was the surprise one for me.

<https://tinyurl.com/2z27a7b3>

### The Almost-Forgotten Fore Plane

- ♦ A LOT of information about getting, reconditioning, and use the fore plane

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfx7zr2>

### Make a Cutting Board from Wood Magazine's First Issue

- ♦ From the linked page, the "Printable Leaf Template with Cutlist" is free.

<https://tinyurl.com/4b5sz3zf>

### Stop buying these [dowels] from stores! (Make them instead)

- ♦ Here is a good breakdown of how to make your own dowels with a router table.

<https://tinyurl.com/3z4yrnp6>

### It's like cheating [How to make perfect miters]

- ♦ Focusing on the table saw, it starts with basics.

<https://tinyurl.com/fz836asb>

### Lightweight fabric spray booth

- ♦ A variety of ideas for making a spray booth.

<https://tinyurl.com/4srhamav>

### Easy radial checkerboard parquetry

- ♦ While the definition of "easy" is debatable, here are well-defined plans for how to do it.

<https://tinyurl.com/zpx8yv5>

### The Two-Bladed Monster Saw: 1940's Oliver Table Saw

- ♦ Looking over (and showing off) an Oliver 260.

<https://tinyurl.com/bd9bw7xh>



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end, I believe everyone got what they wanted, and the club received a boost to our treasury. This added money will help us fund the purchase of parts for our Toy Build, pay rent, etc. A very big thank you goes out to the Boardman family for allowing the SFVW access to their father's shop. The treasures of wood that we have been able to share with our members have been astonishing, and we too can create treasures for others.

Keep the sawdust flying,

Jim Baldridge

### Drilling Holes in Long Wood Dowels...without a drill

- ♦ It's pretty simple to figure out what he was going to do, and here it is

<https://tinyurl.com/yphc6d3k>

### Making Board Butter

- ♦ More than just mineral oil and beeswax, a variety of food-safe covering options.

<https://tinyurl.com/znaxenzd>

### Highest point of the blade.

- ♦ Normally, I avoid YouTube Shorts, but this one is good. Short and to the point.

<https://tinyurl.com/bde5pepv>

### Table Saw Tricks For Making Vertical Cuts

- ♦ When needing a taller fence on your table saw, make one

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfr5usf>

### 12 ways to add texture with tools you already have

- ♦ If you have a section that does not need to be flat, or you want to avoid sanding, these might be just the trick.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc42xcnx>

### Stop Overbuilding Cabinet Doors

- ♦ Three different ways to make a cabinet door, with the final reveal after painting as to which is the best.

<https://tinyurl.com/2jera7au>

### This FRENCH CLEAT Design Change is AWE-SOME

- ♦ One of the better shop organizational approaches I've seen in some time.

<https://tinyurl.com/ypc7cet2>

## Reviews

### Does the zeta p2 replace the Domino? Here's what you need to know

- ♦ Are you thinking of getting one? This does a great job of explaining the differences.

<https://tinyurl.com/3x5st9mt>

### Rali Jack Plane Review | [RobCosman.com](https://RobCosman.com)

- ♦ A whole new design for the wood plane has been developed, and Rob Cosman gives it a look. (It doesn't go well.)

<https://tinyurl.com/yz8yjeux>

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me after the fire and told me her house is OK.]



There was a discussion about emergency and safety equipment, such as generators, surge protectors, and air purifiers. Several people said it is important to video or photograph the contents of your house and workshop for insurance purposes.

Jim Baldrige said he recently discovered a community wood shop in the Agoura area called the Woodworkers’ Retreat. You can pay for shop time on a monthly or weekly basis, and they host some classes. It is also the meeting place of the Conejo Valley Woodworkers.

### Q&A

Luke asked for help finding a particular inset cabinet lock. Mark Collins recommended Liz’s Antique Hardware on LaBrea. Chuck suggested Craftsman Hardware in the Pasadena area or Horton Brasses.

### Show & Tell:

Tom Ferkel brought in an antique wooden clock from the 1830s or 1840s.

Due to import-export restrictions between the United States and Great Britain at the time, its internal movements were made of wood rather than brass.

Tyler is making an electronic guitar body. He showed router templates that he 3D printed for the inserts. He also brought pieces of curly maple he wanted to use for the body. He needs help plating the pieces flat, and Jeff Bremer offered to use his planer. [Ed: look to the right]



## Members Helping Members

By Jeff Bremer

Tyler Strampp came by for a little help milling some wood for an electric guitar. We book-matched what I think is bloodwood and flattened two pieces of maple so they can be laminated together. We had difficulty getting one piece flat as it was too wide for my jointer and could only use the planer. I had to build a sled to run it through the planer, which was something new for me.



## For Sale

By Chuck Nickerson

For Sale: 1991-ish Delta 14” bandsaw. This includes the 6” riser (installed), Kreg rip fence, decent miter gauge, the Carter guide for smaller blades, and an HTC mobile base. Also includes the installed 1/4” blade and unused 1/4”, 3/8”, and two 1/2” blades. One heck of a deal for \$300 Contact Chuck.



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Luke showed a dart box that he made for his wife from bocote, which he had bought at the sale last month. He also showed a walnut tabletop he glued up and planed by hand with breadboard ends. Both projects were finished with Rubio Monocoat.

Eitan Ginsburg showed a box he made to hold his granite sharpening plate and sandpaper. It was made from scrap oak with a carved walnut top.

Mark Collins showed a picture of Liz's Antique Hardware, where he found things for a furniture restoration project for a neighbor. He also showed how he made dowel center pins using finish nails.

### Presentation

John Fisher spoke about a class he took at the Dale Nish school in Utah on making a traditional nutcracker. It was a week-long class and mostly involved turning. He used



the soldier kit in class but also purchased a Scotsman kit to make at home. He showed pictures of the jig used to cut out the lever groove on the table saw and the pivot arm for the jaws to attach the arms. He mounts a sanding disc on the lathe to smooth the cut. The nutcracker bodies can be decorated in many ways. He finished the project with sprayed lacquer. The instructions for this project are non-proprietary, and members can e-mail John to get a PDF of the instructions.

## Dave's Work

By Dave McClave

I felt as if I had died and gone to driftwood heaven when I visited Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada last month. I brought quite a stock of pieces back that I will bring to the meeting next week. This is a crude example of what the end of a weathered branch can look like. I call him the redwood logger from Sooke, town in which I rented a cottage for a few days.



He's standing in front of one of my three redwoods behind my patio fence.

Get ready for the contest. At least it's not a chainsaw carving contest, although they are impressive competitions in their own right. Many of the massive pieces on the beach would have made for great chainsaw contests.

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## Prybar Review

By Chuck Nickerson

Rial 9" prybar. There are two kinds of circumstances in the shop where I need a crowbar.

The first is when a wayward project needs to be disassembled so it fits in a trash can. A crowbar bought by my father 65 years ago handles that just fine. But sometimes, I need to separate parts and be able to reuse them. In these circumstances, the Rial is wonderful. The leading edges are very thin, and the bar is broad so that force can be exerted with minimal stress on the wood.

I've been using it for three months and am quite pleased. I found mine on eBay for \$15.

