

CONEGO VALLEY WOODWORKERS

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Outgoing President's Message

This will be my final President's Message since I will be passing our virtual Gavel to Stacy Gerlich. I enjoyed being your president getting to know our members better and sharing all the woodworking stories. It is hard to believe our Club has been going strong since 1994, if my math is correct, that is a total of 30 years. Since my last time as your President was in 1997, I can only say that I am just 27 years older if anyone was wondering. I would like to thank my Board for all their support, time, and expertise they put into our Club efforts. Specifically: Stacy Gerlich, Don Halvorson, Frank Jones, Randy Spengler, Jeff Bock, Al Fournier, who passed away during the year, and Bill Aurand.

Now, for a new year of woodworking; shop tours, workshops, classes, and programs at our new meeting location, Woodworkers Retreat. I think the sky is the limit on what we can do this next year. We should see new members, increase our woodworking skills, share our woodworking knowledge and most of all have a lot of fun doing what we love doing. Once again, I would like to thank John VanderHooven for his generous offer to host us for our meetings and events at the Woodworkers Retreat facility. Remember, if you have wishes, desires, or recommendations for classes, programs, and the like, please let a Board Member know your thoughts.

I will be on the Board as your Past President and I look forward to Stacy's leadership. She will be a great President for us, full of fun and energy! She has an awesome Board that will support our club needs as we grow and accomplish our woodworking dreams.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our new meeting location, on March 7th, feel free to bring a friend to share the experience!

Woodworkers Retreat

[3305 Grande Vista Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320](#)

[\(805\) 405-2224](#)

Brad Ormsby

[Incoming President's Message](#)

Well, I finally leaped and made it to the big leagues! I am very excited to be your Conejo Valley Woodworkers Association President. We have so much talent within our group and I am truly looking forward to seeing what we all create in 2024. I have been thinking about what I would like us to strive for this year and I have composed the following Mission:

Empowering individuals through the artistry of woodworking, our community association is dedicated to fostering creativity, skill development, and camaraderie. We strive to provide a collaborative space where enthusiasts of all levels can share knowledge, engage in meaningful craftsmanship, and contribute to the enduring legacy of woodworking in our community. Together, we build more than just projects; we build a vibrant and supportive community passionate about the timeless craft of woodworking.

President,

Stacy Gerlich

[Introduction of your new board:](#)

President- Stacy Gerlich

Vice President-

Treasurer- Dan Smith

Membership- Jeff Bock

Communications- Randy Spengler

Board Member- Bill Aurand

Board Member- Frank Jones

Past President- Brad Ormsby

[Upcoming Event on March 7, 2024 @ 7 p.m.](#)

Our club meeting will be held at our new location;

Woodworkers Retreat

3305 Grande Vista Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320

At this meeting, we will hear from the owner of the business, John, and his staff. The intent is for us to learn about them and in turn, we will tell a little about each of us. Please try and keep your introduction to about 3 minutes. We want to make sure we have time for all of us to have an opportunity to share. **Please Note that at the new location members will need to sign a waiver for us to use the premises. Here is a link to the waiver:**

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/wmze6ozelegi87u9qbimr/web/>

[March 20, 2024](#), is our next breakfast meeting at Pickles. We meet at 0900. It would be nice to see more faces there if you are available.

We will also be bringing back the “Challenge” events. At our next meeting, we will pick a category so we give all of us plenty of time to create something fun. If you have any ideas, please be prepared to discuss them next week.

Highlights of January



Arlen had another wonderful workshop at his place. Those who attended were able to assist him in making some of his amazing toys.

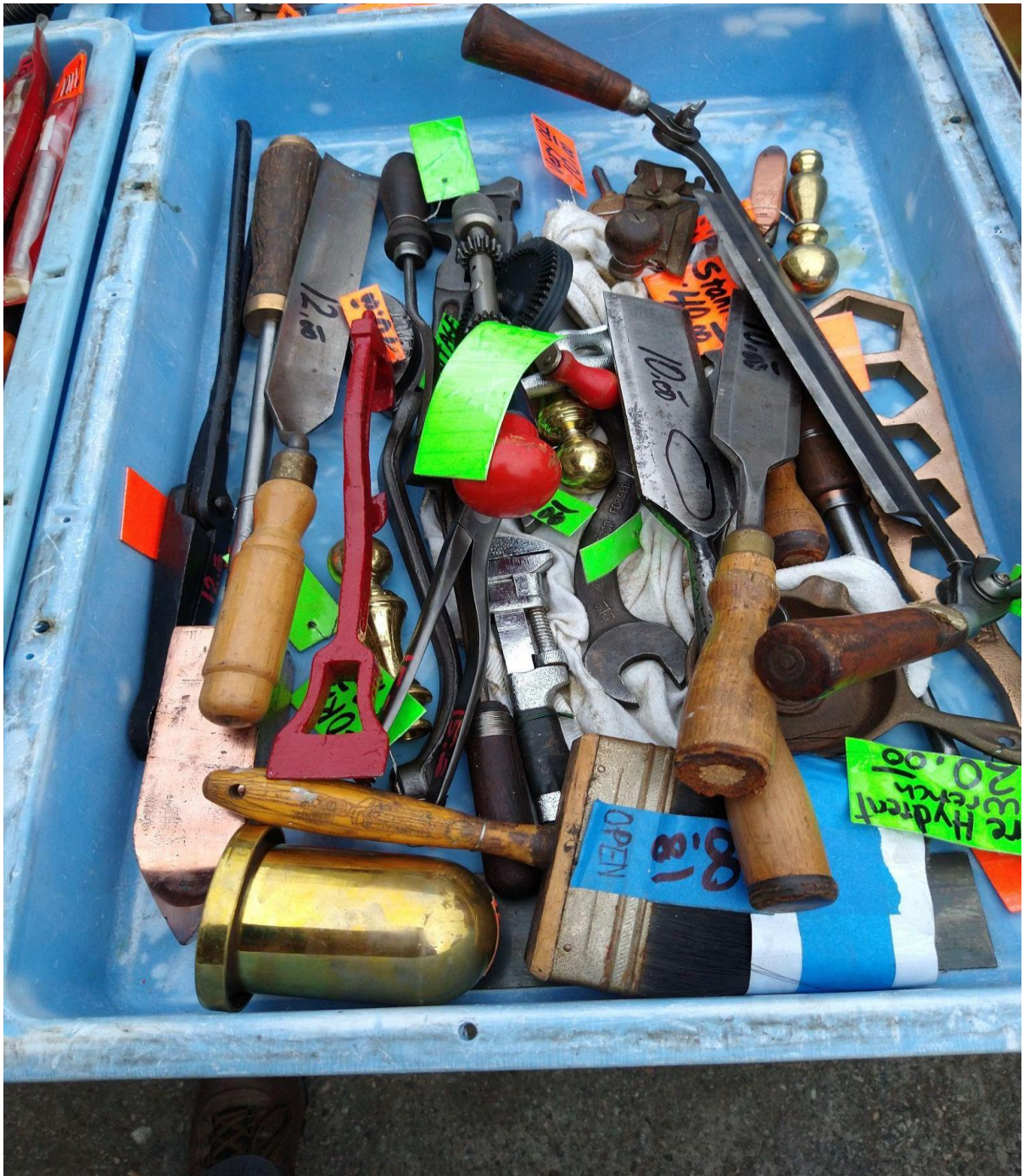












Here are some examples of tools available at the upcoming Tool Swap that Frank was so gracious to get information on. I will have the location available at Thursday's meeting.

<https://andersonplywood.com/old-tool-swap-meet/>



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