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FOURTH WEDNESDAY PREVIEW:

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DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WITH OUR HOST FOR THIS MONTH THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 STARTING AT 7:00 WITH OUR SOCIAL "HALF HOUR".

One of our long and loyal advertisers, Western Plastics in San Francisco will host our March meeting. Jim Heaphy and his staff are planning what should be a very informative event. They are distributors as well as fabricators of several brands of plastic laminate and solid surface counter-top materials. They will be giving demonstrations of some of the fabricating techniques with ample opportunity for questions. Refreshments are also being provided by the company.

Due to the popularity of 4 door prizes being given away at last months' meeting, we will again have a drawing and the winners will be from paid up members attending the meeting.

Directions can be found by referring to the map printed in Western Plastics ad later in the newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: The Woodworking Show at the Santa Clara Co. Convention Center (near Great America) is Friday, March 31, Sat. April 1, and Sunday, April 2. BAWA will have a booth. Call Kevin at 415-542-0802 days.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: Although this has been said before, I NEED HELP. Some of you have spoken to me at the meetings, and I may have scared you off which I regret. The newsletter editor's job can be very gratifying, but after 1 1/2 years at the job, and an ever increasing workload with my own business, I can no longer do this alone. (I do thank Peter and Kevin who are contributing monthly writings) I need a staff of at least 3 people. One person to coordinate the mailing list, one to coordinate advertising, and one to take the newsletter to the printer and prepare it for distribution. The mailing list is currently on an Apple IIe program, but can be transferred via modem to someone's IBM. If the newsletter is to continue, I need a staff, "not, sorry, I'd like to but I'm just too busy". The next newsletter meeting will precede the Board meeting at my house on Tuesday, March 28 starting at 6:30. Call for directions or a map. 415-537-4096. I look forward to hearing from you loyal "BAWAnians". thanks.

Norma Brooks

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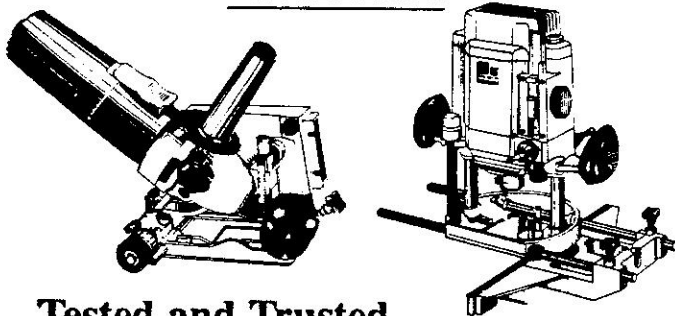
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Larkin Street Youth Center will be opening the doors to its new Medical Clinic, Drug Abuse Center, Aftercare Program (for chronic street kids, 18-21 years old) and Street Outreach offices on February 24th. This expansion, with an estimated price tag of \$100,000, has been accomplished at a mere cost of \$15,000. Thank you so much for your help!

Together, we have managed to perform a miracle, but the reality is, we aren't done yet. The Center is about to start the last phase of its remodelling—the building of a new staircase, classroom and counselors' offices. This last phase is much simpler and smaller in scope than the previous one, but, as we all know, the last 20% of a project requires 80% of the effort. We need that effort from you.

Homeless kids need a quiet, private space where they can share their often tragic stories with their counselors. They need a classroom where they can gain the knowledge that will enable them to exit street life. Your efforts, on a spare Saturday or Sunday, can give them just that. They deserve it.

Again, thank you so much for your help. Let's do it one more time. Following is a schedule for the last remodelling.



Peter de Goey
Project Coordinator
(415) 673-0911

P. S. If you're interested in this project, and would like to know more, please call soon(!) and I will send you information regarding our work with "throwaway" kids.

February 25-26

- demolition of old offices and staircase
- shoring up of second floor floorbeams
- layout and framing of new counselor office walls

March 4-5

- finish all framing
- layout of new staircase
- start wiring of new offices

March 11-12

- finish staircase
- wiring of new offices
- pick-up work

March 18-19

- wiring of new offices
- sheetrocking

March 24-25

- hanging of doors
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REVIEW OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The general meeting last month was held at Don Segale's shop in Menlo Park. Peter DeGoey from the Larkin Street Youth Center gave us an update on the construction project which some of us have been involved with. The first, and major stage of the project is just about finished but there is a great need for people to help tie up the loose ends. If you have any time at all which you can spare, please help us get this job done.

The first main presentation of the evening was given by Peter Good, who showed slides of four woodworking shops. These slides are part of the graphics used in his new seminar on shop design and layout for the woodworking shows. It was interesting to see the contrast between small and large shops, and for those who haven't seen it in person, we got a photographic tour of Woody Woodward's shop with it's many marvelous features. We also got to see what a highly organized production shop looks like.

Following that, Don Segale gave us a demonstration of his new Cabnetware computer design system. This sort of equipment certainly makes people seem inadequate by comparison. Actually, it's a great tool for increasing the speed and efficiency with which a shop can produce cabinets. The system is extremely versatile and Don is very pleased with it. He is also becoming quite adept at its use. We want to thank Don for showing us the latest in design technology and also for hosting the meeting.

We also had a tool swap in which a few people got some great bargains, and we livened up the evening further by having several door prizes and the usual superb refreshments. If you haven't been to one of our meetings lately, you might want to check us out. You won't be sorry.

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- RULES:**
- Any type of wood may be utilized, however no mixing of woods is allowed.
 - The project must originate from a standard 2x4 board.
 - Any type(s) of adhesives may be used.
 - Any type(s) of fasteners (except nails) may be used.
 - Any type of operable/ornamental hardware may be used.
 - No other materials such as plexiglass or plastic laminate will be permitted-- this is a "2x4 wood" project.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged by popular vote of the general membership in attendance at the March General meeting.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place entries. They will be substantial, so BAWA encourages all members to participate. Let's have some good-old-fashion sawdust fun! Note that BAWA would also like to put all the entries on display at the March Woodworking Tool Show. So, get a-cuttin'!

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An interesting result of travelling the woodworking show circuit is that patterns start to appear concerning the people who go to these shows or exhibit in them. Through continued observation, it becomes possible after awhile to see trends and regional differences, and make predictions about what a show will be like, who will be there and the general state of woodworking in a given area. Let's take a closer look at some of these things.

One barometer of who does woodworking in a particular area, what type they do and the general health of the activity is to see who the show exhibitors are and what they're selling. The classifications of merchandise might include machinery for the professional, machinery for the hobbieist, smaller equipment, tools and supplies for the professional, similar things for hobbieists and books, magazines and videos. Other exhibitors could be woodworking schools, regional clubs and guilds, wood and lumber dealers and people selling things that are only distantly related to woodworking. Many of the regular exhibitors are familiar with the woodworking and buying habits in various areas and this information influences whether or not they exhibit in a particular city and, to some degree, what merchandise they offer. Machinery for the professional, for example, is offered primarily at shows on the east and west coasts and to a lesser degree in between. Books and videos appear mostly at shows in the northern states. These items, books in particular, are not offered in the southern parts of the country or in the midwest because they simply don't sell. Nobody buys books in Kansas City.

The buying habits in general may provide some clues as to how active woodworking is, or more specifically, what the show attendees have in the way of disposable dollars. In recent months, here are some of the trends. In Dallas, sales of portable electric tools and equipment were brisk, but those of computer software and larger stationary machinery seemed sluggish. In Seattle, everybody bought everything. In Portland, Oregon, nobody bought anything unless it was under five dollars. It was also difficult in Denver to get people to part with their money. Pittsburgh and Philadelphia both were profitable from the standpoint of the sales of larger machinery, while San Diego registered most of its sales in the area of portable electric tools, hand tools and supplies. So, what does it all mean? Judging from the buying habits, woodworking is in a state of less-than-perfect health in Portland, Kansas City, Boston, Denver, New Jersey and Rochester, New York. It appears to be thriving, however, in Seattle, Pennsylvania, Dallas, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Tampa. The professional woodworkers are concentrated in the Great Lakes area, the mid Atlantic coast and most of the Pacific coast, although those in Oregon are not doing well. The hobbieists tend to congregate mostly in southern California, Arizona, Florida and the midwest.

Seminar attendance at woodworking shows is highest in the Great Lakes region and lowest in the New England states. The same seminar will draw 15 people in New Jersey and 100 in Chicago. Using as a guide the number of questions asked in seminars, the interest is highest in Seattle and lowest in Portland, less than 150 miles away. As I think back at it, the people in Seattle seemed to be vibrant, alive and eager to learn, while those in Portland appeared to be in a deep state of depression. I also noticed that real estate was dirt cheap in Portland. When you think about it, however, none of this should be a surprise. It all boils down to economics, weather and the age level of the locals. Politics is probably in there somewhere, too. But then again, I'm not here to figure it out, I just observe.



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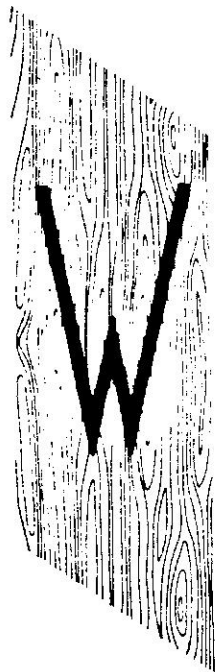
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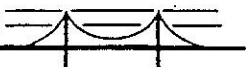
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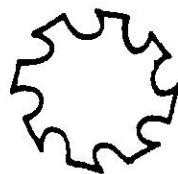
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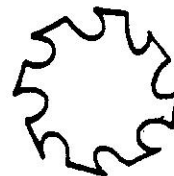
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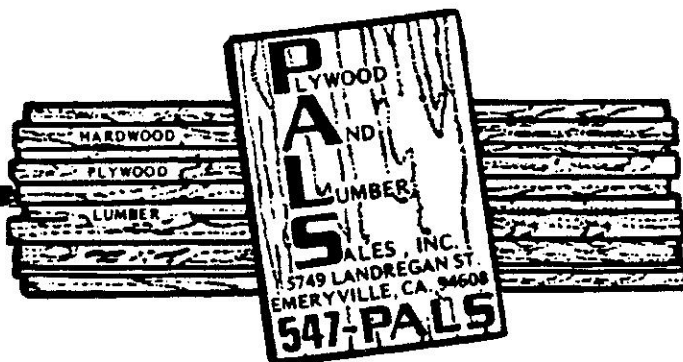
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
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As some of you may have noticed-- for better or for worse-- February's General Meeting was on a Wednesday. How many of you missed it... and/or maybe showed up on Thursday? The showing was light, so it might have been simply because we did Don's shop just last September.

I would like to extend my thanks to Don Segale on the use of his large shop for our meeting, as well as Peter Good for his slide presentation on some of the different shops he has encountered. Both gentlemen have been involved with BAWA for quite awhile, and have contributed alot, and continue to do so as they were both last minute rescuers. Again, our thanks.

Though we all gathered at Don's place just this past September, we were given the opportunity this time around to see him operate his new computer layout system. Not only does it draw out a floor plan, but gives you different views of the plan utilizing a vast inventory of different cabinet shapes and sizes, and on top of that, it prints out a three-dimensional view at any requested angle. Once a potential client is completely satisfied with the preliminaries, push a button, and a full cut-list is spit out.

The computer system was most interesting and all who saw Don take it through its paces, got a good overview of its applications, speed, and the time savings. In addition, we had a small tool swap, with several members taking advantage of a few trades. Overall, it was a good gathering-- a good Save. The thing is, the last minute stress and uncertainty was not much fun to the Board. Which brings me to my next topic...

You've heard us mention it at the meetings, and you've heard us mention it in the newsletters. We (the Board) cannot do everything. We need YOU, the membership, to help out. There's alot of business that needs to be taken care of, and we need some fresh input-- places to meet, subjects to discuss, demonstrations to be performed, etc.

Though we've made some noise about participation, I would like to say that a dozen or so members have pledged to help out in the various committees, but we need everyone to consider helping out in one way or another. Only with more participation and fresh

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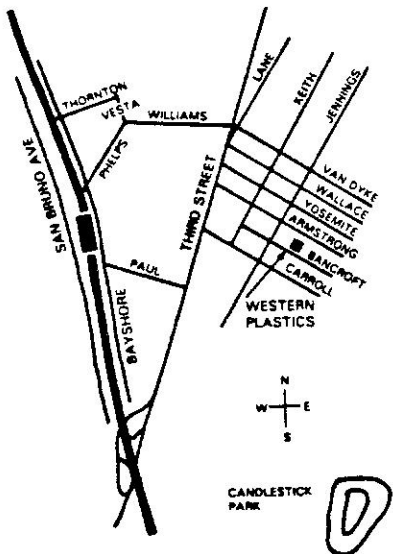
input can things run smoothly. Last month we came face-to-face with a few trying to do it all. It just don't work no matter how much enthusiasm and desire the Board has in itself. So, please-- help us and you'll be helping us all to enjoy BAWA even more. Some have already volunteered to help out at the Tool Show (even got nine new commitments at the break - thanks!), some with hospitality, a few to Community Outreach for 1989, and several with programs.

I am looking forward to heading up BAWA's participation in the upcoming Tool Show. We get three, free full-size booth spaces-- complete with tables and chairs. And for those who man the booth, we all will have a good time talking wood and such. If you have a mind to work the booth with the rest of us, give me a call (542-0802 days/337-8277 evenings).

While I'm at it, let me solicit some more bodies for some of the other committees...if you're interested in the BAWA meetings, the newsletter, a social event, a field trip, a project for our 1989 community outreach, Saturday workshops/additional get-togethers, hospitality, whatever-- call the appropriate coordinator listed elsewhere in the newsletter, and tell them you're interested.

Well, that's about it for this writing. Hope to see alot of entries in the 2x4 contest when we see each other again in March.

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Calif. coalition formed

Industry, state seek alternative furniture finishing methods

By LEWIS LORINI

The California Furniture Manufacturers Association (CFMA) has joined forces with the state to fund a search for alternatives to polluting spray finishes.

The coalition has teamed former adversaries in the battle over California Finishing Rule 1136, which will restrict the release of many elements contained in conventional finishing materials, and created the need to find new furniture finishes. The rule, in essence, will

make it illegal to use anything but water-based finishing materials by 1996, unless some new finish is developed.

The rule has four sets of limits which will necessitate a gradual changeover from the use of traditional solvent-based coatings. The first deadline is July 1989, when spray systems must demonstrate at least 65 percent transfer efficiency. The rule also requires improved procedures for cleaning of equipment and handling solvents, including closed systems for spray gun cleaning, and storage and disposal of waste materials in closed containers.

CFMA, the state South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Southern California Edison have pledged a total of \$243,000 for the research effort. CFMA will supply \$43,000, with the SCAQMD and the

electric company each giving \$100,000.

SCAQMD led the fight to enact Rule 1136, which CFMA opposed. Although this rule will only affect businesses in California, similar measures may be adopted by other states.

The Battelle Memorial Institute will conduct the research, which will include investigations into ultraviolet curing techniques, said Gary Stafford, chairman of the CFMA's Rule 1136 committee and vice president of Terra Furniture in the City of Industry.

Although water-based finishing materials that already exist would satisfy the limits of Rule 1136, they do release some volatile organic compounds (VOCs), he said.

"The object of the study is to come up with a method that would not release any VOCs," he said.

He added that any patentable processes or materials that result from the research will be owned by CFMA. The organization intends to market it to cover costs incurred by its development.

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BAWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Bay Area Woodworkers Association was formed early in 1982 by a small group of dedicated people who felt the need to strengthen the woodworking community by holding regular meetings, establishing an informal forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas, sponsoring shows, and meeting others in woodworking and related fields. Since then, this non-profit organization has grown to many members. Meetings occur on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and are generally held in San Francisco or Oakland/Berkeley area. Meetings usually have a specific topic such as router techniques, finishing, turning, business aspects of woodworking, or focus on a distinguished guest speaker who will give a presentation in their area of expertise. Most meetings are held in members shops, or the place of business of a guest presenter. Members receive a monthly newsletter.

Dues are \$30 per year payable in January, \$22.50 payable April -June, \$15.00 payable July-September, \$7.50 payable Oct.-December.

Mail your check and the information below to: BAWA, c/o Norma Brooks, 4973 Elrod Dr. Castro Valley, Ca. 94546.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____ HOME _____

SPECIALITY? _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A FUTURE MEETING? _____

* PLEASE CIRCLE - - I DO / DON'T want my name, address, & phone no. on a list circulated to other organizations.

I DO / DON'T want my name, address, & phone no. on a membership roster for BAWA members only.

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH COMMITTEE YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE ON .

A. PROGRAM: Coordinate monthly meeting subjects and locations, field trips, and Saturday workshops.

B. SHOWS: Coordinate participation in Trade shows and Exhibits of BAWA members work.

C. HOSPITALITY: Refreshments, greeting, sign in, and name tags at monthly meetings.

D. HISTORICAL/LIBRARY: Maintain binders with past newsletters, publications, slide collection, and video tapes.

E. COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Coordinate an annual project such as the Larkin St. Center or several smaller projects.

F. PUBLICITY: Submit information to area newspapers about upcoming meetings, shows, etc.

G. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Coordinate events like the golf tournament baseball games, ski trip, and whatever.

H. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Select possible candidates for offices to be elected at the November meeting.