

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 1999

### Multi-Club Picnic! Saturday • Aug. 7 • 10 AM

**Where:** Palo Alto Elks Club Picnic Area  
4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
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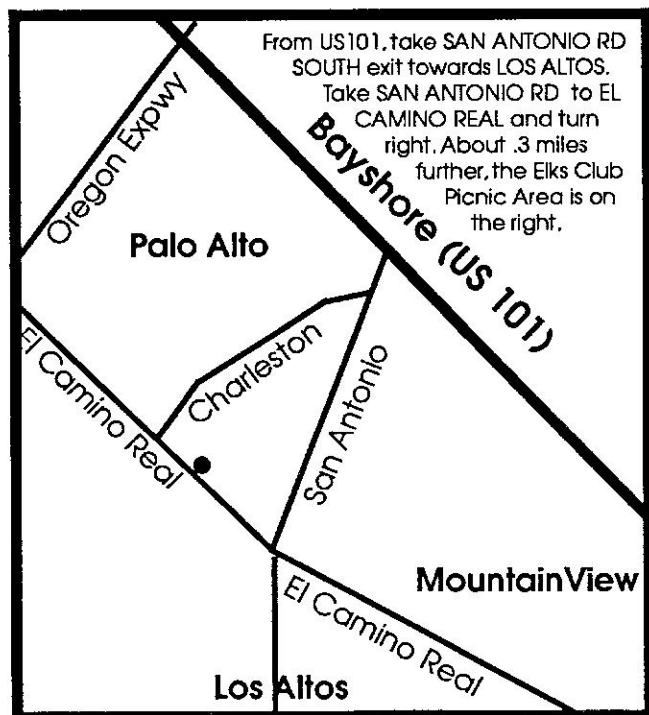
**Bring:** Your own meat, drinks, and utensils  
A dish to share (type of dish should  
match your last name's initial):  
A-F.....Appetizer G-L.....Salad  
M-R.....Side Dish S-Z.....Dessert

**Features:** Show & Tell Table  
Huge 2 x 4 Demo and Contest  
Tool Swap: bring tools

**Drawings:** \$150 gift certificate, Northern Hardwood  
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For more info or questions, contact Linda Salter  
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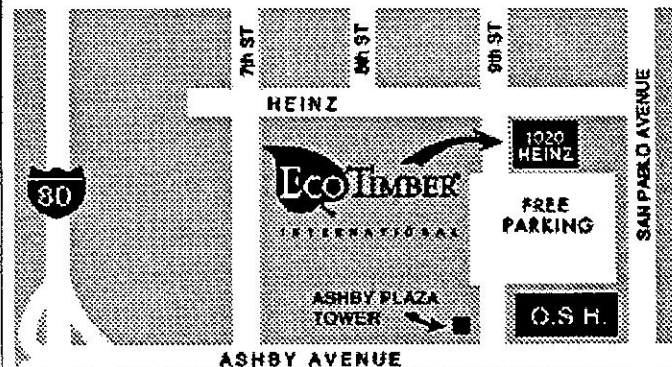
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### The August BAWA Program

John de Marchi designs and sells extremely clever measurement tools, and knows more about measurement than any ten other engineers. He'll explain the principles of measurement that apply to woodworking. He'll demonstrate the impact on our work of accuracy, precision, datum points, types of measurement error, and measurement standards. John will show us his tools and will sell them at the meeting. (Don Naples says John's scribes and markers are perfect for woodworkers.) John will also discuss his extensive antique tool collection.

A don't-miss meeting!

### Have ideas for BAWA programs?

Call Arnie at 415/282-1704 or Jay at 408/327-8667.  
Make our meetings what YOU want them to be!

## CLASSIFIEDS

Members, if you have woodworking tools or materials for sale, place your ad here. You know it will go to a good home.

**Tools for Sale:** • Grizzly 6" jointer w/mobile base, \$350/obo. Delta 8" Homeshop table saw & 4" jointer, \$300/obo. Delta 12" Planer w/dust hood & extra knives, \$200/obo. Stanley #97 plane, excellent condition, make offer. 650/992-2093 (email Lee1339@aol.com). • Lots of tools, especially a 4' wood lathe, and brand new Ryobi planer and joiner! Call Arnie, 415/282-1704.

**Hardwood:** Japanese White Oak 1-3/4", \$10/BF; Black Oak, 1/2" surfaced, 3' to 7' long, \$1/BF; Phillipine Mahogany, 3/4" x 10-1/2" x 9' (10 pieces), \$70 lot; English Walnut 2 1/2" x 20" x 54" slab with nice pattern, \$70; Thailand Teak plywood, 1/4" and 1/2" thick, make offer; Sycamore, quartersawn, 2" and 4" thick, some spalted \$5-7/BF. 510/797-9046.

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**August 31, 1999**



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Bob made it, Bob plays it.

## LAST MEETING

by Craig Minceweaver

New members Ray Frost and Al Taroli, and returning member Larry Lee introduced themselves. Guests were Brian Chan (son of member Yeung Chan) and Bob Creiter. • President Mike Bray summarized the recent BAWA Board meeting and presented two recommendations, which were approved by the BAWA members present. • We voted to raise the dues from \$25/yr to \$30/yr starting in Jan. 2000, as there hasn't been a dues increase in many, many years. (The discounts you get by showing your BAWA membership card at various local merchants will more than offset the slight jump in dues.) In addition, to increase income to help pay for such expenses as the newsletter, we will start having auctions of tools, books, etc., at our meetings. • We voted to expand the BAWA Board by adding the Program Chair as a member of the Board, in addition to the current officers and the newsletter editor. • Vice President Linda Salter, who single-handedly created the Aug. 7 multi-club picnic, reminded us to bring our 2x4 contest entries to the picnic, where a second contest will be held. Area companies are donating prizes. And—bring the kids! • Our Hospitality Chair Vincent Dellachiesa, has been doing a superb job this year of providing refreshments. He says the donations members give at the refreshment table have covered expenses to date. • Outreach co-chair Bill Henzel reminded everyone of the upcoming toy-making workshop at his shop on July 17. • The next toy-making workshop will be at Gene Wagg's shop in Sept. or Oct. Pick up templates for rocking horse pieces from Gene and make some for assembly at Gene's shop. • It's time to help plan our booth at the Woodworking Show on November 5, 6 & 7. Bring a project to work on at the event—Mike Bray will have his workbench there. Member George Comstock offered his strip-built canoe as an example project to hang in the booth. • Program Chair Arnie Champagne is seeking ideas for upcoming BAWA meetings. Call him (415/282-1704.) He also suggested that we contact Ron Goldberg, publisher of *Woodworker West* newsletter for a subscription to add to our auction. • Webmeister Jim Voos asked what members would like to see the BAWA website. He suggested plans of toys, etc. • The "Back-to-Basics" series was explained to new members. It's a 20 minute presentation of a particu-

lar, focused subject, such as sharpening a scraper blade, or bandsaw blade types and availability. It usually includes handouts. Unfortunately, all of the past Back-to-Basics collection in our library were lost in a recent flood. So if you have done a Back-to-Basics demonstration and still have the information and summary, contact Jim Voos (650/508-9384, Jim\_Voos@intuit.com), so he can include it in our website.

**SHOW & TELL** • John Schmidt displayed a Victorian style mailbox post he made from Pencil cedar for his daughter. He made the highly decorative turned post on an ornamental "Woodchuck" lathe/router (made by Phantom Engineering in Orem, Utah). • Arnold

Champagne passed around a piece of 1/16" thick "aircraft plywood" he cut and glued up himself when he discovered the local supplier was out. He also circulated a sample of a leg for a small box and discussed how to get the grain of the wood to follow the curvature of the leg. • Larry Lee brought an old Stanley #79 cabinetmaker's plane and a #7 corrugated jointer plane. Larry says Nielson is now making some nice reproduction planes. • Bob Berryman showed his "folk fiddle," shaped like a small violin but with a flat top like a guitar. To prove it was more than just a show piece, Bob gave an accomplished rendition of "Plaisir d'Amour," which brought tears to the eyes of even our crustiest members and loud, prolonged applause from all.

## 2X4 CONTEST RESULTS

by Craig Mineweaser

Our BAWA 2x4 Contest judging took place at the July meeting (there will be a second contest for everyone at the August *Multi-Club Picnic*.) There were four completed entries plus two unfinished ones. Yeung Chan took first place with an artfully created, lighted telephone stand. The light airy frame is four layers of 3/32" thick Doug Fir bent in a half circle. Joints are mortise and tenon. The lamp post was not turned, but rather made from a 1/2" x 1" slotted piece (to hide the lamp cord), which he glued back together. On top of the post he placed a mica shade with a high wattage halogen lamp. The top shelf of the piece is clear plastic; the lower two are particle board veneered with Doug Fir. Finish is one coat of shellac and then wax.

Tony Fanning and Glen Krug tied for second place.

Tony's entry was a carefully detailed adaptation of a famous Rietveld chair, which Tony designed as a "Dutch Valet." He carefully drafted the entire piece on the computer, making all the design changes there until he was satisfied with the result. Then it was into the shop for the cutting and assembly, which went quickly as a result.

Glen used a salvaged 2x4 that he cut into into the small pieces, then built up a tapered vase shape which he then turned on the lathe. He turned it in two sections, glued them together, then finished the piece with one coat of sanding sealer, two coats of Deft spray lacquer, and then a quick buffing.

Third place winner Sig Rich took the opposite approach from the others in choosing his 2x4. Since his piece will eventually be painted, he was not as concerned about the grain, choosing instead a regular #2 DF stud and cutting it into 3/4"

strips. Then he laid them side by side and assembled them into a small end table. The strips alternate as part of the leg or part of the top such that each is made of a strip, then a space, then another strip. The legs are joined to the top with 1/8" diameter bamboo skewers and the legs are splayed at a 12° angle making the piece strong.

Carl Johnson also made a creative piece, called a "Sailor's Valentine." Essentially an octagonal display box a sailor would make and then fill with shells to bring home to his better half, Carl improved on the whole idea by using the grain of his clear 2x4 to create interesting patterns on the sides of the box. He cut it all on the table saw and used a router to round off the top edge. He solved some engineering challenges in creating grooves to hold the veneered plywood bottom and the glass top, as well as in making the top removable.

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*Yeung Chen, Tony Fanning, Sig Rich, Carl Johnson, Mike Bray, and Arnie Champagne show what they can do with a simple Douglas Fir 2 x 4.*



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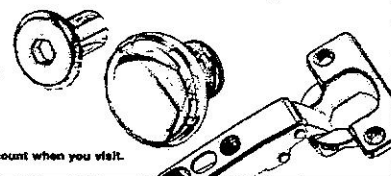
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## 2X4 (continued from page 3)

Mike Bray showed a wonderfully complicated floor lamp 9" sq x 7-1/2' high. A stone from his garden will prevent overturning as it'll be captured inside two of many horizontal frames that will be attached with wedged mortise and tenon joints. The shade is thin wood shavings stretched on a frame, and except for this shade, the entire piece will be finished with boiled linseed oil. As Mike's entry was incomplete it was not judged, but we're looking forward to seeing this piece completed so Mike can enter it in the contest at the picnic.

Arnie Champagne also had a very thoughtful entry—a small, footed box for writing paper, pens, etc. The veneer sitting inside the frame of the top forms a diamond pattern around a piece of abalone shell. Arnie mentioned the dust created from working with shells is highly toxic, so make sure you have a good dust collection system. He showed us several jigs and "tips & techniques" he used to create this piece. He intends to finish it with one coat of shellac and one of wax. We also look forward to seeing this piece when it is finished and entered into the contest at the picnic.

**THANKS TO ALL OUR CONTESTANTS!!**

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