Newsletter

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# THIS MONTH'S MEETING

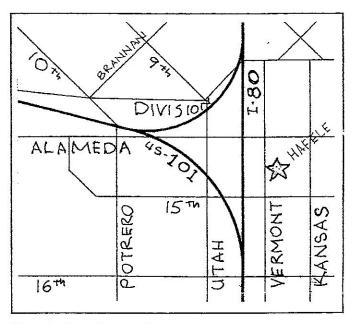
February 17th 3rd thursday
Refreshments 7:00pm Meeting Starts 7:30pm

This month we will renew our emphasis on woodworking education. In keeping with that goal **Arnold Champagne** will present a brief lecture on Constructing an Exterior Panel Door. This will run for 20 minutes, during what is traditionally our informal chat time at the beginning of the evening, so be on time. And bring a note book.

Our meeting is hosted by **Hafele** at their wonderful showroom in San Francisco. The address is: Hafele, 151 Vermont Street in San Francisco. Thanks once again to **Jeff** at Hafele for giving up an evening for us.

Our guest speaker is furniture designer Tony Cooper, president and founder of Splinter Furniture Design. He will be presenting a slide show of work his group has done over the years. He is a former mechanical engineer / product designer and a graduate of Cornell University. He cites as influences Charles Renee Macintosh, Frank Lloyd Wright and Raymond Loewy, all of whom rate as some of the 20th Century's best thinkers in three dimensions.

This will be another MUST SEE meeting. (We could fill this newsletter with stuff about Tony and Splinter. Make sure you get to this meeting and learn all the other good stuff!)



### Here is how to get there:

#### From the Peninsula

Take us-101 northbound.
Take the Vermont Street exit.
Turn left onto Vermont St.
Hafele is on the right, between 15th Street and Alameda, a few blocks from the exit.

### From the East Bay

Take the Bay Bridge (aka I-80 west).

Take the Ninth Street / Civic Center exit
Keep right at the fork in the ramp.

Turn left onto Harrison St.

Turn left onto 10th St.

Turn slight left onto Division St.

Turn right onto Vermont St.

Hafele is on left between Alameda and 15th St.

# From Our President

I understand I missed a great meeting. I've talked with several of you about it. I've also heard from one or two

of you about things you'd like to see happen with the club.

Great. If you have any ideas about the club, e-mail them to me or give me a call and I'll see what we can do. At our board meeting we came up with an idea that I hope will

send a lot of you to your shops. Got you curious? Good, come to the February meeting and find out what's up. See you at the meeting!

## **Last Meeting**

Our meeting at PALS in San Francisco was lots of fun. Thanks to our pals at PALS for making their store available to us.

Guy Marsden, BAWA member, presented slides of his work. He talked about his background in diverse disciplines and showed how they influence his current work. While he spoke of design issues when showing the slides, he also talked at length of the particular boards used in those projects. Clearly he sees the individuality of each board and considers that an asset.

Guy is very well aware of the importance of marketing to the survival of a furniture maker/designer. He prints his brochures right off his computer, so he can tailor them instantly to a prospective customer's interests.

We would like to extend a hearty thank you to Guy for his wonderful presentation and wish him success in his newly chosen field. A very good start! (To see more of his work, see his WebSite at artec.net)

## **Outreach Programs**

Toys. Bill Henzel thanks everyone who pitched in at the Toy Workshops, as well as those who donated materials. Lots of great toys got made in

1999. Bill read part of a letter of appreciation we received from a greatful recipient of our toys. We received a bunch of cards from the kids too. Good work everyone!

Oddly enough, except for these toy making sessions, no one else made any toys last year. Bill reminds us all that while the toy workshops are successful, you don't have to be at one to make stuff!

Christmas-in-April. C-in-A is a nation-wide event, where on the last Saturday in April volunteers descend on houses, schools etc and fix them up. They always get lots of unskilled labor. Every year we provide our woodworking expertise (and brute strength) to help with this event. It is a ton of fun, and you can actually learn a lot working alongside other more experienced BAWA members.

We will begin signing up volunteers at the February meeting, so C-in-A can decide where they need us the most. Help your community, learn new skills and deepen your friendship with other members...and get a free picnic dinner! **Habitat For Humanity**. This organization build homes from scratch, whereas C-in-A repairs homes. They need people all year round. They have begun offering short-term work parties to get those invloved who can only come occassionaly. Contact Bill Henzel for more information

## **Tormek Grinder**

We purchased a **Tormek** grinder a few years ago. For a small fee members could rent it

for a month. It seemed like a great idea. However, it was seldom actually rented out. Moreover it appears that some of those who rented it did not take the time to read the manual, so it suffered a little. It is still in fine shape but clearly will not remain so as things are now.

We have decided to raffle the grinder off. Tickets are \$5.00 (or about 1% of the grinder's value) and ticket sales were at fever pitch at the January meeting. We will be offering more tickets at the February meeting.

Even if you are not a member yet, you could join BAWA (\$30.00), buy a ticket and have a \$500.00 tormek grinder. All for \$35.00! And banks only give away toasters!!!!

### Other BAWA News

Box Making Competition. At our last Board meeting we discussed having another competion, but one with different rules and intentions than the 2 x 4 contest. That contest challenges us to make something extraordinary from common materials. This new competition allows all woods of any quantity. The only restriction is the format: the entry must be a box. The judging is in October. There will be a Beginners, an Intermediate and an advanced category.

Please contact our President Linda Salter with any comments or suggestions about this new contest. In other clubs similar contests have turned out to be great fun for all.

The April Woodworking Show in Pleasonton. We will not be hosting a booth at this show, but our own Mike Bray will be doing a one hour lecture/demonstration on Hand Tools, Friday and Sunday. Axes, smoothing planes and everything in between will be discussed in this fast-paced introduction to the hand-tool menagerie.

## Classifieds

Woodworker retiring, selling machines. Hitachi Resaw Bandsaw B600 A, 1ph 110v. Also, 3hp Shaper w/lots of cutters etc. 1ph 220v, Taiwanese. Contact John Hill at ph(707) 224-5499 email at hilletal@napanet.net

Sears 10" Radial Arm Saw on open base, w/carbide blade. Manual included. Excellent, like new condition. \$290.00. Contact Bob Nesbitt ph(925) 820-8322.

# **BAWA Membership** Application / Renewal

Bawa dues are \$30.00 per year for individuals and \$35.00/yr for families. Make your check payable to BAWA. You can bring it to the next meeting, or mail it to the Treasurers:

> **BAWA** Treasurers 632 Bay Road Menlo Park, CA 94025

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# **Bawa Library**

Our video library is a great club resource. You could teach yourself all the fundamentals of woodworking from these tapes.

Use of the library is restricted to members in good standing (guests or those with lapsed memberships are not eligible for library access).

At our monthly meetings the Librarian Gene Wagg brings the tapes. From 7:00pm to 7:30 and during the break you can select the videos you want to study. For each video borrowed leave a \$5.00 deposit with the Librarian. If you return the video promptly (at the next meeting) the Librarian will return \$3.00. The \$2.00 remaining go towards new video acquisitions. Here is a partial list of titles available through the BAWA Video Library:

Refinishing Furniture Bob Flexner 60 Wood Finishing Frank Klausz 110 Build A Shaker Table Kelly Mehler 60 Beginning Wood Lathe Delta 28 Turning Wood Richard Raffan 117 **Bowl Turning Del Stubbs 120** Dovetail Jig Leigh Industries 40 Incra Jig Taylor Design Grp 60 Dovetail A Drawer Frank Klausz 60 Mortise & Tenons Frank Klausz 60 Dovetail Systems Keller & Co. 12 Sam Maloof Working (Profile) 60 Making Kitchen Cabinets (Series):

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- 2. Building The Cabinet 48
- 3. Advanced Drawer Construction 54
- 4. Basic Door Construction 54
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### 2 X 4 Contest

This years entries will be judged at the June meeting. The rules remain unchanged from last year: The entries must be composed of at least 75% wood (for example a table with a Corian top is OK), all wood in the project must be from a single piece of Douglas Fir that is 2" x 4" x 96". Lastly, this 2 x 4 can cost no more than \$10.00. Last year's winning entrant spent under \$3.00 for the wood!

As an added point of interest, a member of our club has been asked to write a book on 2 x 4 contests, and ours in particular. This book will not be finished until after our contest this year. So, in addition to very cool prizes being concocted at this very moment, you stand a very real chance of making it into the book!

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### Join or Renew Today!

On the mailing label to the left, the date above your name tells when you need to renew your BAWA membership.

To join or renew, simply fill out the renewal form inside or at a BAWA meeting.
Or. write or call the BAWA Treasurers.

If you haven't joined yet, and there's no date on the label, it means that you must join now, otherwise

THIS MAY BE YOUR FINAL NEWSLETTER!

## Newsletter Contributions

The newsletter editor welcomes your input! If you know of interesting events or information your fellow club members might enjoy, please pass it on.

The deadline for submiting material to the newsletter is the First of the month. Emailed submissions are best, mailed disks are next best. Send it on the back of a napkin if you need to. Here is how:

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