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## Happy New Year!

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## **Business meeting notes**

Well, there wasn't much business at the Holiday potluck, in fact there was none. The gathered had some wonderful food, good drinks and of course extraordinary fellowship. Thanks to Don Ajello and Linda Illsley for supplying the place and turkey for this party.

## **January Meeting - Art Hofmann**

**Where:** Don Naples' workshop  
408 Moore Lane  
Healdsburg

**When:** January 11th, 7:00 PM

### **Details:**

The January meeting will take place on 1/11/11 at 7 P.M. at Wood Artistry LLC, the address of which is 408 Moore Lane in Healdsburg. (Former site of Luthiers Mercantile.)

This is the shop of Don Naples, a long-time SCWA member. Don produces high end speakers, and will discuss the engineering and construction of these speakers that stand nearly four feet high. These speakers, which carry the Orion label and were designed by Siegfried Linkwitz, are rated very highly by audio critics. He also will discuss other cabinet designs used for speakers, show the differences, and explain the difference in sound. Don also manufactures and sells Lap Sharp machines and markets a variety of hand tools. Chairs are in short supply, so if you would like a seat, consider bringing one of your own.

## **Calendar**

Here is the calendar for the next month:

February 8th - Merryll Saylan

## **From the Chairman**

Here is my first shot at addressing you through this news letter column. This was written before the holidays but you will be reading it after, so I hope that everyone had a good holiday season. A big thank-you to Linda Illsley and Don Ajello for hosting the Holiday Party at Linda's house. Lots of good food, good company and a good time had by all.

On behalf of all of the members I want to thank Michael Wallace for his two years of service to the Association as Chairman. Under his leadership the Association has prospered with interesting meetings and outings and more of our members have participated in the Artistry in Wood Show. I also want to thank Carl Johnson for his years (I don't know how many) of service as Vice-Chairman.

We welcome two new officers to the Association Board

this year: Tom Segura is the new Vice-Chairman and Michael Burwen is the new Publicity Coordinator. My thanks to them for agreeing to serve and to all of the other board members for continuing to serve. Michael Wallace is not leaving the Board. He is the Show Chairman this year and is already busy with arrangements for this year's Show. He is going to need a lot of help at show time, so please be generous with your help.

Last month Art Hofmann held a Program Committee meeting to plan the programs for next year's meetings. He started with a list of possible meetings and we went away with a list of actions to get presenters lined-up for meetings. The plan has enough diversity in programs so that everyone should find one or more of them that fits your interests. There will be two Show meetings again this year as everyone seems to enjoy them. There will be a Guild presentation meeting again, similar to the one Larry Stroud organized this year. It looks like there will be one 'field trip' meeting this year. Until it is confirmed, I don't want to announce it. We have programs set up for the January and February meetings and are working on the arrangements for the other open meetings.

We are always open to suggestions for meetings. If you have a topic that you think would make an interesting meeting, please let me know about it. During Art's program meeting we discussed two new possible meetings. One would be a panel discussion on marketing for woodworkers. The other would be a meeting with someone that does websites who would provide information on how to get started in creating a website. These are just in the formative stage now and we don't know if they should held at regular meetings or as separate 'seminar type' meetings. Any interest in these topics? Any interest in them if they were seminars and had an attendance fee? Let me know what you think.

There is an event that may be of interest to some of you. The Wooden Boat Challenge is held in Bodega Bay every year as part of the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival. This year it is to be held on Saturday April 30th. The challenge is for a team of four to build a small wooden boat in three hours using non-powered tools (with the exception of battery-powered drills/drivers). The boat is basically made from two sheets of 3/8th x 4 x 8 plywood, 12 pieces of 1 x 2 x 8 ft. lumber and a box of deck screws. I am very interested in forming a team of SCWA members. I'm confident that we could build a winning boat (there is a race) and it would be a lot of fun. If you are interested in being on the team or forming a team, give me a call. For more information see [www.bbfishfest.org/boat](http://www.bbfishfest.org/boat).

Bill Taft

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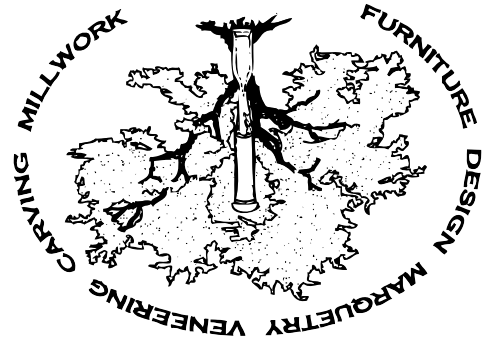
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