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December Meeting Annual Potluck Social



Sonoma Woodworkers and Significant
Others whooping it up at the December
Potluck

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January Meeting Notice

By Art Hoffman

Robert Erickson, furniture maker

January 10, 2012

7:00 PM

At Cotati Cottages

8050 Starr Court, Cotati

Our first meeting of the year features Robert Erickson of Nevada City, where he owns a shop that produces about 75 pieces a year. The list of awards that he has won extends back to 1984 and goes on to the present. He has exhibited extensively and has had seven one man shows in the US and in Europe. There are many articles about his work and he has written articles for *Woodwork* and *Fine Woodworking*. He has taught at Anderson Ranch and other venues. Jim Heimbach and John Moldovan, both excellent chair makers, (an Erickson specialty) draw inspiration from his work. If you need further evidence please consult Erickson's extensive website at <http://www.ericksonwoodworking.com/>

The meeting will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 10 at Cotati Cottages at 8050 Starr Court, Cotati. Directions are as follows: Head to Cotati. From points north and south take Highway 101. Exit at Highway 116 and take it to the west towards Sebastopol. Look for Alder Avenue, which is about ¼ mile after Highway 101. Turn right on Alder and then turn right on the first street which is Ford Lane (See Cotati Cottages sign). Proceed to the end of Ford Lane and park in the gravel parking spaces. The Clubhouse is the small building on the northeast corner of Ford Lane and Starr Court. There is limited parking near the clubhouse. If the gravel parking area is full, please park on the east side of Alder Avenue. People live here, so be mindful of foot traffic.

Calendar

February 7: John Lavine; Chinese and Japanese Joinery

March 6: Walter Kitindu; Musical Instruments, Artist Sculptor

April 3: Laura Mays; Furniture Maker, Educator from Ireland

From the Chairman

By Michael Wallace

Happy New Year!

Is it 2012 already? I haven't finished up my Christmas sales yet! By the way: Anchor Steam and Lagunitas had killer brews this season!

I do hope everyone is in fine health and is busy in their shop or at least planning to be in their shop. Thanks to Art Hofmann, we have a full calendar of presenters this year. Of course our annual show is scheduled again at the Sonoma County Museum. All of the details will be revealed in due time, but if you're planning to exhibit, it would be wise to start now, because I know there is never enough time to get everything done.

I was pleased to see that we have several new officers this year. I think it's wise to have "new blood" now and then in the officer positions. I know that being an officer is not something everyone can do or wants to do but we need people who can bring their energy and ideas to help us move the Association forward. I want to welcome "first timers" - Jim Heimbach and Michael Matsumoto. Returning officers - Bill Hartman, Michael Burwen, Larry Stroud, Dennis Lashar and Bill Taft are all experienced hands and will definitely keep us on a steady path.

As I see it, we have a lot to do this year beyond our monthly meetings and the annual show. Our By-Laws are very out of date and need refreshing. I have discussed this with several people, and a lot of creative ideas are coming forth about how we can make them more current and usable. In addition, we need to plan out our long term relationship with the Sonoma County Museum. Next year, 2013 or perhaps 2014, they will be getting new exhibit space in the old PacBell building in downtown Santa Rosa. We need to know if we would be in that space or are we going to stay in the current building which will still be used by the Museum.

Another item that we will be tackling is our budget. We are in good financial shape but we need to look at our spending and see if we can economize. We also should plan on how we can provide more value to the membership with special seminars or classes. And finally, we should be a better supporter of the woodworking classes in our schools. How we do that is all subject to discussion.

I think that wraps up this month's column. I'll have more to say as we go through the year and things start to happen.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Michael

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About the Association

The *Sonoma County Woodworkers Association* is a 32-year old association of more than 100 professional and amateur woodworkers. Monthly meetings are held at member's shops and other venues to share experiences, ideas and techniques, and to hear well-known woodworkers discuss their work. Each year, the Association sponsors the *Artistry in Wood* juried exhibit at the Sonoma County Museum at which members are invited to submit pieces. Annual dues of \$25 cover membership for one calendar year

Membership Application

I would like to join the SCWA to meet other people interested in the craft, the art and the business of fine woodworking. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25 for the annual dues. I understand that this fee entitles me to attend monthly meetings and to receive the Wood Forum newsletter by email or via the SCWA's Web site.

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