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President's Column



Fellow Woodworkers,

Happy New Year 2026!

Hopefully many SBWW got to drive past Tracie's holiday display or stop and take the scavenger hunt test of her many, many plastic snowmen - very unique.

With all the new wood that many took home from the November meeting you won't need to do a scavenger hunt in your shop or garage or barn for wood for a project! This wood should be the basis for some good presentations this year (as we always do).

We will have a nice pizza meal for our January meeting and we can review where we have been and where this year will take us.

Hope to see you there!

Jay

Meeting Location

Saratoga Federated Church Postal Annex Building

14376 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA

Click [here](#) for map and directions.

4th Tuesday of every month except December.

November 2025 Show'n Tell

Dave Burkett gave a short recap of his recent "Fine Woodworking and Woodsmith English Tour" in Southwest England. The tour was hosted by Mike Pekovich, Editor & Creative Director of Fine Woodworking Magazine and Phil Huber, Executive Editor, Woodsmith Magazine. Dave shared some of the 600 photos that he took of beautiful furnishings on the tour. It was a great chance to see amazing designs and meet other woodworkers like ourselves. The tour visited a dozen sites including the Victoria and Albert Museum, Royal Highgarden, Museum of the Home, London School of Furniture Making, and the Gordon Russell Museum and had a couple of live demonstrations.



Patrick Ignoffo showed a simple cutting board made from Oak, Mahogany, Maple and Padauk.



Bob Konigsberg showed a sample of wood from a Yucca tree which he had milled down to look like actual lumber. The wood has a very open grain structure.



Both sides of the board shown. Yucca wood from a tree we had to cut down

Alan Kutach showed some pictures of updates to his bathroom project. First was the vanity after the top surface was refinished based on feedback from the gang: Danish oil, 5 layers of spar varnish, and sanding and buffing to 2,500 grit achieving a satin-like shine. The other part was the final installation of in-wall niches to display ceramic vases with diffuse LED backlighting and for the toilet paper holder. All that are missing are the vases.



Calendar/Programs

Any additions or changes please contact **Steve Kelem** until **Tracie Johnson** returns.

2025	
August 26th	Steve Kelem - Shaper Origin accessory
September 23rd	Laura Marshall - infinity lamp Curtis Ullerich - Footbridge
October 28th	Dave and Milind - Incorporating AI into Woodworking
November 25th	Holiday-themed projects past and present Show n' Tell
December	Happy Holidays! -No Meeting
2026: 4th Tuesday, except December	
January 27th	New Year's Pizza Party & Slide Show
February 24th	
March 24rd	
April 28th	
May 26th	
June 23rd	
July 28th	
August 25th	
September 22nd	
October 27th	
November 24th?	

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