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President's Column



Dear Fellows,

We will soon have a new President of SBWWoodworkers! Jeff Lukanc has agreed to step into the role of President of our woodworking club here in the SF South Bay.

Jeff has been a member for a long time and shared that he previously served as President back in the “old days,” when the then-VP-for-life, Ken Horner, would pull you aside at the November meeting and inform you that at the December Holiday Party you’d be taking over the following year!

Until quite recently, Jeff was still working, and his job involved extensive travel—often to England and Europe—which meant he couldn’t attend meetings very frequently. But now he is retired and has the time to devote to a leadership role in the club he’s been part of for at least 20 years.

I don’t know Jeff all that well, so I can’t tell you whether his shop is a two-car-garage setup or tucked somewhere else on his property. He did join us at the Holiday Pizza Blast in January with his wife, Ursula, and I believe they have two children who may be in college by now.

So when I open the meeting on February 24th, you should all CHANT: “Jeff! Jeff! JEFF!” — and then let him take over and spend a few minutes introducing himself.

Tracie will continue as Vice President, and Steve will remain Treasurer. Perhaps Jeff can give the March presentation and

share some of his work from the past few years so we can get to know him a bit better.

On a personal note, I will be taking a four-plus-week solo trip to Europe (Portugal, Denmark, and Paris) starting shortly after my 80th birthday in late March—the theme of the trip is to celebrate that milestone. I may miss the March and April meetings as a result. Additionally, I’ll be attending a wedding in Florida and will miss the June meeting as well.

Given that I’ll be absent for several meetings this year, the timing of this transition couldn’t be better. Our club continues to enjoy a steady turnout at our monthly meetings, and I hope to leave my position with SBWW in good health and strong leadership in place.

Jay

Meeting Location

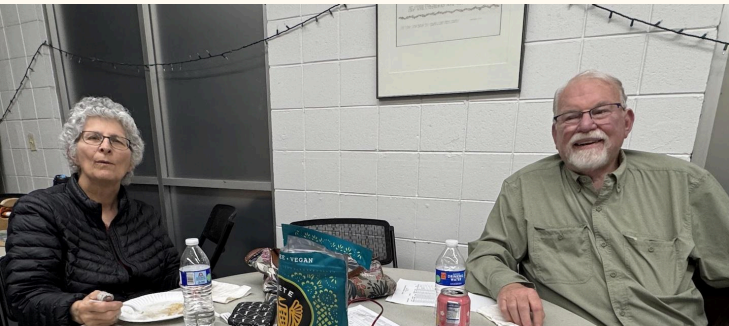
Saratoga Federated Church Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA

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

4th Tuesday of every month except December.

January Meeting in Review

It was pizza night! We enjoyed plenty of slices, looked back on all the wonderful moments of 2025, and embarked on 2026 together.



January 2026 Show'n Tell

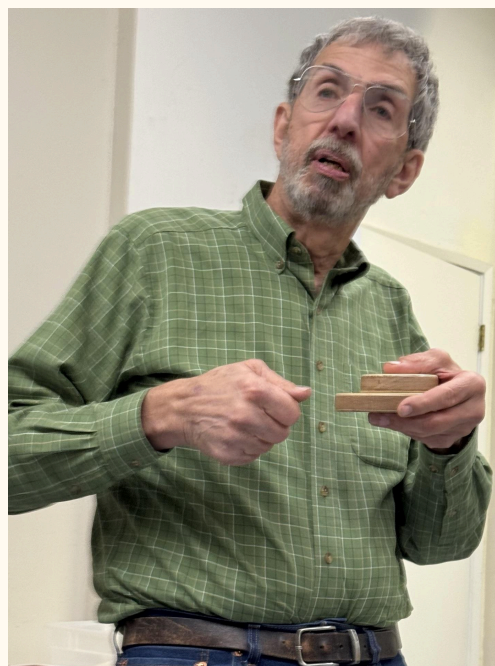
Liam and Jim Bender worked at the redwood shop to make a holder for the katana he got from a friend for his birthday. He did the cutting on the bandsaw and he cleaned it up with a pattern bit on the router.



Laura talked about her new fish version of a toilet paper holder. She built her original toilet paper dispenser, looking like a dog, because she needed a TP dispenser. People saw it and loved it and she made a few more for friends. Then a friend asked if she could make a fish. So, she did. The fish is 3-D printed by her wonderful husband. The plants are aquarium plants. She needed a way to attach the anemones, so her hubby made little mounts for them. The entire panel, including the fish is on, pivots up by a piano hinge at the top, for access to change the roll or add/remove rolls from the base.



Bob Konigsberg shared his repurposed drum design that turned into mini shaker instruments.



Curtis Ullerich showed his prototype saxophone case. He made a 3/8" plywood box with rabbet and glue joints and separated the lid with my table saw. He carved the foam interior cavity with a hot wire loop, made by replacing the tip of a trigger-style soldering iron with heavy gauge wire. He learned that he should get better latches for the box. He'll make the next version out of the walnut flooring pieces he got from the load of wood gifted to the club at the last meeting.



Calendar/Programs

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

2026: 4th Tuesday, except December	
January 27th	New Year's Pizza Party & Slide Show
February 24th	Greg's Sea Chest
March 24rd	
April 28th	
May 26th	
June 23rd	
July 28th	
August 25th	
September 22nd	
October 27th	
November 24th?	

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