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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



SBWW welcomes the “Other Season”, as time to be outside and to vacation.

Tracie, our energetic Vice-President sent an e-mail that she was vacationing

and encouraged others to send photos from their vacation, perhaps next to a carving in Europe.

I wanted to mention the other twist on this - making some vacation a woodworking TRIP. That is to take a woodworking (or related) class as part of, or all of a vacation. **Bill Henzel** for years made an annual trip to help Habitat International (usually building wooden structures so I'm crediting that with wood-working). **Chuck** has taken one or more classes at Anderson Ranch in Colorado as has **Terry O'Donnell**.

I will venture to Bellingham Washington right after our May meeting for a weekend class in Northwest native mask carving (for which I paid a deposit TWO years ago but was postponed for Covid). Then, either as PART of a Vacation or the entire trip, I have taken classes at schools like: Marc Adams in Indiana, Philadelphia Furniture Workshop, Center For Furniture Craftsmanship in Maine, Arrowmont in Tennessee, Northwest Woodworking Studio, College of the Redwoods, William Ng Woodworking School, and my recent trip to Puerto Rico for the first Eco Tour for Woodworkers.

So YES **Tracie** is encouraging a good thing. **Vacating** our current place and experiencing life elsewhere can well include a museum, exhibit, demonstration, trade show, or one of many many classes out there for us hobby woodworkers. I'm just remembering I used to coordinate my trips to see my sister in the Boston area with when the Woodcraft store was open. This is when they ONLY had their flagship store in Boston area!



Wooden Monument Seville, Spain. Jay Perrine 2017

Then, during a trip to Sweden in 1986, we paid a handsome amount to take a taxi to an IKEA store in the suburbs outside Stockholm. Ikea had not opened in the US (Per wikipedia, one did open about that time in Pennsylvania, but living in California I was unaware) I had heard about affordable Scandinavian designed furniture and wanted to see with my own eyes.



Forging a plane iron. Japan, 2017 Jay Perrine

I also wanted to taste caribou. This was shortly after the Chernobyl disaster, and there was concern that a radioactive cloud might have drifted over the caribou herds.

Serendipitously, we met an American couple at an IKEA store in Sweden. They had rented a Saab turbo and drove us to dinner(saving us an expensive taxi). And indeed we ate caribou that evening.

So venture forward and venture out in learning about woodworking!

Monthly Meeting May 23 7pm Jay Perrine - Alter Table

Jay will share with us the journey of creating an alter table for his church.

Meeting Location

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

Map and directions:

<https://www.southbaywoodworkers.org/>

April Program in Review

Laura Marshall crafted several pet structures. She first described the making of a food and water station for her two long-haired dachshunds.



Two stainless steel bowls were procured first so that the hole diameter could be established.

The station is made from

poplar and stands about three inches tall that's perfect for the dogs short legs. She finished the station with Danish oil.

A cat tree is the second item Laura described. The post is made from an old fence post that is covered with rope for the cats to sharpen their claws on. The remainder of the tree is made from plywood covered with carpet. The carpet is folded over the edges and then secured

with staples. The lid on the cave is removable so the interior can be easily cleaned.



April Show n' Tell

Curtis Ullerich invested 20 hours carving a mask from two pieces of glued up red cedar. The mask is finished with Danish oil.



She also made a ramp allowing the dogs to access her bed. The ramp is made of plywood while the base is constructed



from cut down 2 X 4's. She then covered the ramp with a rubber material which gives the dogs better traction.

2023 Program Responsibilities

If there are conflicts or need for changes, please contact **Tracie Johnson**.

May 23	Jay Perrine Alter Table for Church Rodney Jenny
June 27	Bob Konigsberg Update on the house build Matteo McCullough
July 27	Steve Kelem
August 22	Allan Kutach Terry O'Donnell
September 26	Bill Turner
October 24	Dave Burkett Allen Glesser
November 28	Ron Gerard Dennis Yamamoto
December	Christmas Winter Holiday Party TBD

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Tracie boarding the 65' sail boat behind her for Jim Bender's Fundraising sail May 7, 2023.



New SBWW member, and wooden boat builder, **Jim Bender** (plaid shirt) as captain.