

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Well Woodworking Club Presidents are not entitled to many excuses, but hey, my only child is getting married between now and our October meeting and there is more to do than I ever imagined. This will be short.



Jay and daughter Danielle

This is the time of year where one establishes the TOOL LIST for Santa, which someone somehow gets to the North Pole without postage. The List MUST include brand name and model number so any significant other, or the child designated by the significant other, can disgorge those details either in the store, online or even via phone call ordering.

We've got several CNC machines within the club and prices are dropping. But more importantly, the software has gotten MORE user friendly, and transfers are becoming be pretty seamless between CAD and CAM. It is to the point that it seems like the user thinks it is now one program. Shaper Origin is making some strides with the ability to sketch something freehand and getting that converted 'invisibly' by taking a photo of the sketch with your smartphone (which has some software loaded), and that software 'magically' converts it to digital cutting instructions and you load that design on Shaper Origin.

Then you proceed to cut it as you drew it. So, when they say 'submit it in writing' you can now submit it in your handwriting carved in wood! I realize I'm talking myself into writing this year's Thank You note to Santa - you know the one you leave near the chimney with a cookie and possibly some milk - for bringing me the new whatever, 'in the box' as requested via age old non-postal methods! Well, it is also time to figure out your Holiday gifts - but you knew that! See you Tuesday by which time I will have gained a son-in-law.



October 24 Meeting

Guest - Jerry Bowdin Sharpening Expert

Bill Turner's friend Jerry will be giving a presentation on tool sharpening.



Meeting Location

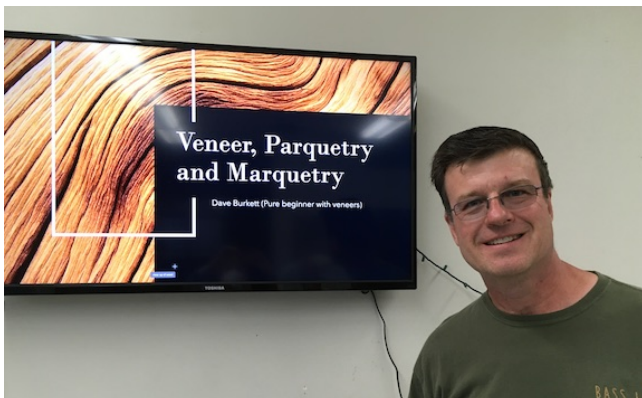
Saratoga Federated Church
Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga, CA

Map and directions:

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

September Program in Review

Dave Burkett regaled the club with his first adventure in veneering and parquetry.



Dave used plywood on an oak frame for the base for his two corn hole platforms. The paper-backed veneer used for the pattern was maple, black walnut, padauk, cherry, and oak obtained from veneersupply.com.

He made three shooting boards measuring two, four, and eight feet to insure straight edges. They consist of two 2" X 6" boards with a bolt at each end for clamping the pieces between. The shooting board is then run through the jointer to clean up the edges of the veneer.

Blue masking tape was placed on the back to hold the joints tightly together and paper tape was placed on the front. Titebond I was spread on the plywood base, the veneer was positioned on the plywood base, then the whole assembly was placed in a polyurethane vacuum bag and left overnight under vacuum. The hole was cut with a circle jig attached to a router.

There was slight staining at the joints when the paper tape was removed, but they were easily cleaned up using a rotary sander. Five coats of finish were applied consisting of waxed one-pound-cut shellac and Waterlox. Minwax paste finishing wax completed the finishing process.



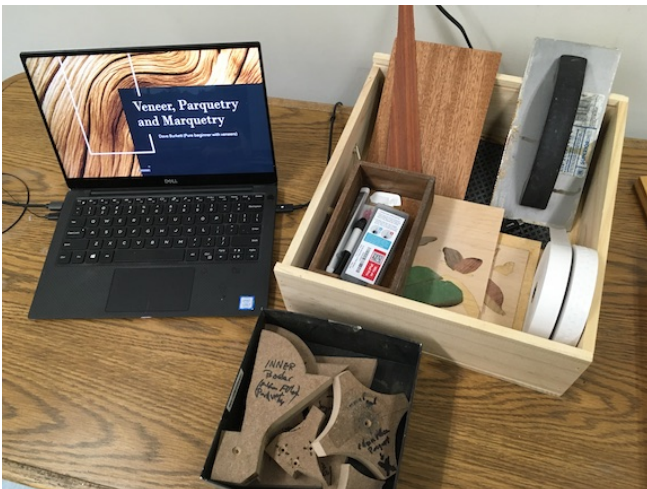
Dave then walked us through a parquetry project based on an Ethan Allen design that appears on his dining room table. Patterns of each piece were made from

MDF where a tail was added at the end facing the center of the design. A hole was drilled in the tails that accurately located each piece in the design. He worked from the outside inward to the center.

The design was glued to a large piece of plywood then cut to size once the piece was completed. He opined that a gloss finish created too much glare and that a satin or flat finish was a better choice.



It's in the Shaker style made from cherry. Both the upper and lower sections are held closed with magnets. Opening the upper section reveals the battery powered clockworks where Greg replaced the "AA" battery with a size "D" to increase the run time.



He printed the clock face that includes his logo. The knobs are hand turned and the hole at the top is so that the clock can be hung from a peg. Greg used an oil-based polyurethane as a finish.



September Show n' Tell

Greg Spencer created an electric clock during the COVID lockdown using Sketch-up as his design tool.



Happy Halloween from guess who?

October 24	Bill Turner - Snacks Guest Jerry Bowden
November 28	Ron Gerard Dennis Yamamoto
December	
January 23 2024	New Years Party

Any additions or changes to the program schedule please contact **Tracie Johnson**.

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September 26 2023 Meeting