

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Greetings in Holiday Season,

First - I thought (per last meeting best I knew) Roger Heitzman would be our guest speaker, BUT, like me he will be out of town as he learned from his wife.

So, I recruited the excellent professional finisher **Michael Horillo from Proper Wood Finishing.**



Michael at work

Yes he indeed did the finish on the rather large Altar Table I made for my church and he also refinished a table for Terry O'Donnell. He runs a thriving business with several employees. Michael has been in the trade for 44 years.

(<http://properwoodfinishing.com>) Be prepared to hear his view on finishing and

be prepared for questions. I gave him an outline of topics our members probably would like to hear about.

This should be an outstanding meeting with this topic and speaker.

Officers: Tracie Johnson has agreed to take on the function of making monthly program assignments to relieve Richard Winslow. Rich has been having some health issues and agreed to be relieved of that responsibility. December is historically when we announce new officers. And unless I missed asking someone, I guess I will continue as President, and ditto for other officers, several of whom just began duties in the middle of this year.

Chuck indicated in a call to me that the church has graciously agreed to let us use the space we had pre-Covid for our Christmas party. There is a well equipped kitchen and plenty of room for the grand display of everyone's projects from the 2022 year.

Looking forward to 2023 we face the need to expand by a few members who are serious woodworkers to provide good material for our meetings. We are down to just over twenty members and if you know ONE PERSON who would be a good member bring them along. If just HALF of you bring someone who joins and stays that would push us to 30 members and much better functioning. If the church doesn't ask us to purchase materials for a project we can spend some of the money in our treasury to pay a nominal honoraria

to guest speakers which can really enrich our meetings.

I really enjoy the camaraderie, hearing about projects and issues faced with tools, materials, and design and hope 2023 marks the time of renewal for the club as we have through attrition lost some good talent and frequent contributors to Show-N-Tell. So I feel we can survive and even thrive since we have that huge shop in Scotts Valley we can use for tasks not doable in our own tiny shops besides a core of skilled woodworkers who are constantly exploring the myriad skills in their project-making.

Christmas Party Tues Dec 13th 5-9pm

The club has reserved Richards Hall, at the Saratoga Federated Church from 6-9PM, Tuesday, December 13th for our Christmas Party.

Mates and family members are encouraged to join us for this special evening. Please bring your turnings, furniture, toys, etc. of this year for the group display so maybe our mates will forgive the time we have spent in our shops.

The club provides baked ham, punch, a hot drink, and table decorations. Each member will bring a dish to share with others. --Hors d'Oeuvres, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, or desserts -- whatever is your specialty! Members who bring a hand-made gift are eligible to have their mates draw numbers, and in succession pick the gift of their choice.

Please R.S.V.P. to Chuck at
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Meeting Location

Saratoga Federated Church
Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga

Map and directions:

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

October Program in Review

Tracie Johnson took us through the process of making an above ground pond that contains mosquito fish.



The pond itself is a plastic container purchased from Home Depot.

Because water is heavy, she felt it necessary to enclose it with a wooden jacket made from scrap pressure treated Douglas fir and redwood fence boards. Sand is laid down as a base for leveling, then the upside-down lid is placed on top of the sand with sand added inside the lid so that the pond has a solid base.



There are three rings of support around the sides to keep the pressure in check and



2”X8” Douglas fir is used to cap the top. one of the decorative fence boards on the sides is removable for access to the water pump plug. Tracie took pains to ensure that no critters would take up housekeeping inside the enclosure by not creating any unnecessary holes in the carcass. There is one small hole to accommodate the electric cord for the pump.

Two wires powered by a nine volt battery were later added to persuade the raccoons to stay out of the pond.

October’s Show & Tell

Tracie Johnson displayed two step stools made from scrap redwood and pine wood.



This design is the same one that her students have been making in the woodworking class that she taught. They have been sanded to 220 grit and finished with Min-wax’s water based brush-on finish.

Bob Konigsberg described and showed us his adjustable tenoning jig he made from scrap material. The knob on the right



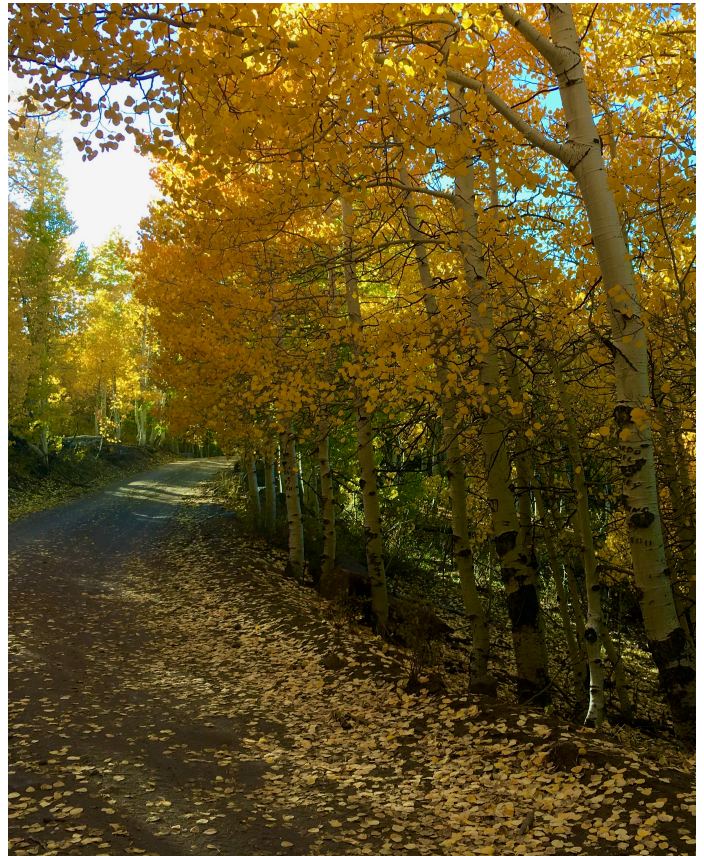
of the jig is used to adjust where the cut will be made.

2022 Program Responsibilities

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

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| November 22 | Michael Horillo from Proper Wood Finishing Sunnyvale, CA |
| December 13 | Christmas Party at the church at 6pm. (Officers to set up at 5pm) |

| 2022 Officers | |
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Fall Colors near Bridgeport, CA

Tracie Johnson Oct 2022