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President's Column By Jay Perrine



Not only is Ron our speaker this month, but he is the OUTGOING Secretary who has been recording our meetings for NINE LONG YEARS. And unless someone steps up to replace him, this meeting marks the end of that era and the future newsletter might have very little information on the last meeting. Please thank Ron for his many years of dedicated service to the Club.

Hopefully you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving! Reminder we will have NO MEETING in December and instead will have a Holiday Celebration early in the NEW YEAR in order to avoid scheduling conflicts in December which historically keeps several members away (well away to their other club or friends party).

One FREEBEE to mention. Because my name and phone number are on our website I get calls from time to time. THIS TIME a fellow named STEVE is offering FOR FREE his Trellis - the catch is gotta HELP take it down - but this time STEVE will help do the dismantling. From the

pictures which I will share at the Meeting on Tuesday the wood appears in good condition. Are you listening Bob, Bill and Steve? Not sure who else is remodeling or building - probably more than you want Tracie. The uprights are in concrete so those would need replacing at its new location.

See you Tuesday.... Jay



Trellis near Branham High School available



Meeting November 28 7pm

Ron Gerard will share his process of building a shoe rack in a closet in his home and a clothes hamper for his bathroom.





Meeting Location

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

Map and directions:

https://www.southbaywoodworkers.org/



October Meeting in Review

Guest - Jerry Bowdin Sharpening Expert The evening's program was about sharpening tools and was presented by **Jerry Bowden**. Jerry learned to sharpen tools at the elbow of his master craftsman father.

The first item that he showed us was something he jokingly called an ergonomic chisel. It was a chisel that had a handle attached at a 90 degree angle to the blade. Jerry showed examples of man-made



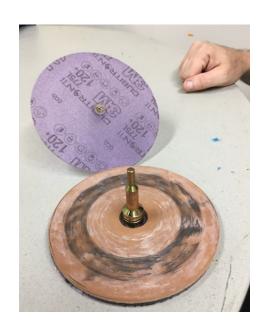
carborundum stones, water stones, and various quarried natural stones including Arkansas and Washita. He also showed some diamond laps and talked about using glass plate with sandpaper. He discussed the plusses and minuses of each category.

Man-made carborundum stones are lubricated with oil. While there are special oils that are available, any oil can be used. Water stones can be either natural or manmade. They are used with a lubricating slurry stone (nagura stone) to coat the surface. Water stones are easily deformed and must be flattened occasionally. He opines that Norton artificial stones are better than other brands.

Jerry showed us diamond plates that range from extra fine to extra course. They are used with water to keep the swarf washed off. He advocates buying DMT brand diamond plates as cheap ones could lose diamond particles and create grooves in the tool face. Having the back of the chisel or plane blade absolutely flat is crucial. But once the back and bevel have been worked, do not remove the ribbon that appears on the edge of the tool. If it is removed, a flat spot will appear on the cutting edge.

There was a discussion about duplex steel where hard and soft steels are forge welded together. The process was used early on because of the cost of making harden-able steel.

A question was asked about how to sharpen a serrated knife. Jerry replied that only the flat back is sharpened.





October Show & Tell

Bob Konigsberg described his "swoopy post". He started with a four by four inch



piece of lumber.
On the bandsaw,
he cut both sides
in a wavy pattern
then turned the
piece 90 degrees
and made wavy
cuts on the
remaining sides.
The post is
finished with an oil
stain.

Greg Spencer brought in two sharpening disks made by Taylor Tool Works (See picture above). They are made of acrylic and are designed for use on the drill press. While they both had abrasive disks applied to the bottom, one had leather on the top surface for lapping with an abrasive compound. Angled jigs are placed on the drill press table to produce the proper angle on the tool.

2024 Program Responsibilities

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

November 28	Ron Gerard - Shoe Rack & Clothes Hamper Projects Tracie Johnson
December	Holiday Break No meeting
January 2024	New Years Party



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Dave Burkett found beauty in nature last month, with this fallen white pine along the Glacier Point to Sentinel Dome trail in Yosemite. The perfect symmetry of 80+ years of growth was exposed by a lumberjack to clear the trail after a recent storm.