

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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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 man-made. 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.



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**.

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| 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.