

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Going Forward - small and focused

Zoom was a boom for our Club during the intense Covid time as that software allowed us to 'meet' on schedule and have some programs of interest.

Now we find ourselves with a smaller group perhaps than we wish. Chuck has messaged some of you to consider stepping up to strengthen the Club. I think we have some great aspects to build upon which I will mention here to give the refresh movement some strength.

Looking around at what some members have been up to both Dennis and Bill are now using 3-phase 'big iron' tools like planers and jointers that are big enough for a professional shop. Bob may be too in his big new shop. There are four or more members with sliding table saws made in Europe. CNC is proliferating so quickly I don't have a good count. Tom K uses Fred's CNC, Bill has an industrial size CNC at his business and two or three more have CNC machines in their home shop. Alan is becoming quite proficient with the computerized router

system called Shaper. I suspect others will purchase the Shaper and show their efforts in future meetings. This also means about a half dozen club members now use CAD to design projects utilizing the Shaper or CNC machines.

We have Tom K who is the most advanced segmented turner I suspect in the Bay Area but we enjoy seeing his progress to more and more voids between the segmented pieces. Perhaps not in his league but we have a significant number of turners in the group like Ron, Tom G, Richard our VP, and a few more.

My point is that our small group is developing in several advanced directions which can become themes for upcoming meetings! And those of you in the thrust of those directions can take some leadership in our South Bay Club and provide some good material for the next few years. Topics like How I made Project XYZ which couldn't be done without my CNC. Or use of cast iron tools running 3-phase have produced this project. Here is how to win a bid at auction on big cast iron tools and get them shipped to you and installed successfully in your shop without owning a forklift, or with a forklift for Bill. Bottom line: work with Chuck to modernize the club as I envision a great future and hopefully can pass on the gavel to someone else at the end of my sixth year as President.

Meeting Location

April and May will be held at Cupertino High School's wood shop, hosted by Tracie.

Address is:
Cupertino High School
10100 Finch Ave.
Cupertino

Map and directions were provided in the September 2021 newsletter and associated emails.

Everyone should be vaccinated. Masks are required on school grounds, unless eating or drinking.

June's meeting is scheduled for Bob's new shop in Scotts Valley. Details to follow.

July and following months we will be back at the Federated Church in Saratoga, our normal meeting location.

2022 Dues

2022 dues are due. Send your checks payable to "Southbay Woodworkers" to Steve Kelem, our new treasurer. His address is on the roster, available on the web site, members' section.

Editor's Note;

I subscribe to the FDMC magazine – don't ask what FDMC stands for – not a clue. It covers the commercial woodworking industry. Sometimes, there are articles that catch my eye. Here are links to a two-part article on glues. The second part has interesting ideas about clamping pressure.

<https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/knowledge-center/wood-dr/all-about-gluing>

<https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/knowledge-center/wood-dr/all-about-gluing-part-2>

These are copyrighted articles, so I do not feel comfortable in including them in the newsletter which is available to the public.

"With Wakened Hands" by James Krenov was a very popular woodworking book. Along the same line, FDMC magazine had a review of "Wisdom of Our Hands" by Doug Stowe. This book explores the power of tangible work.

<https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/opinion/book-review-wisdom-our-hands>

Knife hinges are popular. Now there is a soft close knife hinge just 3/8" thick! Salice makes it.

Program for April;

Ron Gerard will regale the club with "A Tale of Two Tables".

March's Program



Dennis Yamamoto gave us a photo tour of his shop and some of his fabulous furniture and remodel projects.

We first enjoyed a walkthrough of his kitchen remodel. There were before and after pictures of the makeover. He performed all of the work except floor finishing and installing the granite countertops. He also remodeled the pantry, laundry room, powder room and hall bath.

The one thread that runs through Dennis's work is that the workmanship is unsurpassed. He showed and described many of his projects made mostly with highly figured wood.

He guided us through the construction of a hifi cabinet, torsion box, bookcase, front door and door frame, small box as a class project, a coopered door cabinet, walnut trestle table, two beds, one of koa and the other of walnut, a cherry console, and a walnut dresser.

We then toured his shop. His hand tools, that he uses most often, are housed in a large wall hung cabinet. When opened, there are tools stored on the inside of both doors as well as the main section. They include hand planes, chisels, mallets, spokeshaves, coping and back saws, marking tools and others. Dennis described his massive Roubo workbench that measures seven feet by two feet that features a maple top.

Dennis showed and described the following pieces of equipment. Northfield 24" planer, Northfield 16" jointer, Felder combo machine, SCM minimax 24" bandsaw, Rockwell bandsaw, Omg IL300 12" chop saw, Hegner multimax 18" scroll saw, Woodmaster 26" drum sander, Incra router table, and Nova Viking 16" drill press.



March's meeting was held via Zoom, as Cupertino's wood shop was not available.

The machines are connected to an Oneida dust collection system that is located outside the shop. The large industrial grade machines run on three-phase power provided by an electronic phase converter.

He then showed us light but sturdy saw horses the design of which comes from the Krenov School.

Show & Tell Note:

Normal Show & Tell at the April meeting, Ron will take pictures. If you have photos beforehand, please send them to me, takenyon1@gmail.com to save Ron or me from taking pictures.

Thank You – Tom Kenyon

Show & Tell:



Bill Henzel created a coffee table from black walnut according to the directions provided by his wife. It's elliptical in shape with a smaller secondary platform below that secures the legs. A discussion ensued about the best way to secure the top to the legs.



Mateo McCullough carved two figures from basswood. A rotund comic strip character that stands about 2.5 to 3 inches tall. The second figure is a rhino about six inches long and two and a half inches tall. Both figures are enhanced with acrylic paint.

2022 Program Responsibilities

If there are conflicts or need for changes, please contact Richard Winslow.



April	Ron Gerard Bob Konigsberg
May	Bill Henzel Mateo McCullough
June	Bill Turner
July	Tom Gaston TBD
August	Eugene Gulko Steve Kelem
September	Richard Winslow Tom Kenyon
October	Allen Glessner Mark Flanagan
November	TBD Jay Perrine
December	Holiday Party – officers
Unassigned	



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