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President's Column

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Technology may make our Meetings

BETTER by Zooming forward...

I witnessed a new approach to having a guest speaker at a woodworking meeting. Last Month the Silicon Valley Turners had a guest speaker not in person but via video conferencing. At first I felt a little cheated but as I began to realize how effective it was and realized this portends the future for guest speakers at meetings. It is possible using this technology to have nationally recognized speakers suddenly available to us without paying travel expenses and waiting until they 'tour' this area.

Our club doesn't currently make heavy use of outside speakers. Last month I watched a nationally recognized woodturning give a remote talk using software called ZOOM at a woodturning club meeting. A small inset screen showed the view he was seeing of us

taken by our computer. We also had a microphone on a podium in the front of our room which enabled us to ask real time questions.

The speaker was sitting in his own workshop at his home and because the club has a big screen TV, most of the details of his shop were clear. Then I thought he was going to do a live turning demonstration on his lathe. But, instead he began playing one of his videos and speaking to us as it played he often paused the video to make points. It was quite effective because he did not waste time mounting the stock on the lathe, roughing it out before detailed turning. Instead he focused on the critical turning portions of the video, going fast forward or freezing his video it to make a point as he kept talking.

Then he proceeded to open several more videos and showed us some other techniques. By the end of an hour and half we had been shown 5 different techniques and he had answered all our questions.

To use Zoom one needs to download an App, schedule a conference and pay a nominal fee for the time you are using their system. The speaker needs to be familiar with the software and how to switch from the camera showing his face to the video being played. A bit of learning for these expert speakers but

suddenly that experienced woodworker or expert living on the East Coast, Texas, or even Spain is now reachable to the club without buying plane tickets!!!

I've know that video conferencing is in use at many Bay area companies but I did not realize there was affordable and suitable video conferencing software for woodworking club meetings!

March Program:

Chuck Aring described the making of a pedestal for displaying an 18" brass figure. It composed of stacked laminations in the style of Wendell Castle's early furniture. The inspiration for the design came from a table made by Marv Pallischeck from Fairport, New York that appears in the design book one published by the Taunton Press.

The base is made of shedua with a top made of black acacia. The contour was shaped with an angle grinder and a sanding pad using 16,36 and 80 grit sandpaper.

The top features a string inlay he made of one piece of 1/8" shedua sandwiched between two pieces of 1/32" maple. Chuck made a scratch plate from a used machine hacksaw blade provided by member Ed Vincent. A groove was cut into the top about 1.5" in from each edge to a depth of about 1/8".

Tite Bond II was used for constructing the table and Tite Bond III was used in setting the string inlay in the top. The Maloof finish of 1/3 McCloskey's spar varnish, 1/3 boiled linseed oil, and 1/3 tung oil was applied as a finish. He used

a foam brush to apply the finish, then after waiting several minutes, he used a dry rag to wipe off the excess. About one hour later a dry rag was used again to remove any excess finish.

Announcements:

Tom Kenyon has access to a supply of hard maple. The eight quarter maple is priced at \$3 or \$4 a board foot and the four quarter is priced at \$1 or \$2 a board foot. The lower price is for the whole lot while the higher price is for a smaller quantity. Call Tom for more details.

A tool sale of former member Lou Thorpe is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at 19550 Farwell Dr. in Saratoga. For more information contact Fred Sotcher at (408) 253-7831 or fsotcher@gmail.com.

Show and Tell

Syd Dunton brought in a book called "500 tables" (Lark Crafts ISBN 13:978-1-60059-059-3) to be passed around for inspiration. It contains pictures and descriptions of numerous styles of tables.

Syd also showed us a music stand in the style made popular by George Nakashima. The height adjustable base is made of black walnut while the score support is constructed of redwood burl with a black walnut ledge. It's finished with polyurethane.

Bill Turner returned with his walnut table leaf for a table that he made for his

daughter. It was finished with one coat of Rubio Mono-coat that's a two part finish created for finishing hardwood floors and two coats of Johnson's paste wax.

Tom Kenyon described the making of a prototype in soft plastic of a Thomas Moser style stool seat. He wanted to verify the design and tool selection. He used software called "Fusion 360" on a CNC controlled router. He used a 1/2" spiral upcut bit in two passes for hogging out the material followed by a ball end mill for the finish pass. The next step is producing a full size seat. The stool is being made for his daughter.

Dave Manley scored a free 8" jointer from Craigslist that was located in Palo Alto. It's a 1998 model Seco made in Taiwan. He spent many hours in removing surface rust from the machine using a spray rust remover called "Rust Free Rust Remover".

Bob Konigsberg is experimenting with sound characteristics of various kinds of wood. There were blocks of Douglas fir, redwood, ash, walnut, poplar, red oak, basswood, and cherry. The blocks are hollowed out with a Forstner bit lengthwise and has a split down the side to allow reverberation when struck.

PROGRAM For April:

Bob Konigsberg will talk about the properties of very thin plywood. He will also talk about a new drum head design.

Next Program Committee

Please take the ice chest home after the meeting

Refreshment Suggestions

Variety of Soft Drinks

Water, Regular, Diet, Caffeine-Free, Juices

Varied Snacks: Donuts, Cookies, Chips, Nuts

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