

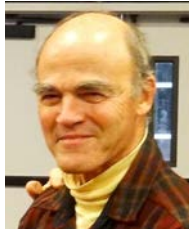
# SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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## Presidents Column

By Chuck Aring



**W**e all, I'm sure, have our own styles and speeds with which we do our tasks. I am a very slow, meticulous woodworker, and write my letters at the same measured pace.

As this year comes to a close, I'd like to again-appeal to you, our active members, to ask yourself what more we and you can do to help our club prosper. As Jay Perrine takes over the Presidency, he has the same- or even more- demands on his time as you do. What can you, personally, do to help him steer the club, to help him spread the word of our existence- to new members? Some beautiful and creative projects arise from our hands each year. What a wonderful gift it would be to, in some manner, reveal this creativity, this art making, to someone who has not yet recognized that he or she too can create something of their own dreaming.

For your thought. You'll be the better for giving.

Happy Holidays.  
Sincerely, Chuck

## This Month's Program:

**Minutes November 22, 2016**

## Guests:

There were no guests this month.

## This Meeting

Monday  
December 19  
By  
The Officers  
At  
The Saratoga  
Federated Church  
at 7:00 pm

## Next Meeting

Tuesday  
January 24  
By  
Tom Kenyon &  
LeRoy Nelson

Think about your shop experience of the last month and give us a 10 second explanation of something important you learned.

## Announcements:

Don't forget the Christmas party. The annual event is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016.

Fred Sotcher reported that ten club members created 24 advent candle holders for the church although they only asked for 12. The candle holders were virtually finished by noon when Marion served lunch.

Mike Wirth is moving and has equipment for sale. Contact Mike for details and pricing

Syd Dunton reports that Open Forum needs a new table saw.

## Program:

Tracie Johnson provided a slide show and a description of the many projects around her home and on her pick-up truck. She and her partner salvage redwood boards and posts to make these items.



There are a number of raised planter boxes about 16 to 18 inches tall measuring 4' X 20' in the back yard. Posts are set in the

ground with concrete form boards attached to the inside and covered by redwood boards on the outside. Plastic sheeting is then laid inside the redwood boards as a water barrier. The final touch is a layer of used composition/plastic roof tiles set inside the liner to keep it from being torn.

Rebuilding the fence entails having the bottom horizontal 2 X 4 dadoed into the posts. Since the yard next door is higher



than her yard, concrete pillars are sunk into the ground to a depth of about three feet that extend above the ground about 18 inches. When digging a hole to that depth, it is difficult to clean out the dirt at the bottom. Tracie used a novel approach by using a shop vacuum to clean out the dirt!



A portion of the fence has 6 X 6 concrete wire attached to the fence frame with thin redwood strips woven through the wire. The concrete wire sticks up beyond the top of the fence and is cut to form spikes at the top so as to keep cats and raccoons from walking on the fence and jumping on the roof.

She described the installation of a gazebo in the back yard situated over a base of sculptured rock gathered during camping trips. Each rock was cut with an abrasive cutoff saw to fit tightly with the adjacent stones.

Tracie enjoys camping using a pick-up truck with a covering over the truck bed. The cover was simple at first, but it eventually contained a fold-down tent on top. All versions contained clever plywood compartments to store necessary equipment and clothing. Since the truck is used for things other than camping, all plywood components are removable.

Chuck Aring provided the second part of the program by describing the making of the joints for a Sam Maloof style chair. Sam uses butt joints with long screws, but Chuck feels that bridle joints are stronger and look better. He also prefers mortice and tenon joints as opposed to using dowels thinking that mortice and tenon joints are likewise stronger. He uses a douzuki saw to cut the tenons. The saw has a thin kerf that produces a fine straight line.



Many chair joints are not at right angle to each other and Chuck has found that using a 12" disk sander is the best way to ensure the mating

surfaces are parallel to each other. The downside is that this method consumes large chunks of time.



Chuck cautioned us that the pieces should be left oversized until all the joints are mated properly.

## Show and Tell:

Syd Dunton created a 24" by 24" wall piece made from laurel burl purchased from Certainly Wood. The burl is glued to 1/8" MDF and cut into 2" by 3 1/4" rectangles which in turn are glued to another sheet of 1/8" MDF.



The permanent blue dye was obtained from Woodworker's Supply. Minwax wipe-on poly was then applied over the blue dye. For added interest, Syd used an ultra-fine black Sharpie pen to outline the grain in the burl before the blue dye was applied.

Larry Petulla made a cheese board from koa. It's finished with butcher block finish.



Mike Wirth milled two air cylinder supports to be used as hold-downs for the sliding table on Jay Perrine's Felder table saw. The supports are made from an aluminum box extrusion.



Tom Kenyon described Titebond's quick & thick glue. It's used for interior applications, fills small gaps, is non-toxic, and paintable. It needs to be clamped for a minimum of 15 minutes.

He also demonstrated some rubber band tape. It has adhesive on one side, but stretches.



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<b>Program Committees</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Members</b>
December 13	Officers
January 24	Tom Kenyon LeRoy Nelson
February 28	Fred Sotcher Rich Winslow
March 28	Sid Dunton Mike Wirth Bill Whittemore
April 25	Tom Gaston Ed Vincent Tracie Johnson
May 23	Ron Gerard Lou Thorpe Allen Glesser
June 27	Bill Henzel Larry Schwarcz
July 25	Dennis Yamamoto Ross Oliver
August 22	Terry O'Donnell Rex Osborne
September 26	Mike Papa Don McKell
October 24	Jay Perinne Jeff Lukanc
November 28	Chuck Aring Larry Petulla
December	Officers
Contact Dennis Yamamoto for any changes to the committee schedule.	

### Next Program Committee

Please take the ice chest home after the meeting

### Refreshment Suggestions

Variety of Soft Drinks (48)

Water, Regular, Diet, Caffeine-Free, Juices

Varied Snacks: Donuts, Cookies, Chips, Nuts