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President's Column

By Chuck Aring



I suspect working on a number of projects, even at different times, is “multi-tasking” at our age. I have tried to avoid this use of my time as I have a fond memory of an incident, while skiing with Karen and three couples, who were friends from all over the country.

The four wives were just ahead of the four husbands, as we were waiting at the ski lift. We could hear them laughing among themselves—as they teased that we husbands couldn't multi-task, while they—could carry on any number of projects simultaneously. The four sat down as the quad-chair scooped them up—amidst their proud laughter—and they all cleanly slid off into a pile of wives! Of course, the four husbands, now in the following quad-chair, exercised astonishing tact!

So, perhaps it was the distraction of Spring—yard projects, calculating how to diminish Summer's water usage, removing the water-wasting lawn, where to dig to place the water-pressure step down valve, paths, plants, and some distraction with various options for joinery in making two high back chairs—all resulted in the creation of a slot,

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

where a tenon was needed!

Or, should I invoke my “fatigue theory,” where I shouldn't do woodworking after a certain time of day—?

Chuck

This Month's Program:

Syd Dunton will be showing a Power-Point presentation on, “The Process in Creating a Piece of Sculpture.”

Minutes February 23, 2016

Guests

Mel Bates was our guest this evening.

General Announcements

Chuck Aring talked about a furniture repairer by the name of Ya Wohl that he feels should be asked to do a program for us. Chuck asked that the members send him an email describing repair projects that Al could comment on.

Joe Dai expressed interest in buying one micron air filters that he found on eBay. They measure 3' by 3' and are cheaper when bought in multiples. If you are interested in buying some, contact Joe.

Fred Sotcher reports that McBeath Lumber in San Jose is selling 1/4" plywood with a bamboo finish at a deep discount. It has an MDF core and is located in the poor boy section.

Next Meeting

Tuesday

March 22

By

*Tom Gaston,
Lou Thorpe
& Ted Brown*

At

*The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm*

Tom Gaston announced that BAWA is having their annual October show. It's open to anyone wanting to enter their projects.

Ken Horner has a six page article published in the April 2016 issue of Woodworker's Journal. The article is about the construction of a finger-jointed and marquetry lidded box.

Ten Second Ideas

Allen Glesser reports that door handles that advertise a certain screw hole center to center dimension, may have to be checked. He has some handles that were supposed to have holes five inches apart, but were actually 5 1/16" apart.

There was a discussion about the best kind of alcohol to be used with shellac. Tom Gaston says alcohol that contains methanol does not work as well as alcohol containing ethanol. The denatured alcohol sold at Home Depot, OSH, etc., is 60% ethanol, 30% methanol, and 10% other ingredients. Clean Strip green label alcohol contains 90% ethanol.

Ed Vincent found that when repairing hide glue joints, using a heat gun to soften the old glue works as well or better than trying to soften the glue with water.

Chuck Aring thinks that he would make fewer mistakes when copying a project if he would use the dimensions from the original plans rather than taking dimensions from the project being copied.

Main Meeting



Tom Gaston gave the presentation about the design elements and construction details of several bathroom vanity cabinets.

Bathroom vanities take lots of abuse and must be designed and constructed accordingly. Consideration must be given for Heat, moisture, and chemicals

contained in beauty products that are often prevalent in the bathroom and must accounted for. Space for plumbing lines must also be considered.



Prefinished maple plywood is hard to beat for bathroom cabinets. It's stable, easily available, and light in color so searching for something inside the cabinet is easier than inside a dark wood cabinet. Tom uses both Titebond II and screws for strength.

Tom put a toe kick in his cabinets faced with tile for ease of cleaning. He likes the vanities

fairly high to prevent having to bend over.

His vanities have three drawers on each side and a solid space in the center just under the soapstone countertop. A tip-out drawer could be built into this area if wanted.



The drawers have full metal extension runners. They are made like a regular box then the front is attached and custom fit to the space giving the cabinet a

flat face. The cabinet doors are frame and panel construction. Tom used unique adjustable butt hinges ordered from Lee Valley. They have three holes in each leaf with a center round hole. On one leaf the two elongated holes are horizontal while the holes on the other side are elongated vertically.

The shelves are made of plywood. Tom doesn't like banding and puts solid wood edging on the shelves.

Watco natural oil is used as a first coat on the unfinished parts of the cabinets. A coat of shellac is applied next after the oil has dried then polyurethane is applied as the final coating. He doesn't like the

looks of stained wood and would rather keep the natural color of the wood. Applying oil to the soapstone countertop makes it look better.

Show & Tell

Tom Kenyon constructed an open frame jug made from black dyed veneer obtained from Constantine's with maple as a contrasting color. The joints are small mortises and tenons.



Mike Papa showed two projects. The first was a piece of art made with veneer obtained at the Cupertino flea market. Packing tape was laid on the substrate sticky side up. The veneer was then applied to the tape. The strips were then turned over and glued to the substrate. Mike got the idea from an online video mentioned in the Fine Woodworking Magazine.



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April 26	Ron Gerard Larry Schwarcz Dennis Yamamoto
May 24	Blair Glenn Larry Petulla Rich Winslow
June 28	Bill Henzel Rex Osborn Ed Vincent
July 26	Tom Kenyon LeRoy Nelson Allen Glesser

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April 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