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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Battery technology has come a long way since those 12-volt cordless wimpy tools came out. Once the tool designers created the impact driver and 18-volt batteries, the capacity of cordless tools took off. Last month, after a brief discussion with Santa, I decided to check out Holiday 'specials' of battery-powered tools made by Makita. I have finally 'standardized' on Makita having simultaneously at one point owned four brands of cordless tools. Most holiday specials were big combo sets costing Santa like \$3-500 and would duplicate what I already have on hand. Clicking through the 'tool only' options I spotted a battery-powered router! Well, I Grabbed some Home Depot gift cards to ease the burden on Santa and hurried over to a local 'North Pole Outpost,' aka Home Depot. Acting in a strictly Santa's Helper role I purchased the cordless router. I haven't tried cutting with my new router. Starting it up without the bit, the cordless Makita router sounds just like a corded router and felt very smooth running.

After opening the Makita package on Christmas, mentioning how surprised I was that Santa knew just what I had wanted, there was a large one page diagram in the box showing all the cordless tools made by Makita. In one section of the fold-out of Makita tools were nail guns - wait - Nail Guns were now cordless? News to me! Last I knew cordless nail guns nearly required a gun license with compressed gas cartridges or .22 shells. I had a small project needing a pin nail-gun. Luckily, Makita has a 23-gauge version. A few days ago, Santa season having passed, I went and purchased the Makita pin router. I'm very impressed with how smooth and nearly silent the nail-gun worked. Granted, a 23-gauge pin is not as challenging to force into wood as a 16-penny nail in a framing gun.

Hope this new-year is starting as strong as my battery-powered tools!

Jay

2021 Dues

It was decided that the \$20.00 dues for 2021 will be collected. Although the club has money in the treasury, the thinking is that this will give us funds to have paid programs. Send your checks payable to "Southbay Woodworkers" to Syd Dunton, our treasurer. His address is on the roster, available on the web site, member's section.

JANUARY Zoom Program

Chuck Aring will give us details on what he calls his stunning cutting board while **Tracie Johnson** will finish the program with her narration on her rain barrel project.

Show & Tell Note:

If you have a Show & Tell for zoom meetings, please forward the photos to me, takenyon1@gmail.com prior to the meeting. I will prepare a slide show. Thank You – Tom Kenyon

2021 Program Responsibilities

Program responsibility table is at the end of the newsletter. It is the draft version distributed in December 2020. It will be updated as program presenters are verified.

DECEMBER'S Program



In lieu of the club's traditional Christmas dinner, **Tracie Johnson** described how she remotely teaches ninth to twelfth grade students woodworking skills.

She filled thirty-five bags with craft supplies such as grid paper, toothpicks, coffee stir sticks, wire cutters, velum, LED candles, and white glue.

She described the making of a Japanese lantern using toothpicks, stir sticks, and velum paper. One student, with only one hand, was given a jig to create his lantern using popsicles sticks.



Students were instructed to lay out block letters on grid paper of words no longer than six letters. The images were then transferred to manila paper and colored with sharpie pens before being assembled into three dimensional block letters.

Tracie also had the students do some soap carving with mixed results.



Tracie finished up her presentation by telling us about how her Christmas

display of over two hundred snowmen started.

Tom put together a collection of photos of projects presented during the monthly meetings as show and tell items. A sampling of those projects are shown below "Show & Tell Highlights "

Tom Kenyon also presented a gathering of photos of presentations made at last year's monthly meetings. A sampling of these photos is shown below "2020 Programs Highlights".

Show & Tell 2020 Highlights







2020 Programs Highlights



Nightstand Partially Assembled





2021 Program Responsibilities

All meetings will be conducted on zoom till further notice.

The following table is a draft version of 2021 Program Responsibilities. It is expected that it will updated

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| | Initial Distribution - 12/15/2020 |
| February | Syd Dunton Jeff Lucanc |
| March | Chuck Ering Mateo McMullough |
| April | Tracie Johnson Ed Vincent |
| May | Bill Henzel Bill Turner |
| June | Tom Kenyon Don McKell |
| July | Tom Gaston Norm Burns |
| August | Allen Glesser Eugene Gulko |
| September | Richard Winslow Ron Gerard |
| October | Bob Koningsberg Mark Flanagan |
| November | Dennis Yamamoto Terry O'Donnell |
| December | Holiday Party – officers |
| Unassigned | Steve Kelem Mark Flanagan |

Notes;

The listed members are responsible to find a replacement if they are unable to present the program. It is up to the two members listed to determine who is responsible for the presentation and who will bring the refreshment.

Not applicable till in-person meetings resume.

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,

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