

# SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

Volume 32, Issue 1

Jan 25, 2022

## President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Greetings as I start my sixth year as president of this esteemed organization! Meaning this might be on the order of my sixtieth President's Letter, not counting though.

Had an interesting woodworking related occurrence. After church on the Sunday before Christmas, December 19th, there was a holiday luncheon with the constraints of Covid. Ambrosia salad was served in individual plastic cups - couldn't scoop it out of the bowl. Anyway, a single mom sitting next to me, must have realized that I possessed some skill as a woodworker, from photos I was sharing. She shyly said: if you have any used kitchen cabinets sitting around, I need some. What? Huh? Well, yes, upon prying I learned that her son had become inattentive at the stove and a fire started. Luckily, she arrived home in time to extinguish it but not before the cabinets were ruined. She did not report the fire to the insurance company, as on a limited income did not want insurance canceled or increased. So, I got myself over there the next morning, she works from home, to get a look.

I expected to see charred upper cabinets that she would have had no idea how to remove. Her son has enough skill to have removed the cabinets and repainted the wall. I measured and essentially figured out the configuration that would work for some used upper cabinets. I noted all the 'stuff' sitting on the dining room table awaiting return of the cabinet storage space. I had already called ReStore, the Habitat for Humanity store that deals in used stuff for the house, used tools, and leftover building supplies. The closest ReStore in San Jose was totally out of kitchen cabinets. She had agreed that whatever good condition cabinets I could find would suffice - they did not need to match her oak lower cabinets.

That Monday morning, on a whim I checked Craigslist free section. Bingo! An entire set of cabinets, stove, and dishwasher had just been put outside as the owner was remodeling. Los Gatos address in Los Gatos was included in the post. I didn't even wait for my daughter, quite strong, to come back from shopping. She was off for the week of Christmas. Instead, I decided to hurry over there with my pickup and at worse claim what I could, hoping to avoid a push and shove situation at the curb. I arrived in what is actually Monte Sereno, pulled into a long driveway. It looked to me like I was at the wrong address. I opened my window and just said 'kitchen cabinets.' The owner, did a double take and said "Wow - I just listed those on line and you're here already!"

He showed me the pile of custom-made maple cabinets. We quickly agreed that I would take all the upper cabinets and figure it out later what to do with the remaining. He didn't want a miscellaneous cabinet left to have to find a home for. He helped me load and I took them immediately to the woman's garage. Well, just for the story under full disclosure how this stuff goes. I ended up going back four more trips to get all the doors and shelves. Not sure who removed the cabinets, but clearly not him, as he didn't seem to know what parts went with the uppers.

After Christmas another fellow from church and I spent most of New Year's Day cutting and resizing the cabinets. I had taken home 4 'boxes.' One unit was like 7 feet long and had 4 framed doors with glass inserts. It was originally suspended from the ceiling. These cabinets all had face frames and Blum euro hinges. We converted that 7-foot unit into about 5 feet with a wood door and with a new prefinished 1/4" maple plywood back. The door and the stile with Blum clips already installed - came from another donor cabinet that became trash after parts were removed.

It is difficult to describe all the cuts we made as there was a face frame front and back that had to be cut smaller on both ends. We used the following tools, all mine except, the other fellow had a hammer and the Kreg portable kit,:

- Festool plunge saw and aluminum guide
- Lamello biscuit joiner
- Makita cordless drill and more importantly the impact driver
- Makita cordless saw
- Makita cordless 16-gauge nail gun
- miscellaneous hand tools including a working stud finder.

Installation took a mere one hour. I established a level line 18" above the counter top and screwed some 2x4's just below that line. Then we could set the cabinets on them, level them, and screw them into the studs.

It felt good. I love to make use of recycled stuff, these were in excellent shape, not perfect. I was very happy to help someone who had reached out with a need. My guess is she gave it 5% chance that I would be able to help when she told me of her need. I was uniquely qualified with the skill, the know-how and especially the tools to pull this off. I was fortunate to recruit someone else from church, younger, who could kneel to accomplish some of the tasks.

Well, I was able to start the year off with a small construction (woodworking) accomplishment that did not yield any new tools, but never the less a good start for 2022.

Hopefully others in the club have had some good adventures over the holidays also!

Jay

### **Meeting Location**

Near term meetings will continue to 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.

## 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/Webmaster Note;

As noted in last month's newsletter, the club's web site is in need of a refresh. A couple of ideas;

- Delete material not associated with active members – Comments?
- Move Show & Tell photos to galleries. Where required, create new galleries. This would enable members to have direct links to their galleries. Worth the effort?
- Update mug photos
- Listing of significant tools that might be useful and available to club members. Comments?

These ideas, and any others, will be a topic of a discussion at the January meeting.

## January's Program

Chuck Ering will present, "The kids decided we needed a new television"

## Show & Tell Note:

Normal Show & Tell at the January's meeting, Ron will take pictures. If you have photos beforehand, please send them to me, [takenyon1@gmail.com](mailto:takenyon1@gmail.com) to save Ron or me from taking pictures.

Thank You – Tom Kenyon

## 2022 Program Responsibilities

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

February	Bob Konigsberg Ron Gerard
March	Tracie Johnson Mateo McCullough
April	Syd Dunton Mark Flanagan
May	Bill Henzel Terry O'Donnell
June	Bill Turner Don McKell
July	Tom Gaston Norm Burns
August	Eugene Gulko Steve Kelem
September	Richard Winslow Tom Kenyon
October	Allen Glesser Mark Flanagan
November	Dennis Yamamoto Jay Perrine
December	Holiday Party – officers
Unassigned	

**2022 Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Jay Perrine perrinedazign@gmail.com</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Richard Winslow Yukon106@comcast.net</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ron Gerard Jst4rig@yahoo.com</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Steve Kelem steve@kelem.net</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Tom Kenyon takenyon1@gmail.com</b>
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Ron Gerard Jst4rig@yahoo.com</b>
<b>Librarian</b>	<b>Dennis Yamamoto dennisnmnyamamoto@yahoo.com</b>
<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Tom Kenyon takenyon1@gmail.com</b>

