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President's Column

By Chuck Aring



The Christmas Party was fun, the food delicious, and the hall was WARM.

I can understand why most of us are married! It necessitates that we be on our best behavior, dress at least “shabby chic,” and it was fun to hear the wives’ perspective on our creations. Although the delicious food resulted in swapping of recipes, the gift exchange was, as ever, the highlight. And the “highlight of the highlight” was Donna making a beeline, in the gift exchange, for the box that she had watched Syd make!

It’s challenging to define “creativity.” Like so many things it’s easier to “know it when (we) see it.” It has to be somewhat unique. We’d prefer that it be beautiful—but may be so original that “we’ll have to learn to like it,” or at least take the time to reflect before deciding that we won’t.

If the creation comes from within us, it often requires that we pursue some particular thought for significant time before it finally emerges into our consciousness. Some of us have to see its predecessors, which don’t quite please us, until a by far-better example tumbles onto paper, into a model, or even onto our project itself.

With no formal training in design, I tend to be attracted to a piece furniture, and mull over its appealing features, proportions, highlights, as well as those characteristics which I find

distracting—for many, many months before my variation of the structure begins to take shape.

I hope that all of us can take time for such dreaming. No matter how involved you are in your other interests and obligations—save some time to nurture your creativity.

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday

January 26

By

Fred Sotcher,

Mike Wirth &

Russel Dean

At

The Saratoga

Federated Church

at 7:00 pm

This Month's Program:

Minutes December 15, 2015

Guests

There were no guests this month.

General Announcements

There were no announcements this month.

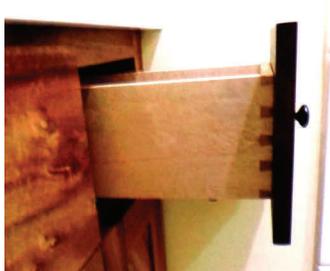
Main Meeting

The main program was the dinner!

Show & Tell



Dennis Yamamoto presented a slide show of the remodel of his house. It included shots of the laundry/pantry, display and bookshelf, powder room, master bath and closet, study closet, great room, and dust collection system. There was also a great picture of the huge pile of debris piled in the front yard.



Syd Dunton described his table made from ziricote for the top, pau ferro for the support structure, and black walnut for the legs and lower shelf.

Syd also brought in a sculpture he calls “red”. It’s made of three pieces of MDF covered with pieces of veneer. An added touch is provided by the addition of ebony plugs. The base is made of wenge. The coloring is provided by water soluble aniline dye. The finish is wipe on poly.

Chuck Aring brought in a blanket chest patterned after one he had seen in an early issue of Fine Woodworking magazine. The frame is made of shedua while the panels are made from curly maple. The lid is held upright by two brass handmade supports.

Tom Kenyon had a variety of items to show. He brought in a sampling of the nineteen bud vases that he made for presents from canary wood, maple, and walnut. There was a selection of segmented bowls he’s made over the years.

Richard Winslow created an old growth redwood bench for his twin great-granddaughters. Many of the joints were secured by using the Miller dowel system while eight screws were used elsewhere along with glue in all joints. It was finished with three coats of tung oil. The bench is complete with Richard’s brand burnt into the front of the bench in a prominent location.

Fred Sotcher brought in a sampling of projects as well as photos of others. The photos showed a bed with curved head and foot boards, a baby crib, two couches, and a



photo of the Sam Maloof style side chair made by Jeffery Yen. He brought in an end table made of cherry that has a matching coffee table, a three legged stool, and one of a pair of footstools.

Fred and Tom Kenyon attended a class conducted by Paul Schurch in which they made a small round table as part of a team effort. The top of the table is inlaid with flowers.

Fred, acting as Santa Claus, made 150 toys for an elementary school. They are simple toys that in his opinion encourage the kid's imagination. He colors them with Rit dye in boiling water.

Fred, being a bit embarrassed, confessed that he with a group at a birthday party, constructed a goat play structure at a goat farm in Mountain view. A picture shows goats enjoying their new play structure.

RAFFLE:

Tickets were given out for the eight wooden objects subject to the give-away.

Tom Kenyon offered one of his bud vases made of canary wood and burl.

Rex Osborn turned a bowl made from stacked layers of maple and mahogany.

Syd Dunton created a box made of eucalyptus that he finished with green anilin dye that sported a basket weave lid.

Richard Winslow made a Christmas tree ornament out of maple and redwood burl.

Bill Henzel created what looks like a box wrapped in a ribbon. The box is made of Eastern black walnut while the ribbon is Eastern black walnut and purple heart.

Dennis Yamamoto offered a cutting board made of cherry, monkey pod, and maple.

Larry Petulla created a ball point pen made of amboyna burl.

Fred Sotcher made a cheese slicer consisting of walnut, brass, and stainless steel wire.



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January 26	Fred Sotcher Mike Wirth Russel Dean
February 23	Syd Dunton Bill Whittemore Joe Dai
March 22	Tom Gaston Lou Thorpe Ted Brown
April 26	Ron Gerard Larry Schwarcz Dennis Yamamoto
May 24	Blair Glenn Larry Petulla Rich Winslow

For scheduling change requests, call Dennis.

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February 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