

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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Presidents Column

By Jay Perinne



New Year 2017, New President, NEW MEETING Place (but owned by the same church). Meeting Format still the same, dues still the same, other Club officers still the same (VP, Recording Secretary, Newsletter, Website Guru). In our new meeting space (the Old Post Office next to the firehouse, address elsewhere in newsletter) we will have a TV for our use to project from our laptops and there is heat but hopefully Chuck will get there early and turn it on (hmm, not an issue in the warmer months).

We had a nice turn out for the Holiday Club Dinner on December 19th despite last minute switch in the day. There were very nice gifts for the Spouses and little stealing (maybe none). For those that weren't there with the year-end review of projects as usual Fred had numerous pieces but the impressive project was not there physically but a photograph of a homeless shelter Fred and some 6th grade girls build during Intersession (a week off at some point during their school year) that was 8 feet long, 4 feet wide, carpeted on the floor and equipped with wheels so the homeless person could push it from site to site in Oakland where Fred has a 'contact' that in turn distributes them to someone in need. Based on the questions, particularly from spouses, this was the Show Stopper and I took the liberty of indicating Fred deserved the South Bay Woodworkers Humanitarian Award for this effort. Btw: Fred indicated he is willing to make another shelter if Club members wish to make one with him (he rented a Home Depot truck to deliver the 'structure' to Oakland, btw).

I look forward to Chairing meetings with Member-Made segmented bowls, perhaps another clock, chairs, tables, end tables, storage containers, tools, small boxes, turned bowls and vessels, and jigs and fixtures to conquer whatever challenges our members face.

In my own case as you are all aware I became a widower a year and a half ago when my wife passed from a brain tumor. During her illness I did almost no woodworking as I had to drive her everywhere and

This Meeting

Tuesday
January 24
By
Tom Kenyon &
LeRoy Nelson
At
The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday
February 28
By
Fred Sotcher &
Rich Winslow

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

treatment was sometimes weekly besides second or third visits for blood tests or MRI's. I took a class in Tennessee last summer (since I visit my mother in NJ it had to be an East Coast class) to try and 'kick start' myself back into woodworking since the class, taught by Beth Ireland, was the only one where 'inspiration' was in the class write-up besides what would be taught. Well it was a turning class and little did I

realize turning was 'infectious'! Thing is in like an hour or hour and half you can actually complete something (if you start with fairly dry wood) as opposed to the cabinetry projects I've mostly done in the last few years which involve multiple days followed by more days of sanding and finishing. So upon return I purchased a used Powermatic lathe and now buying 4-jaw chucks and gouges and finding wood at street corners which ends up in my trunk occasionally where previously it was supplies from lumber yards or folks who slabbed wood with like an Alaska Mill. I will be taking a turning class at Craft Supplies USA in Provo, Utah at the end of February with Stuart Batty (so warning that someone else will Chair our February meeting) so watch for bowls and such for my Show N Tell.

So let's take this year like other years and see what projects we all pursue and what fun things get reported at Meeting Presentations and our Show and Tell sessions. I also like the 10 Second reports (or were they 5 second reports) on shop ideas you work out or stumble upon, and look forward to our meetings in 2017!!

Jay

This Month's Program:

Minutes December 19, 2016

Officer Changes:

Outgoing president Chuck Aring introduced Jay Perrine as our president for 2017. All other positions remain the same.

Guests:

There were no guests this month.

Announcements:

The location of future meetings, starting with the January meeting, will be in the old U.S. post office building adjacent to the firehouse on Saratoga Ave. The address is 14376 Saratoga Ave.

Park in the church's parking lot below the church and between the church and firehouse on Park Place. Enter the single door away from the firehouse near the right corner of the building as you're facing downhill.

Directions and pictures are on the club website.

Program:

The focus of the December meeting was the pot-luck dinner. Ham was provided by the club while members offered side dishes.

Tom Kenyon challenged the group with a puzzle consisting of a bowl that he made filled with Christmas tree ornaments. The object was to guess the number of ornaments in the bowl.

Show and Tell:

Don McKell described a jewelry box of curved panels made of salvaged black walnut. The top has a marquetry



geometric pattern. His second piece is a wall cabinet made of plywood and scrap oak with cane door panels. It has a magazine rack on the side.

Fred Sotcher displayed a dog-house like box, one of four that he made, that is used for neighborhood book exchanges. It has glass in the door and an aluminum diamond plate roof.



For his great grandchild, he has created a busy box. It is covered with numerous pieces of hardware to operate. There are even activities behind the many doors.

He showed pictures of individual shelters being made for the homeless in Oakland. He supervises their being built by a group of students.

There was a picture of a dining room table with a Koa top and cherry base that he made for his granddaughter. There was an example of the six dining room chairs being made of cherry to go along with the table.

He made a donation box for the San Antonio Nature Preserve that has two slots in the top for dropping money into. There is a cow figure that moos and a pig figure that oinks when money is dropped through their respective slot.

There was a three-wheeled trike made of black walnut.

Fred put together a set of chimes for the budding musician.

To allow a child to help at the kitchen counter, he made a three sided structure with dowels at various heights to allow the child to work at counter level.

And then there was his famous cuckoo clock that contained animated figures doing woodworking activities showing through windows on several levels.

Larry Petulla produced a modified version of a Sam Maloof style rocking chair. It's made of alder and is finished with milk paint. It's perfect for watching TV in the garage since there is no room for the chair in the house.



Syd Dunton described a small table featuring a Ziricote top with delicately tapered legs made of maple burl/9*.

He also displayed a two shelf bookcase made of canary wood, wenge, and cherry.



Continuing his artistic passion, he described a wall panel consisting of four panels of wenge veneer divided by strips of solid wenge. The frame is also made of wenge. Gold leaf was then applied in an artistic pattern on the panel.

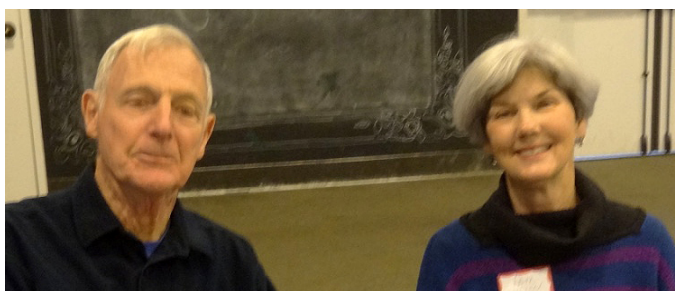
GIFT EXCHANGE:

Ten wooden gift items and a CD were available in the popular gift exchange this year. Included were four nicely made Christmas tree ornaments, a food cutting board made of koa and another one for chopping made of several different woods complete with knife.

There was a pair of red ear rings with a black design, a wave form bowl made of 1/4 inch Baltic birch plywood where the layers are offset. The tea box sported a lid made from real old Honduras mahogany with cherry sides and bottom.

A ponderosa pine log was converted into a Christmas reindeer and the CD contained sing along songs.





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

2016 Officers

President	Jay Perinne
Vice-President	Dennis Yamamoto
Secretary	Ron Gerard
Treasurer	Syd Dunton
Newsletter editor	Larry Schwarcz
Photographer	Fred Sotcher
Librarian	Mike Wirth
Web Master	Tom Kenyon

Program Committees

Date	Members
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
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September 26	Mike Papa Don McKell
October 24	Jay Perinne Jeff Lukanc
November 28	Chuck Aring Larry Petulla
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Contact Dennis Yamamoto for any changes to the committee schedule.	