

# SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS'

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## President's Column

By Jay Perrine



**M**eeting virtually is not quite as nice as in person, however it keeps our club members in touch during these strange trying times. This month's program theme is the members sharing a particular element of their shop. This month's program focuses on Workbenches and associated accessories.

Focusing on one shop element at a time has an interesting benefit. It helps us focus on what can realistically be set up or purchased as hobbyists in the Bay Area - even if our solution does not merit coverage in a woodworking magazine. For example, I remember watching Norm Abram on New Yankee Workshop construct a custom Router Table - it took two shows it was so involved. I resolved to build my own router table. At the time I had a very simple version made

plywood with a router securely fastened in the middle. It had four legs long enough to accommodate the router and I clamped it to a tabletop. I attached a 2x2 at whatever angle suited me. I used it successfully during a remodel.

Fast-forward a few years without a custom router table. In summer of 2005, I started building my kitchen cabinets from scratch, I already had my building permit so 'the clock was ticking' and when I needed a good router table I bit the bullet, and bought from Woodcraft, a fully-equipped router table including the router lift device and starting using it the next day. So, if we cover router tables in a subsequent meeting and you see a photo of mine it is NOT my dream solution but it is what I own. It works fine, and does a decent job.

Seeing what other members currently use their shop, it can give us ideas for our own shop, realizing that many of us may not have the ideal workbench or router table or table saw but it functions now and fits our workshop space and needs. I encourage all member's to contribute to these programs focusing on the workshop elements of their workshop. Hooray for virtual shop tours!

Jay

## July Program Note;

Jeff Lukanc will host the July's program focusing on member's workbenches and accessories. If you would like to contribute photos of your workbench, please forward them to Jeff at [jlukanc@yahoo.com](mailto:jlukanc@yahoo.com) by 7/23/20. He will prepare a slide show including all the photos. More contributions the better!

## June's Program

Tom Kenyon demonstrated the making of a prototype for a segmented bowl. He was trying to create a bowl with spiral sides and more open space. Gluing up three layers was enough to show him whether or not he was on the right track. A spreadsheet was prepared that contained pertinent information such as number of layers, number of pieces, length and width of pieces, amount of stock, etc.

Tom cut the rough stock on his bandsaw using a gadget called an Accu-slice then ran them through a Performax sander to final thickness. The individual pieces were cut from this stock using a sled on the table saw. The dust collector attached to a plastic box pulls the pieces away from the blade and collects them all in one place.

He made a computer-controlled device that allows him to precisely place pieces to the base of the bowl during glue-up using original Titebond glue. Once all the pieces of a layer were glued in place,

Tom mounted the bowl on his lathe, placed pencil marks on the face of each segment, and sanded the face to insure the surface was flat and ready for the next layer.

Filler pieces were inserted in the open spaces using hot glue applied on the inside of the structure. After the outside was turned, tape was applied to the outside and the inside was shaped.

## Show and Tell

### **Note:**

If you have a Show & Tell for zoom meetings, please forwarded the photos to Tom Kenyon, [takenyon1@gmail.com](mailto:takenyon1@gmail.com) prior to the meeting. I will prepare a slide show.

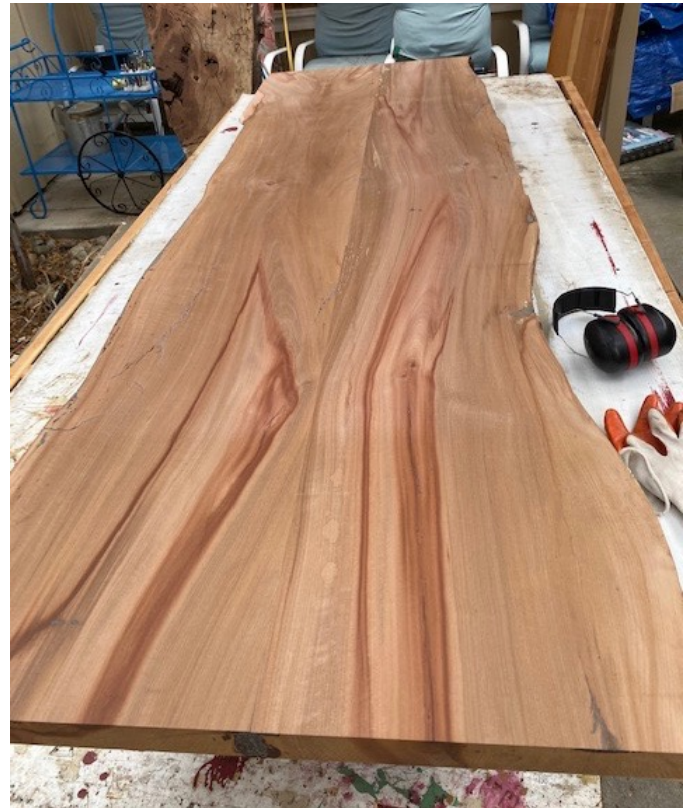
Thank You – Tom Kenyon



**Bill Henzel** walked us through the process of making a mahogany Adirondack chair based on an article appearing in the Fine Woodworking magazine written by Michael Fortune. The arms that also constitute the front legs are made up of 1/8-inch thick slats bent over a jig. A hardboard (Masonite) backing was placed on the outside of the slats during glue-up to equalize the pressure. This allowed Bill to use fewer clamps.

He used Titebond III for the glue-up and applied two coats of teak oil finish.

**Chuck Aring** described his struggle with getting a shoulder plane to perform properly. He finally retracted the blade and placed a straightedge across the bottom. He found that the mouth was recessed below the rest of the bottom. He used 600 grit wet and dry paper to correct the problem.



**Jay Perrine** obtained a large batch of his favorite madrone wood. He took it to Martinez and had it run through a large planer before having it further processed at a local cabinet shop. He used Smith & Co.'s epoxy glue and Domino biscuits to create a large outside table. The table supports are welded steel that form a large "Z" at each end — one facing left and the other facing right.





## Program's Responsibilities

<i>July 28</i>	<i>Jeff Lucanc Mark Flanagan</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>David Manley Terry O'Donnell</i>
<i>September 22</i>	<i>Bill Henzel Ed Vincent</i>
<i>October 27</i>	<i>Allen Glesser Norm Burns</i>
<i>November 24</i>	<i>Norm Burns Richard Winslow</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Officers</i>
<i>Contact Richard Winslow for any changes to the committee schedule</i>	

**Ron Gerard** Described the start of the curio cabinet he's making from oak. To keep the cabinet from looking like a rectangular box, the face is angled out with two doors on each face that is yet to be made. For the first time, he has prefinished the parts with wipe-on polyurethane. Seven coats were applied on the horizontal portion of the base and five coats elsewhere. An additional coat of Maloof's oil and wax finish covers all surfaces.

### 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, Chips, Nuts**

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