

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Fred Sotcher



I enjoyed our visit last month to Paul Ayoob's shop. There is so much to learn by visiting a shop and getting the host to talk about what he is doing while he or she is at home base.

Some years ago we set up a tour of members shops on a Saturday. In the one-day we visited 4-5 shops and were able to see how other worked and how they solved various problems. Would the members be interested in trying that again? That's the question for this month's meeting, so be ready.

Either way when you are planning your next meeting, consider teaming up with a woodworker outside the club and/or planning a meeting at a shop of interest.

I know we are all looking forward to Blair's presentation this month on timber frame construction – Blair always seems to think big and bold!

Our hearts go out to Jay for his loss. I hope the club's fellowship will help him find comfort.

I hope we all make an effort to chat with our new members and guests and help make them feel welcome. Thank you!

Don't forget to bring a woodworking friend and your latest project for show and tell.

See you at the Church,

Fred Sotcher

This Month's Program:

Minutes June 23, 2015

Guests

Darryl Dieckman and Claude Godcharles were our guests this month.

General Announcements

Mike Wirth asked if the club had any interest in buying Taunton Press's DVD index for the Fine Woodworking magazine. After a discussion and a show of hands, it was decided to purchase the DVD.

Next Meeting

Tuesday

July 28

By

Blair Glenn &
Bill Henzel

At

The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

PROGRAM FOR JULY:

Blair Glenn will give a presentation on timber frame construction.

Main Meeting

The meeting was held in Paul Ayoob's shop. Paul makes high end bedroom and dining room furniture, doors, and cabinets. He gets most of his customers by word-of-mouth as opposed to paid advertising.



A question was asked about where he gets his black walnut at which he replied that he has a supplier in Texas, but gets most of it from the eastern United States. He doesn't use claro walnut because he can't find it in quantity in matched flitches and no one has asked specifically for it.

Paul described a fish tank that measured 11 feet wide, 11 feet tall and 4 feet deep that he made for a church in San Jose last year.



He also described how he makes doors with stiles and rails of four quarter stock of Honduras mahogany laid in butcher block fashion as the core with 3/16" black walnut skins. Mahogany is used because it is very stable. The joints are mortise and tenon using 5/8" hard rock maple loose tenons. The mortises are produced on a horizontal mortiser



router bit. The door panels are often made up of two pieces floating back to back in the frame so that if a crack should happen to form on the outside, light doesn't show all of the way through. He uses ball bearing hinges on his doors obtained from a company located in Denver Colorado.



Unibond and West System epoxy are both used in his projects. Finish is made up of five or six wet sanded coats of spar varnish, naphtha, and linseed oil on the doors.

Show & Tell

Tom Kenyon made a segmented bowl as a wedding gift for the son of a longtime friend. It's made of maple and bloodwood. He used a new fixture for the second time for the bowl, but is still fine tuning the fixture.



Tom Gaston brought back a set of serving spoons from his trip to Greece made from highly figured olive. He also showed turned objects. One a shallow bowl of some mystery wood finished with tung oil and



wax while the other was a turned lidded box made from camphor. It was also finished with tung oil.



Fred Sotcher uses containers traditionally used for dispensing catsup or mustard for spreading glue, but has trouble with hardened glue sealing the hole. His solution (patent pending?) is to insert a brass nail in the opening. The nail is pushed through a piece of plastic that serves as a handle.





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August 25	Tracie Johnson Jay Perrine Allen Glesser
September 22	Ron Gerard Mike Wirth
October 27	Ken Horner Linda Horner Don McKell
November 24	Rich Winslow Rex Osborn Larry Petulla

If you can't do the program for your month, call Ken.

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August 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