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President's Column

By Fred Sotcher



Hello - Marion and I are on a trip to the East coast and have just completed a long day of sightseeing, so this will be short.

Last week I attended a week long Consumer in Residence program at Thos. Moser's shop in Auburn, Maine. It was quite an interesting experience. You team up one on one with a cabinet maker who guides you through all the steps of making the furniture that you have selected to construct. All of their furniture is built on a just in time basis, meaning that they build to order and carry no finished good inventory. They do keep an inventory of parts and a very large inventory of hardwood. When you arrive you select your hardwood with the assistance of a craftsman who assists you in selecting top grade material (no sap wood allowed). You cut the boards to a few inches oversize in length then joint and plane them. Working with your cabinet maker you then select any preformed parts that they normally carry in their inventory. Everything is then hand fitted with very tight tolerances. In my case, there were eight sets of dovetails in 7/8 inch cherry. There were cut using a programmable dovetail machine (not quite how I would have done it at home). We also used a five axes CNC machine to cut one of the parts to size. We glued up the tables and got ready to finish them, that's where the real work began! I have never fussed over a project so much in my life. At Thos. Moser they are very, very focused on quality. Every little detail must be exactly right and every tiny flaw must be corrected. The inspector rejected my projects twice before I was allowed to apply a finish. Building was easy finishing it was a bear!!!

See you soon,
Fred.

This Month's Program:

Tom Kenyon will give a presentation on using vacuum in the shop.

Minutes April 27, 2015

Guests

There were three guests at the meeting. They were Jane Matulich, Spencer Bothwell, and Jeff Yen

General Announcements

Ken Horner reported that former member Fred Meyer is doing well. He doesn't get around much because caring for his wife takes up much of his time, but he still manages to do some woodworking.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
May 26
By
Tom Kenyon,
Larry Schwarcz
& Lou Thorpe
At
The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

Fred Sotcher has two items for sale. A milling machine for \$500 and a bench top drill press for \$20.00.

Sid Dunton announced the 29th annual Silicon Valley Open Studio event slated for May. Sid and four other artists will show their work at 147 Hollidale Ct., Los Altos on May 9 and 10 between 11A.M. and 5P.M. Then on May 16 and 17 between 11A.M. and 5P.M., Sid will host the event at his house at 22425 Summit Rd., Los Gatos.

A reminder that the Santa Clara Valley Woodcarvers is holding their annual show May 30 and 31 at 10 A.M to 4 P.M. It's being held at the Branham high school gym, 1570 Branham Lane in San Jose.

Main Meeting

Chuck Aring presented the night's program in which he described the making of a blanket chest made from shedua and curly maple. Its' frame and panel construction with the inside bottom made of cedar. The chest is based on an article in issue 129, April 1998, of the Fine Woodworking magazine on



page 38. The lid is held open by heavy duty hardware he made from 1/8 inch sheet brass with brass rivets made from 1/4 inch brass rod.

Show & Tell

Tom Kenyon brought in a small segmented bowl and a mockup of a similar bowl before any turning is done on the blank. He described how he routed small recesses in the top and bottom rings at the open spaces to form mortises in which he glued small pieces between each stave to provide more gluing surface.



are going to use a plane to smooth the surface in order to avoid tear-out. Terry found that this procedure works better in soft wood.

Don McKell described his first attempt at marquetry with a depiction of half dome. It measures 9" wide by 13" high and is made from variously colored ash. He scraped the surface to level it, but found that the colored sawdust filled the pores. He removed the sawdust from the pores then sealed the surface with shellac before sanding and scraping.



Sid Dunton described his sculpture called "Temple" made from claro walnut with a base of MDF veneered with Pecky pecan. The walnut was chiseled out in various places and then gold leaf applied to the relieved areas to emphasize the carving. The piece was finished with several coats of polyurethane. The gouge was purchased from

Woodcraft supply. This was Sid's first attempt at carving.



Jeff Yen, working in Fred Sotcher's shop for close to a year, created a Sam Maloof style chair. It's made from figured English sycamore with contrasting wood to cover the screw holes and finished with polyurethane. He described how the joints were made and discussed some of the problems encountered.

Neal White described the nightmare he endured when installing foam crown molding. The profile is such that the joints have to fit perfectly otherwise it looks misaligned. The recommended glue was so thin, the molding came loose before it set. It was painted with a white pearl like finish that showed numerous holidays when dry. The latest word is that it is coming loose from the ceiling.



Terry O'Donnell presented some examples of repaired wood as discussed in the March meeting. A recess is gouged where the patch is needed then another piece is gouged in matching material using a deeper cut to create a

thicker patch. It's best to check for grain direction if you

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The June 23 meeting will not be at the church. The meeting will be at the workshop of master furniture maker, Paul Ayoob.

<http://www.ayoobwoodworking.com>

**NOTE: The meeting time
will be at 5:30pm!**

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

June 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