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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



During these trying times I want to emphasize ZOOM not gloom! Luckily there are no covid-19 restrictions for home workshops other than the risk of going out to buy supplies. Many members are making use of what they have in their shop to make objects like toys, from wood scraps.

I think the Zoom meetings have been quite successful. We have had two SBWW meetings by Zoom and the April meeting was almost longer than in person and there were no breaks for treats - very stimulating. We have several members that have on-going construction projects, and now that building inspectors can resume work there should be new reports on their progress.

I want to encourage any members who were reluctant to 'attend' to give it a try - you can use your smart phone, laptop or desktop computer.

We had almost as many members participating in the virtual meeting as we have had at in person meetings.

We have learned that it is very helpful to have your photos or powerpoint ready in the background. And having a few photos is more useful than holding an object up to the computer camera. So I am, at least short term and due to shelter in place orders, fully embracing Zoom. I am not traveling and my few 'appointments' are now Zoom meetings which I look forward to each week, so see you on line next week!
Your positive and ZOOMful president,
Jay

April Program

Bob Konigsberg described the construction of his new house in Morgan Hill. It's on a one acre hilly plot of land that overlooks rolling hills. The large concrete basement, also known as the shop, has steel beam floor joists that allows a two foot crawl space. Rather than using wood in this house, all components are made of steel with the walls insulated with Styrofoam.

Show and Tell

Dennis Yamamoto performed a good deed by making a leprechaun trap for his young neighbor. It was supposed to be made of cardboard, but wound up being constructed from walnut. The leprechaun is supposed to come through the door to get the coins left on the floor and when he tries to take the coins, a net falls on him.

Syd Dunton showed us two sculptures. One made of walnut burl laid over MDF while the other is zebra wood that he textured then created a sheen with a buffing wheel.

Tom Kenyon produced a seven to eight inch segmented bowl from sycamore and bloodwood. Each layer contains six to ten segments. His next problem is figuring out how to attach a base.

Some time back, Tom made several stools for his daughter which prompted his son to request three stools. The stools are 30 inches tall which makes turning the legs difficult with his short tool rest. So Tom made a 30 inch tool rest for his lathe that can be adjusted in and out depending on the project.

Richard Winslow salvaged some old redwood fence boards, planed them down and made a bookcase-like plant stand. Holes are cut in the shelves for the pots to dwell.

Mateo McCullough created a knife from ebony with artistic accents of tagua nut.

Tom Gaston made a centerpiece for a table from weathered redwood. He also showed us a salad bowl made from walnut burl and a found teak table that he rehabilitated.

One of the programs of the Bay Area Woodworkers Association (BABA) is an annual 2" X 4" contest in which members make a project out of one eight foot board. Tom's entry this year was a small side table. The legs are two pieces made of five bent laminations each forming a parabolic arc that are notched at the top for assembly. The top is made from offcuts left from the legs in a sunburst pattern.

Bill Henzel, in order to reduce his supply of eight quarter scrap, created various toy animated animals for the BABA toy program. The walrus's jaw moves up and down while the skunk's tail does the same. They are made from walnut and maple.





Program For May

Bill Turner will give a virtual tour of his new shop.

He also described the design and making of a sofa loosely based on a sofa he built in 1978 from plans from a 1978 Workbench magazine. The original sofa used canvas slings to hold the cushions. The modified design is made of Honduras mahogany with poplar slats using dowels for the joints. Bill used Maloof's finishes starting with 4 coats of a mixture urethane and one coat of a mixture of oil and wax.



Program Committees 2020	
Date	Members
January 28	Dennis Yamamoto Steve Kelem
February 25	Ron Gerard Chuck Aring
March 24	Mateo Mccullough Tom Gaston
April 28	Bob Koningsberg Syd Dunton
May 26	Traci Johnson Bill Turner
June 23	Tom Kenyon Don Mckell
July 28	Jeff Lucanc Mark Flanagan
August 25	David Manley Terry O'Donnell
September 22	Bill Henzel Ed Vincent
October 27	Allen Glesser Norm Burns
November 24	Norm Burns Richard Winslow
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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