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Presidents Column

By Jay Perinne



The topic this month is Holidays and Club Organization for 2018. We enter the holiday time when woodworkers are scrambling for that strap clamp or small piece of bloodwood to accent the small tasteful wood gift and look forward to our Holiday meal and Year-End Show-N-Tell on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th** starting about 5pm in the Church Hall (not where we have been meeting - get details at November meeting).

Next, we have some major SBWW Club Officer replacement needs for next year. I'm willing to continue as President (although open for replacement) since we have need for some members to step up to for these roles.

VICE PRESIDENT (to replace Dennis Yamamoto who has been in this role for two years): major duty is to assign members to do each month's program (Dennis can probably help do initial cut); second duty is to chair meetings when President is out of town or indisposed.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Larry Schwarcz will be retiring as the newsletter editor after the December 2017 issue. He has been doing this job for the club for 15 years and it's time to give this opportunity to another member.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should speak with the President (Jay). Although it can sound like a difficult, time consuming task it really isn't that hard nor that time consuming.

The required skills are:

- Comfortable using MS-Word.

This Meeting

Tuesday
November 28
By
Chuck Aring &
Larry Petulla
At
The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday
Annual Holiday Dinner
December 18
By
The Officers

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

- Ability to create PDF files. Free tools are available if needed.
- Tools for simple photo editing (adjust contrast/color and cropping).
- Comfortable doing simple website editing (as easy as using a word processor).

Larry will help the new editor to make the January newsletter to get them started.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Someone to use electronic camera or smartphone to photograph Show-N-Tell and shot or two of main speaker during presentation. Then send photos to Newsletter Editor in time for monthly newsletter (easy to get substitute for when you are out of town).

KUDOS: Meanwhile some tweaking took place on the recently completed Church Oven Cart and **THANK YOU** to Tom Kenyon for making those adjustments to stabilize the carcass to allow drawers to close properly.

OK, hope your Holiday present making is moving along and some of you step up to the officer needs we have! We will vote at next meeting for 2018 Officers of SBWW!

Jay

This Month's Program:

Minutes October 24, 2017

Guests:

There were no guests this evening.

Announcements:

There will be a discussion about nominations for several club officer positions at next month's meeting. There will be openings next year for vice-president, photographer, and newsletter editor. Larry Schwarcz, current newsletter editor for 15 years, does not have the time to continue due to his work schedule.

Program:

Jay Perrine gave the program called "Stop, Start, Continue". It's a look at everything we do and decide whether or not we start, stop or continue to do the things that we do as it pertains to woodworking. There have been many changes over the years to art, publishing, equipment, technology, and exhibits to name a few.

In 1985, We subscribed to Fine Woodworking, had a Delta table saw, Rockwell bandsaw, used a Shop-Vac and received our club's newsletter by mail since there was no internet.

Skipping to 2006, the Sawdust shop opened, the Sawstop was available, a dust collector was used and you probably were now subscribing to several woodworking magazines. You may now belong to several woodworking clubs, have access to numerous classes, and may get emails about shop closings and tool sales.

Many businesses that cater to woodworkers are now closed. We no longer have the Sawdust shop, Southern Lumber, McBeath, C. B. Tool, and Acme Saw Sharpening shop. (EDITOR: The TechShop also just announced they are closing their door after 11 years of operations across the country).

When Michael Fortune was starting out, he had to go to various shops to get information. Then Fine Woodworking magazine came along and woodworking books became available. We now have Woodworker West that gives us information on woodworking and tool shows plus upcoming exhibits and classes.

Most school woodworking shop classes have disappeared although Mission College and Santa Clara Adult Education still offer classes plus Laney College has a class in Japanese hand tool use. There are classes offered outside the local area such as Mark Adams, Northwest Woodworking Studio, Port Townsend, and Anderson Ranch.

It seems that young people are not interested in hand made or quality furniture and instead are satisfied with furniture bought at Ikea.

Our search for equipment in the past meant checking the many pages of want ads in the Mercury News newspaper. Now, you would likely check what is available on eBay or Craigslist.

To conclude his presentation, Jay showed a short video of the class, taught by Sara Robinson, that he took about spalted wood and creating dyes from fungus.

Show and Tell:

Syd Dunton continues his art work with two pieces of sculpture. The “rocker” as he calls it, is laminated from MDF and covered with Buckshot Hickory veneer. The three separate pieces are held together by dowels and epoxy glue. Water soluble aniline dye is used for color and it is finished with wipe-on polyurethane.

His second piece called “flight” is made up of solid Wenge blocks that are strung onto two dowels and glued with epoxy. Each piece is textured on the table saw with the blade raised up 1/16”. He then randomly moves the pieces over the blade to create the texture. Before assembly, each piece was buffed and waxed using Beale buffing wheels.



tree ornaments for gifts. He uses two contrasting woods and colored veneer. A sandwich is made of two black dyed strips of veneer on either side of a white strip of veneer. These are glued between two contrasting 3/4” boards. From this stack, eight isosceles triangles are cut. Two triangles of one color along with two triangles of contrasting colors are carefully glued into squares ensuring that pattern lines all meet. Both squares are hollowed out then glued together before being turned into spheres. The finished globes are then sprayed with lacquer.

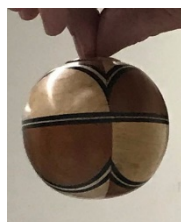
Tom Gaston came up with a clever way to keep track of the remote that controls his dust collector in the shop. It’s a square piece of wood covered with colorful tape and attached to the remote with a length of cord. He places the stick in his back pocket when working in his shop.

He showed us three black walnut bowls turned from some eight-quarter stock left over from another project. After being turned, they were sprayed with lacquer.



Mike Papa demonstrated a method for installing European hinges. Holes are drilled through the jig in the required location. The jig is placed on the door and the holes are marked on and drilled in the door. The jig is also used to mark the hole locations in the cabinet frame.

Richard Winslow is getting into the Christmas spirit by making wooden Christmas



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

2017 Officers

President	Jay Perinne
Vice-President	Dennis Yamamoto
Secretary	Ron Gerard
Treasurer	Syd Dunton
Newsletter editor	Larry Schwarcz
Photographer	Fred Sotcher
Librarian	Dennis Yamamoto
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 Allen Glesser
June 27	Bill Henzel Larry Schwarcz
July 25	Dennis Yamamoto Ross Oliver
August 22	Terry O'Donnell
September 26	Mike Papa Don McKell
October 24	Jay Perinne Jeff Lukanc
November 28	Chuck Aring Larry Petulla
December	Officers
Contact Dennis Yamamoto for any changes to the committee schedule.	