

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Fred Sotcher



I think we all enjoyed Ken and Linda's presentation on buildings "Alton's Box". Thanks to you both.

At the November meeting we will be voting on next year's officers – so look forward to a knock down drag out fight and lots of mud slinging as the candidates battle for your

vote.

We are looking forward to the outing to Schoenstein Organ in Benicia that Tracie arranged for us. The outing is scheduled for Saturday December 6th. Be sure and respond to Tracie if you are interested in going.

Remember our Christmas party December 19.

Tom Kenyon reviewed the features on our new website for us and helped us understand some of the features it offers. If you have not done so yet, take a few minutes and poke around on Southbaywoodworks.org. Give Tom your feedback; it keeps him on his toes.

I hope that we continue to look for places we might visit and guest speakers that we can invite. Think about it when it is your turn to present a meeting.

I understand that Ken Horner and his team have completed the advent candleholder project for the church. This completes our projects for the church this year. Way to go Ken.

One question for this month:

Santa Clara Valley Carvers is presenting a woodworking show as they have for a number of years. The wood turners have joined them in the past, this year we have been invited to join them as well. Would we be interested in manning a small booth to show case our woodworking, woodcarving, marquetry and other projects?

It a great chance to meeting fellow woodworkers and

show off our handy work.

The show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday May 30-31, 2015.

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.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
November 25
By
Rich Winslow
&
Rex Osborn
At
The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

See you at the Church,

Fred Sotcher

Next Month's Program:

For our November meeting Richard Winslow has arranged for a outside speaker from his woodturning club to demonstrate how he impregnates wood with resin to make the wood useable when it is soft and otherwise too punkie for machining. He has invested in the equipment for a process that opens up new ways to utilize wood with interesting color or grain that we wouldn't consider otherwise. It should prove to be an interesting meeting.

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Guests

Jim Koren was the only guest.

General Announcements

Keep December, 19th open for the Christmas party in the church hall.

The outside door for the church was completed and installed. It was constructed by Fred Sotcher and Tom Kenyon with technical assistance from Lou

Thorpe. A church representative came in later and thanked the club for its effort.

Fred Sotcher reported that 130 pieces of furniture were delivered to two schools in East Palo Alto. He brought in a pile of thank you notes from the students.

Syd Dunton is now accepting membership dues; \$10 for the rest of 2014 and \$20.00 for 2015.

Tracie Johnson is organizing a field trip to the pipe organ factory in Benicia. It will be either December, 6th or December, 20th; More likely the sixth. Please let Tracie know if you intend to go.

Ken Horner announced a work session at his shop to make advent candle holders. The church needs the holders by November, 23rd. The session is scheduled for November, 8th.

First nominations for president were announced. Fred Sotcher and Ron Gerard were nominated for president while no name was offered for secretary. Syd Dunton intends to continue as treasurer, Larry Schwarcz as newsletter editor, Ken Horner as vice-president, Fred as photographer, and Mike Wirth will continue as librarian and web master.

Main Meeting

Ken and Linda Horner gave the program in which the construction of the coffin for long time member Alton Jensen was described. It was constructed by Fred Sotcher, Ken and Linda Horner, and Syd Dunton



and Syd Dunton The sides and top were made from claro walnut and 3/4" plywood was used for the bottom. The plans came from a book that Alton had that showed various plans for making coffins. Some of the

wood was harvested in Oakdale by Alton and his dad and stored in various parts of Alton's house for many years. It was tough finding boards long enough for the 75" length required so Syd Dunton glued up panels to get the required length.

The top is coopered using six boards with a bit of marquetry created by Linda Horner and installed by Ken Horner. It consists of a rose made of maple enclosed in an oval made from waterfall bubinga. Countersunk screws and glue were used to hold the coffin together and the screws were plugged with ebony. Two butt hinges were

installed to hold the lid on, but were later removed and replaced with a five foot piano hinge. The box was finished with Maloof's oil and varnish finish.

Show & Tell

Syd Dunton designed a two level music stand for display at a wood gallery located in Pescadero called "Made In Pescadero". It is made from black walnut and wenge. To get the soft curves in the legs and the music holder, he laminated thin pieces on a form and glued then using 20-minute marine epoxy. The height of the music holder is adjusted by a pin allowing the musician to either stand or sit while playing. It was finished with wipe-on polyurethane.



Blair Glen brought in two Keller router guides; one for making dovetail joints and the other for making box joints. He also had an example of each kind of joint. He is missing some of the router bits and asked if anyone has bits that he could use.

Tom Kenyon described the making of his "XOXO" bowl. It's made of maple and black walnut with the accent ring featuring the "XOXO" pattern. A CNC router was used to cut the pattern a little less than half way through a strip of maple. The strip was kerfed on the underside to leave a thin strip. The piece was then soaked in water and bent around a form and glued between two segmented rings. The bowl contains Tom's first attempt at creating a floating base. This feature negates the problem of the bowl cracking.



Mike Wirth showed a combination pen/stylus for use on iPads or iPhones. A rubber tip purchased from Woodcraft Supply replaces the cap top.

Neal White showed a shoulder plane made from a Ron Hock kit. The body is made of jarrah and maple.



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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

November 25	Rich Winslow Rex Osborn
December 19	Officers
January 27	Tom Gaston Neal White
February 24	Mike Papa Ed Vincent
March 24	Fred Sotcher LeRoy Nelson

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

OFFICERS

President	Fred Sotcher
Vice-President	Ken Horner
Secretary	Ron Gerard
Treasurer	Syd Dunton
Newsletter	Larry Schwarcz
Photographer	Fred Sotcher
Librarian	Mike Wirth
Web Master	Tom Kenyon

December 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