

# SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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## President's Column

By Jay Perrine



**S**BWW is a woodworking club where we can socialize and share experiences, ideas and ask questions about woodworking including tools, techniques and sourcing. It's a volunteer activity and hopefully we gain more than we give to make it happen. We've now been around over 30 years and we still have something to offer each other. Membership is constantly changing - members retire and move away, some become ill and are unable to participate - but we have a constant influx of new members and we move on.

We are very fortunate to have a meeting place where by making occasional woodworking projects or furniture pieces we essentially 'earn' our 'rent'. Our Club is VERY FORTUNATE that Chuck Aring serves as our Liaison with the Saratoga Federated Church and negotiates a time slot for our Holiday Party in December. He also is our 'go between' regarding the occasional projects for the church.

The organizational structure is very minimal in that members rotate responsibility for the program and treats one meeting a year as scheduled by the Vice-President (currently Richard Winslow). The Secretary has Show-N-Tell presenters at each meeting fill out the synopsis of projects presented and uses a tape recorder and notes to provide a good summary of meeting content for the Newsletter. The Treasurer keeps track of dues and dispenses checks as needed, mostly at the time of club parties or for the Church Projects. Tom Kenyon thankfully handles our club website which besides publishing the newsletter on line brings in a few members each year. The President emcees the meetings and handles some business by email and phone and is the repository of the club party supplies.

Historically the Presidency rotated every year with the Vice-President and other offers mostly holding steady year after year. The other night at our regular October Meeting our Vice-President Richard agreed to continue as did our Secretary Ron and our Treasurer Syd. However, at the same meeting no one came forward to assume the President's position for 2020 and the same for the Newsletter Editor. Regarding the Presidency, I am willing to make it Four Full Years and continue (if one of you are interested you are very welcome to speak up in November!).

Now let's discuss a more serious issue of the Newsletter Editor. We were VERY fortunate to have Larry fill that role for what turned out to be 15 years during which I am pretty sure the software used for it changed. The last two years Bill Henzel has done an outstanding job but he has asked to 'retire' from that role come the New Year. If there is someone who is interested please speak up soon as Bill can show you the ropes (actually the software - which is MS Word). So, now we ponder: What course can we steer if no one volunteers? Actually, our Club can get by probably just fine with no newsletter...better yet without a newsletter perhaps the Vice President could query the two people in charge of the next meeting and send out an e-mail to the members stating the topic of the upcoming meeting and of course a reminder of location (in case we have an off-site or special meeting place like a shop or maybe a museum). Additionally without a newsletter someone (to be worked out) could snap photos during Show-N-Tell and those be placed on the website related to the member? There may be other options I have not conceptualized but newsletter-less may be where we are headed and no reason to be feared. Historically we had a library for years, and that morphed into DVD's and those were then sold or given to members and now each of us purchase our own or watch content on YouTube. Most of us now bring a PowerPoint presentation via laptop when presenting to the club meeting and those files can be shared or possibly stored on our website. I look to my fellow SBWW Members and Officers to work this out as we morph into a modern club right here in Silicon Valley!

I will be in Cancun for Thanksgiving week and thus miss the November meeting but

will see you all at our Holiday Party - for that date (to be determined) watch for emails from Chuck on possible dates and let him know what works and what doesn't - let's hope for a good turnout. I look forward to an active 2020 year for our meaningful club!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Club dues (\$20) for next year can be paid at our next meeting.

**Bill Henzel** is retiring from the job of newsletter editor and therefore, the club is looking for a replacement. If interested, please contact President Jay Perrine.

## **October Program**

**Matthew Werner** makes custom handcrafted furniture in Santa Cruz specializing in marquetry. He gained his skills by attending the nine month program at College of the Redwoods now named The James Krenov School of Woodworking.

He described how he makes his adjustable height music stands. The base is made up of six quarter sawn bent laminations glued up over a convex form. Because the base is so light, he places a strip of lead in the middle of the laminations to make the stand more stable. He's used Unibond glue in the past, but because it now has such a short shelf life, he now uses other glues.

Matthew uses five ply 1/4" plywood as a base for the musical score platform. He

likes to use highly figured big leaf maple for the background for his marquetry scenes. The veneer is shop sawn to 1/16" using a Lenox tri-master one inch carbide bandsaw blade with two/three teeth per inch. He prefers to use the natural color of wood rather than stained wood for his scenes, but he also uses sand shading.

He uses number one blades on his Hegner scroll saw with the double bevel method for cutting his designs. The table is set at an angle of just shy of eight percent.

Once the marquetry is complete it's sanded with an orbital sander starting with 120/180 grit and progressing down to 220 grit. A low VOC oil called Osmopolyx is the applied to finish the project.



Tom turned a natural edged birch bowl where he embellished and stained a circle on the inside bottom. A portion of the bark was coming loose so he attached a brass wire around the perimeter.



## Show and Tell

**Tom Gaston** brought in the completed urn he made for his father-in-law's ashes. A marquetry scene of a fish was added to the top because his father-in-law was an avid fisherman. He used white ash stained with walnut for the scene.

A second large bowl is turned from a locally harvested pear tree. The wood was green when he performed the first turning down to about a one inch thickness. After turning it the second time down to the finished dimension, Tom applied a tung oil finish.



**Syd Dunton** showed off his latest sculpture that's called "bonfire". He started with a 5" slab of claro walnut that measured 24" X 30". He used a bandsaw to cut the pieces into pyramid shapes and then sanded them to final dimensions. Syd drilled the pieces for dowels then textured a few with a chainsaw. Dalys two part bleach was used to lighten the color that resulted in a surprising pink blush. At this point, the pieces were glued together using epoxy.



**Tom Kenyon** reported on a new product being made in a factory in Willows, California. It's MDF made from rice straw that is supposed to provide 30% of California's MDF requirements. It has been estimated that this process will reduce water wastage and leave cleaner rice fields while using about 20% of waste straw around Sacramento.

## Program For November:

The November meeting speaker will be Steve Kelem. He will talk about making projects with CNC routers.

## Program Committees 2019

Date	Members
January 22	Dennis Yamamoto Terry O'Donnell
February 26	Ron Gerard Ed Vincent
March 26	Chuck Aring
April 23	Bob Koningsberg
May 28	Traci Johnson Bill Turner
June 25	Bob Koningsberg Eugene Gulko
July 23	Don Mckell Jeff Lucanc
August 27	Richard Winslow David Manley
September 24	Bill Henzel Syd Dunton
October 23	Allen Glesser Norm Burns
November 26	Steve Kelem Terry O'Donnell
December	Officers
Contact Richard Winslow for any changes to the committee schedule	

### 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**

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