

# SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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## President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Hooray for our new venue! Date Change for November meeting!

Hopefully, you have all learned our long time member Tracie Johnson was able to negotiate the use of her Wood Shop classroom at Cupertino High School.

I was on a trip in late September but reports I got seem like a good fit for us with excellent projector and audiovisual capabilities. The maps sent out were useful and SBWW Club Members were able to find the room without issues. Remember this is not a permanent site for us - it will only be available until and including the May 2022 meeting. Tracie becomes a retired teacher at completion of the 2022 school year. Thank Tracie at the next meeting for arranging this great opportunity.

Tracie's mother is now terminally ill and could pass any day. If that day happens close to our meeting and no teacher steps up to be our host, we will need to switch meeting location to Tom Kenyon's garage - so watch your email before heading to the meetings.

Our October meeting will sport a presentation by Bob Konigsberg on the progress of his new house, which has been underway for several years. The program will be interesting since he has employed some interesting methods of construction.

To avoid conflict with Thanksgiving, November's meeting has been moved one week later to November 30th at Cupertino High School. Our speaker for that meeting will be Dennis Yamamoto.

Holiday Dinner??? I am still pondering a holiday meeting for December. I am nearly positive that our usual spot at the church will not be open for dining to outside organizations. Especially since we have not met there in very close to two years. Let me know your thoughts on whether we should seek a suitable restaurant or what? We are not the biggest group but probably larger than can fit comfortably in one of our homes, so that is not a good option. It might be more appropriate to FOCUS Show-N-Tell at our delayed November meeting on the 30th to projects we are making or have made for holiday gifts and call it a year?

How about some new officers for 2022? Please consider a role - Syd wants to be relieved of his Treasurer job and I have been your traveling President for five years (rule used to be a president could only serve one year unless granted an exemption - which I think happened twice).

See you at school! Jay

## Meeting Location

As noted by Jay, near term meetings will continue to be held at Cupertino High School's wood shop, hosted by Tracie.

Address is:

Cupertino High School  
10100 Finch Ave.  
Cupertino

Map and directions were provided in the September newsletter and associated emails.

Everyone should be vaccinated. Masks are required on school grounds, unless eating or drinking.

## In Memoriam – Ed Vincent



Long time SBWW member, Ed Vincent passed this last month. Ed was one of the very first members, President in

1993, the year I joined. Chuck wrote a brief note on Ed's passing that I thought is worth repeating.

"He was 98 years young but was aiming for 100. His son, Kent, lives locally. His son from Idaho, his daughter from Texas, his wife Lois, and his caregivers were all with him. Ed was a remarkable and loveable man. In addition to being an early member of the SBWWs, he was a mechanical engineer, director of a division at General Electric, the youngest squadron leader in the South Pacific during WWII, and a pilot of a B29 at age 22. To prove the attractiveness of an independent Air Force, as it had been a part of the Army to that point, Ed and three other pilots flew four B-29s, non-stop, from Japan to Washington, D.C., after the war. Congress was impressed, and subsequently made the Air Force independent."

He flew the longest combat mission of WWII – 17 hours – laying mines in the South China Sea.

A remarkable man.

Ed's health declined in the recent years – so he has not been active in the club but he will be remembered as an interesting woodworker – but most of all a gracious man.

## Show & Tell Note:

Normal Show & Tell at the October's meeting, Ron will take pictures. If you have photos beforehand, please send them to me, [takenyon1@gmail.com](mailto:takenyon1@gmail.com) to save Ron or me from taking pictures.

Thank You – Tom Kenyon

## October's Program

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## September's Program



Joey Kochlacs who has a shop in Santa Cruz presented the program for September. His creations frequently include the use of large slabs of indigenous wood including walnut, madrone, redwood and California bay laurel.

He works with several tree cutters that provide him with the source of his wood. Joey uses a Wood Miser and an Alaskan chain saw mill to reduce the logs to slabs. He air dries them one year for each inch of thickness then places the slabs in his homemade kiln bringing the moisture content to about ten percent.

Several of his projects require the use of keys and he uses the traditional wooden butterfly keys along with 1/8 thick copper key that look like two arrow

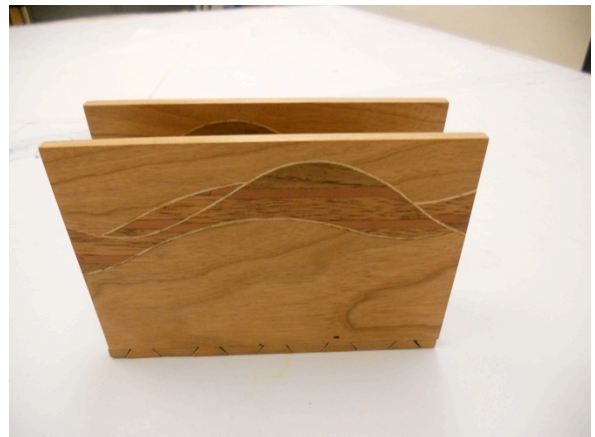
points facing each other and joined by a line.

Joey displayed a table with unique legs. He had made components of square structural steel in the shape of a "Y" that when turned upside down formed the joint between the vertical member and the lower splayed members. The steel connection is coated with copper that makes a nice contrast with the walnut in the construction of the table.

He showed us and described several other pieces that he made that included a sycamore and eastern black walnut desk, an entry table for a restaurant, a walnut and madrone table and chairs, and a nine foot long split walnut table with bowties across the gap.

Joey typically uses Armor Seal or Osmo to finish his furniture.

## Show and Tell



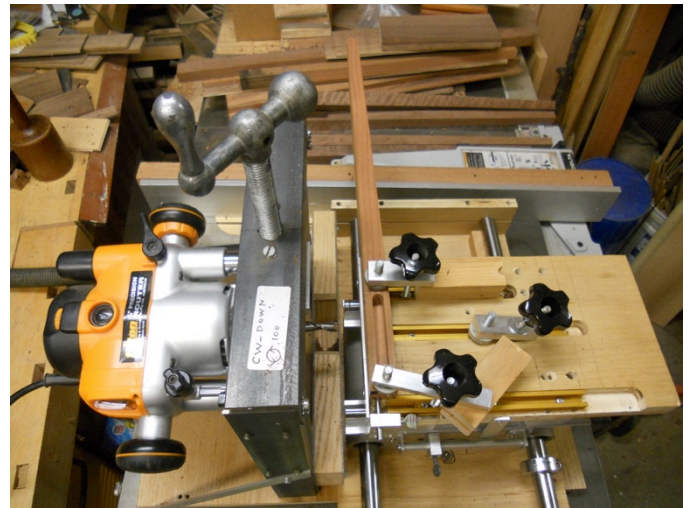
**Mateo McCullough** made a mail holder for containing mail before having to deal with it. The base is cherry with dovetailed sides of mahogany, cherry, and a mystery wood woven in with white lines of ash. It has two coats of an oil based spar urethane.





**Richard Winslow** brought in an antique box that he was asked to repair. It was painted blue and yellow he surmised was milk paint. It has white colored metal bands at each end that was the focus of a discussion by the club. It was concluded that the metal probably was pewter.

He also showed his first bandsaw project consisting of a miniature chest of drawers. The drawer pulls are maple while the face is probable sapele and the next layer and the back are cherry. The divider between the drawers is white oak. It has a VFM oil wax finish.



**Tom Kenyon** has attempted for the first time a two arm open spaced bowl made from walnut. Bowl was made using the Bowl from Board (BFD) technique. Open spaces were filled with sacrificial pieces. These sacrificial pieces were removed after the bowl was shaped. He carved the two arms that was his first effort at curving.



**Ron Gerard** made a horizontal mortiser featuring a 3 1/4 hp Triton router. The three axis's all run on sets of linear bearings. It typically uses a 1/2" cutter, but 3/8" and 1/4" cutters can also be used with bushings. It creates a large amount of chips and the next step is to add a dust collection port.

# 2021 Program Responsibilities

Program responsibilities are being resolved.

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