

SOUTH BAY WOODWORKERS' NEWS

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President's Column

By Fred Sotcher



Fellow Woodworkers:

My term of office is soon coming to a close and I have been reviewing what has been happening over the last two years. I feel in general the club is doing well. We have made some changes to keep up with the times and most

of them have worked well. I might have hoped that we have had more field trips and shop tours, but I plan to continue to encourage them over the coming years because I feel there is so much to learn when you visit someone in their home space.

I must say I am disappointed in our membership rolls. So many of you put some much effort in to finding new member. Thank you for that! We have a 24 guests attend at least one of our meeting, but only 8 remained as member in 2015. Of those only 3 have attended more than one meeting this year.

We currently have 31 listed members of which 20 or so that are active which is a good ratio as club membership goes, but I understand that we are losing three active members by the end of the year. I have no interest in growing the club membership to 50 or 100 people as you can get to a point where there are so many people that field trips become very hard and a lot more administration is required to keep it working. But we are all getting older (sorry about that) and I feel we need to find some way of attracting and holding new active members so we can continue to learn from each other.

I am renewing my efforts to attract new members. I have ordered some business cards that we can post at

hardwood lumber stores and similar locations that woodworkers frequent. I have made up some little wooden holders to secure the cards. I have called a number of new members with poor attendance records to try and understand why. I sent emails to all of our newer members to better understand their reaction to the club.

From this activity I have learned a few things that are interesting.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
October 27

By
Ken Horner,
Linda Horner
& Don McKell
At
The Saratoga
Federated Church
at 7:00 pm

- Most seem to be receiving Larry Schwarcz's monthly reminder letter that leads people to our website and newsletter.
- They seem to be able to find the newsletter
- Most read the newsletter
- The pass code seems to be an issue in some cases.
- The members are doing a good job of greeting new members and helping them feel welcome.
- Every newer member feels that for the most part they feel their time at a meeting is well spent.

- Some would like to have more group activity such as the Kezurou-Kai USA in Oakland
- There was a suggestion made that the club needs to be more visible. If you use Google and lookup woodworking clubs in the bay area you find BAWA and Diablo but no SBWW.
- One member asked for a reminder 1-2 day before the meeting.
- Several would like more visits to furniture factories
- Several would like more hands-on training programs.
- Several pointed out that we need younger members. (I am not old, are you?)
- I really appreciate the effort that some of you put

into helping us better understand what works and does not work for you.

So from this feedback we might consider:

- It might be that we should be sending reminders the day before the meeting or posting the email reminders closer to the meeting date.
- It is now clear to me who in the club is responsible to insure that all members know the password. When I go the site I can get into all sections, without any password. Can we fix something so that it works like that for all members?
- More field trips
- Try and find some way that we can be easier to find. If people don't know we are around then they cannot join us. We are listed under the FWW club sites and several others.
- Are we interested in promoting ourselves to local high schools and colleges?
- Chuck Aring suggested that at each meeting we invite members to present something that they learned over the last month in 10 seconds or less.

At the next meeting we will test Chuck's idea, so please come prepared to share a learning experience with us in 10 seconds or less.

Please continue to reach out to our newer members and help them continue to feel welcome.

See you then,

Fred

This Month's Program:

Ken & Linda will be giving a demo and the second half will be for members to bring in their best jigs & fixtures to show to everyone.

Minutes September 22, 2015

Guests

This month we had one guest; Ken Forden.

General Announcements

Syd Dunton has informed us that the annual club dues for 2016 will be accepted starting at this October meeting.

Ken Horner offered for sale some copies of his book describing the use of the carpenters square. The price is \$10.00. He also has copies of his new book on marquetry that he is selling for \$20.00 which is less than the retail price.

A workshop was held in Ken Horner's shop to work on fifteen advent candle holders the church has requested. They will be delivered by November 29.

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 15 at the church. It will from 5:30 to 9 P.M. Officers will arrive earlier to set up the auditorium.

The church requested that the podium be repaired. The glue joints have become loose and need to be reglued. Richard Winslow volunteered to do the work.

Richard Winslow reminded the club that he accepts orders for items from Craft Supplies. There is no sales tax or shipping charge and you get a 10% discount.

The club thanked Chuck and Karen Aring for hosting the summer picnic.

Officer nominations will be held at the October meeting followed by the second nominations and voting at the November meeting.

Neal White is moving out of the area and has a number of good quality power tools for sale. If you are interested you can contact him at nealwhite46@yahoo.com or 408-287-2371.

- Sawstop, Pro-Model with wheel kit Excaliber over arm blade guide - \$2,800
- Delta Bandsaw with riser - \$300
- Dewalt Planner #733 with 3 sets of blades - \$200

- Delta 18/36 Wide Drum Sander - \$250
- Delta 1 1/2 HP Dust Collector with HEPA filter - \$200
- Bench Top Drill Press - \$125

support pieces and his concern about their strength. A number of ideas were suggested that might be used in lieu of the ones used on his model

Main Meeting

The club owns the DVD that contains the Fine Woodworking's magazine index from 1975 to 2014 (no.1 to 243) in PDF format. Mike Wirth gave the presentation describing what the DVD contains and how to navigate the index to get the information you need.

Contact Mike if you want to borrow this DVD.

Show & Tell

Tom Kenyon continued his work on miniature open segmented bowls. The taller one is made from basswood while the shorter one is made from maple and both of them use 1/16 black veneer. He claims that both of them are failures. The taller one because it is too tall and the basswood became fuzzy when the poplar fillers were knocked out . Glue that was applied on the top and bottom of the poplar pieces wicked out making them difficult to remove. Wax was applied to the sides to alleviate this problem, but was difficult to remove.



Maple was used instead of basswood in an attempt to control the fuzziness on the shorter bowl and sheet glue replaced liquid glue. The fuzz remained.

Fred Sotcher described making a prototype of a vita chair based on a Thomas Moser design. The real one will be made of cherry and have two cushions. He discussed the joints used in the



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PROGRAM COMMITTEE		OFFICERS	
October 27	Ken Horner	President	Fred Sotcher
	Linda Horner	Vice-President	Ken Horner
	<u>Don McKell</u>	Secretary	Ron Gerard
November 24	Rich Winslow	Treasurer	Syd Dunton
	Rex Osborn	Newsletter	Larry Schwarcz
	<u>Larry Petulla</u>	Photographer	Fred Sotcher
December	Officers	Librarian	Mike Wirth
	_____	Web Master	Tom Kenyon

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

November 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