All,

Please find the early January update of club member activities below. Thanks to those members who took time to send updates. You'll find that Pete Sieperda wins the prize for the busiest woodworker of the month. Also see the note from Bradley Vierkant, who will be leaving us as he moves on with his career in the Navy. He is a very energetic and talented woodworker and will be missed. We hope to see him again in a few years back on the west coast.

The election of club officers and directors is complete and the slate of candidates was accepted by the members. All 2020 Board members were elected for another term. I want to thank the Board members who agreed to serve for 2021. Their willingness to support the club makes my job as president much easier.

The Board passed an operating budget for 2021. As you can imagine, the budget is scaled back in anticipation of reduced income and expenditures. That said, we still have bills, especially insurance, that must be paid whether we are meeting or not. That is why we have asked members to makes some contribution to the treasury.

I think we can all agree that 2020 was a crappy year in terms of club's operation. Hopefully thing will return to what may be the new normal in 2021. That said, I don't anticipate us meeting again until later in the year when we are all vaccinated. In the meantime, please stay safe and practice all those precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Stan

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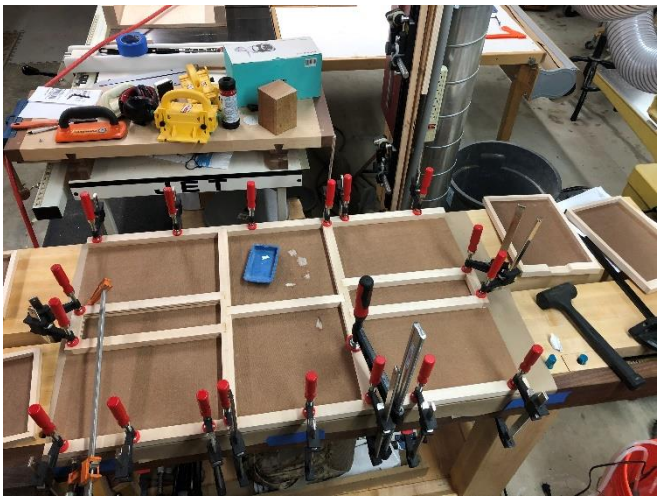
JOE SMITH

My wife wanted a puzzle table. I used an image I found on Amazon for the idea. This is made from tempered hardboard and Maple.

The four drawers are for extra storage of Puzzle pieces.



RICHARD KING

I duplicated a chair that I saw on the sidewalk in Cambria. And my daughter had me build a cat tower from a picture she saw in a magazine.

BRADLEY A. VIERKANT

Mr. Stan,

I was really hoping that I would be able to attend at least one more meeting so I would be able to do this in person, but it is time that I inform y'all I have received my orders and will be stationed aboard the USS Truman out of Norfolk VA. I will actually leave by the end of this month and I still have several projects I need to wrap up before they pack my shop up! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and all the great people in the Association.

Attached are a couple of shots from a recent piece I just finished, it is made entirely from Solid Red Oak, and Red Oak Plywood. Measures 5' Wide, 19" Deep, and 39" Tall. It can also hold 25 bottles of wine, and the large right drawer was made to house a 10-gallon trash can. I was given a rough sketch of the front and asked if it was something I wanted to try to build. After several revisions on Sketch-up, she approved the plan and this is what we came up with.

The last picture is a simple little sign for my son, a while back my wife and I got a Cricut Maker which has the ability to cut thin pieces of Balsa and Basswood. So, I had a little fun with my son and made a sign for his door. I added some small splines for the mitered corners and then cut the profile just deep enough to show some of the walnut splines for a decorative accent.

For anyone interested, the Navy is sending me to school for NDI (Non-Destructive Inspection). NDI uses Eddy Currents, Dye Penetrant, and X-rays to find structural damage in metal and composite materials. It is a school I have been after since I joined and am happy that I am finally getting the chance to attend. Anyone who would like my contact information is more than welcome to it. If the Navy happens to send me back to the Valley, know y'all will be the first to know! Thank you again to everyone for the advice, help, and friendship!

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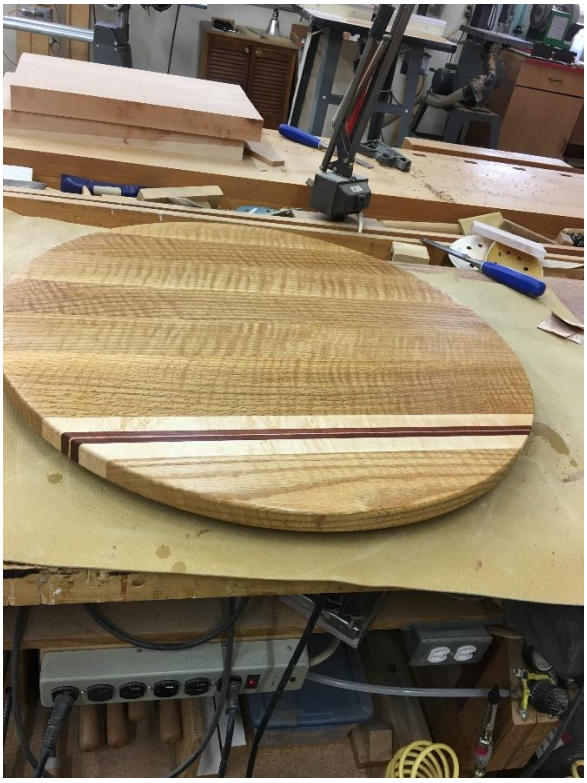
PETE SIEPERDA



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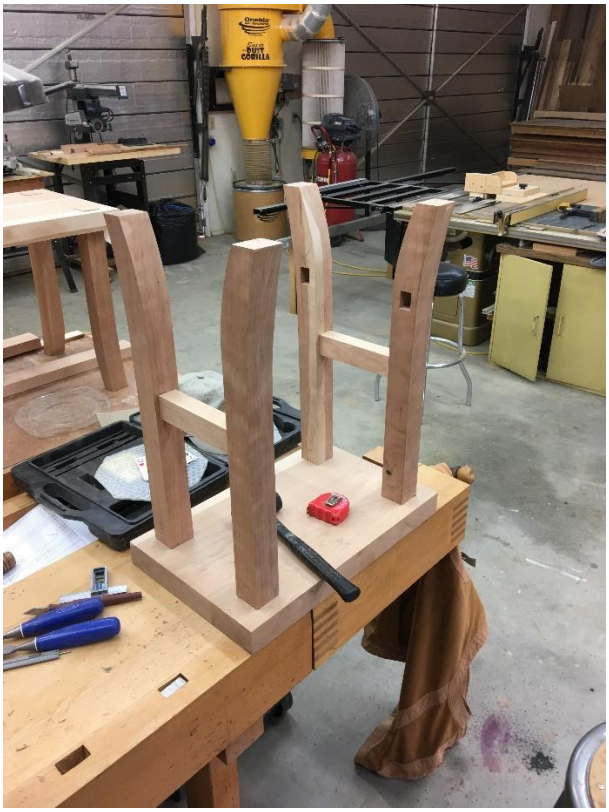

Pete and his granddaughter