

BAWA Newsletter October 2025

Next Meeting

Sunday, November 16th, 6:00 P.M. Guest speaker: Scott Wynn will talk about making Japanese hand planes. Foster City Public Library, Port Room 1000 East Hillsdale Blvd Foster City, CA 94404



BAWA meeting minutes from the October 19, 2025 combined in-person and Zoom meeting held at the Foster City Public Library

President Paul Krenitsky called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Jon Kaplan was present. Secretary Burt Rosensweig took notes. Past president Frank Ramsay attended via Zoom.

Guests: Alec from Palo Alto Adult School



Paul announced that during the November meeting we will review the club financial status and elect board members for 2026.

Paul announced that on December 14th we will have a potluck dinner as part of the December meeting. We will have a holiday ornament/decoration challenge, and members are encouraged to bring in jigs and fixtures for Show & Tell. Please note that this is the *second* Sunday in December, not our usual third Sunday.

Laura Rhodes talked about planning for the 2026 Woodworking Show. She hopes to have it in May at Woodcraft in San Carlos. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to help out with the show. We will be communicating via email and Google drive. [The show is a great event for BAWA, but it takes a lot of work to put everything together. Laura does a great job coordinating, but she needs to have volunteers to coordinate. Please contact her to be a volunteer. We could really use some help with the online aspect of marketing the event soon, so that we can get the word out and people can get their pieces ready for the show. — Ed.]

Tessa Madsen Petrich was our speaker. She is a graduate of the Krenov school, having spent two years there. She has a degree in architecture and leverages that knowledge when designing woodworking projects. She is currently teaching at the Mission Community Woodshop in San Francisco. She brought in the small chest she made that is for holding letters and greeting cards. The chest is made from madrone, and it sits on a stand made of walnut. It is all solid wood, with no veneering. The top has a gentle curve from front to back, and she hand cut dovetail joints to fit the sides. There are three drawers. The top drawer is slightly less tall than the middle drawer, which is slightly less tall than the bottom drawer. The top, sides and drawers have through dovetails. The case and stand are finished with shellac, and the stand has satin polyurethane over the shellac. You can find photos of her beautiful projects on the Krenov School website and her personal website at t-kmp.com.

Stan Booker gave Tess a book written by James Krenov from 1974. She said it was one that she did not have and was happy to accept it.





Show and tell:

Burt Rosensweig brought in a case he made for his small 4" Starrett combination square. He made the case from birch cut from one of the trees in his front yard. He finished it with Watco Danish Oil.



Claude Godcharles brought in a bowl he turned wet, and it warped extensively when it dried, but he was able to display it regardless.





Lloyd Worthington-Levy brought in a fixture he made for cutting the small, angled pieces to make kumiko panels. He 3D printed the clamps to hold the wood pieces at just the right angle to trim them with a chisel. Four clamps are used, each with a different angle.

Laura Marshall brought in her infinity lamp. She made a table top lamp from cherry and alder, with an infinity cube as the lamp shade. She picked a bulb that flickers to mimic the light from a flame. She managed to find a cord that looks like it is made out of a rope.



Stan Booker brought in a number of woodworking books to sell for \$5 each.

Bruce Powell brought in a biscuit cutter that he will sell for a donation to the club.

In person attendees: 17. Zoom attendees: 3

Minutes: Burt Rosensweig, Secretary

Upcoming Events

November 16

BAWA meeting

November 21 and 22

Lie-Nielsen hand tool event at Mission Community Woodshop

Starting Friday and Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

20 Clinton Park, San Francisco

December 14

BAWA meeting with pot luck dinner, ornament/decoration challenge, and jigs show & tell