

Review February Pembroke table presentation

February's meeting presentation had a different format: Tim Killen and five members of Tim's Building Classic Furniture class presented information on the history of the Pembroke Table and the challenges they faced in reproducing museum quality examples. Tim demonstrated in class the steps he took to build one table, and made it look so easy that six of his students eagerly took on the project of building tables of their own. Five of the six students brought their tables to the meeting, along with Tim's two, and each took a part of the story and shared with us the challenges they faced in building their tables. Photos from the presenters and Sketch-up drawings were included in the presentation, which can be found in next link. Presenters were: Tom Baily, Tim Killen, Joe Abel, Duke Herrero, Wayne Stolte, and Ben Townley. Neal Rose was not able to attend the meeting but also made a table. The presenters laced their facts and struggles with chuckle- and laugh out loud-humor, keeping the audience engaged. We learned a lot, including the following: there are Pembroke tables in the White House; each table has 96 flower petals with each type of petal requiring a different carving gouge; that mahogany can be allergic to some; that liquid hide glue is just as good as the kind you heat up; and that the project was a good excuse for buying a lot of tools. They also thanked the teachers of Mount Diablo Adult Ed Woodworking, Turning and Carving classes. Thank you, presenting team, for an engaging presentation!

