President’s Notes, Allan Laudenslayer

Well, here it is February already and this year is promising to be a good one for the club.

First, on a sad note, John Williams, one of our members and toy makers died on January 7. One of John’s passions in life was our SAW group and the toy program. Our condolences go out to John’s family for their loss. All who knew John will miss him, and his loss will leave a hole, not easily filled.

The February meeting will have a presentation on the building of custom doors. One of our own, Art Quinn will do this presentation. Art had his own business making custom doors for a wide variety of clients. He will share his extensive knowledge on this subject to all who attend.

Since we are having a speaker this month, we will not be doing a formal show and tell. However, if you have any projects that you would like to display, please feel free to bring them in to display. We would ask that you stand behind your projects during the break and answer any questions from the members.

Your Board of Directors have come up with what they think will be a fun show and tell for March, “Antique Tools” (75+ years or older). Dig them out, dust off the sawdust and bring them to the March meeting. The board is still deciding on prizes and categories for this event. One option we are looking at is a kind of a stump the members contest. We will ask the members, “What is it, and what does it do?”.

So, if you have any unusual antiques that do unusual work, bring them in for the contest.

The SIG’s have started strong in 2004. The “Scroll Saw” SIG had over 20 members cutting out dragons etc. at Bob Beckert’s shop. The “Novice SIG” had over 25 attendees obtaining router knowledge from Bob Drotos and hands on experience in Bob Schieck’s shop. The “Furniture/Finishing SIG” had 13 members at Joe Schuchmann’s shop. Finally yet importantly, Rogette’s “Toll Painting SIG” is drawing eight to ten budding and accomplished artists to her sessions.

If you have not taken advantage of the various SIG’s, I strongly encourage you to attend. The wealth of knowledge to be gained cannot be stressed strongly enough, and learning our craft as well as the comradery with our members, is what the club is all about.

Welcome New Members
Steven Hitchens, Roseville
Leonard James, Granite Bay
Joe Lesh, Citrus Heights
Lauren Tourville, Rancho Cordova
Krieg Vegie, Pioneer
The SACRAMENTO AREA WOODWORKERS, also known as SAW, is an organization formed for the purpose of:

Sharing woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, ideas in producing supplement income and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

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For all new members the dues for SAW are $20 per calendar year. Additional dependent family members, residing in the same household of a fully paid member, shall pay 50% of annual dues. As a SAW member, you will enjoy the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers, discounts from local merchants, group buys on wood, and library privileges. Commercial memberships are available for $50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month, if desired. Contact Treasurer Neil Knutsen for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the editor Don Robinson, 1453 Musgrave Dr., Roseville, CA 95747 or Email dlrobin@surewest.net by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter.

CLASSIFIED

Do you have woodworking related items to sell? Are you looking for something special for your shop? Advertise here.

FOR SALE

RBI Hawk variable speed 220 precision scroll saw. Never used, foot control, video, blades, blade angle setters. 10 gauge steel legs.. $1050 contact Marty Martin

Delta 12” Planer, mounted on a mobile base w/dust collection attachment. $150. Call Don Robinson,

For Sale - Large Redwood burl slab for coffee table with separate redwood base. Approximately 6 ft by 3 ft, irregular shape, about 3 1/2 inches thick. Rough sanded, needs finishing. Asking $150. Call Craig

Delta Unisaw Table, with new 52” Biesmeyer Fence, $1200 or best offer. Other tools and machines available as they get reconditioned. Call Walter Miller

3 NORTON GRINDING WHEELS- Never used! All 3 are 8”dia. 1 inch wide, Fine. In original shipping containers $5.00 each. Call Jim Bringham

Powermatic # 90 wood lathe, older gap bed, 36” between centers, 12” dia. $1,200. call Gary

3hp 10” Powermatic with Biesemeyer 50” fence setup, includes 3’ x 7’ wide out feed table. Price is $1,450 Art Quinn,
WILLIAMS, Jr., John Dodd
Born Jan. 10, 1929 in Oakland, CA, passed away on January 7, 2004 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Helen for 41 years. Greatly missed by his beloved children, Lani and Sean Williams. Also survived by his dear sister, Eleanor T. Williams, nieces and nephews, and a host of wonderful cousins, friends, and neighbors. John was a Korean War veteran who left a memoir of his service in that war for his children. Including this service, John worked fifty years for the Federal Government before retirement, most of his work being with FAA. John was a good friend to many, and he enjoyed a happy retirement with his FAA "Romeo" luncheon group, SIRS, and his specially beloved woodworkers SAW group. John loved his Williams Toy Shop in which he made many "Toys for Tots."

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John joined the Sacramento Area Woodworkers in 2001 and immediately became involved in the Toy's for Tot's program. He also set up our first web site with MSN Communities. He organized our 2003 fall shop tour. He was always available to help when needed. He had a wonderful collection of old tools, that he enjoyed so much. His compact shop was so well organized, that a number of the members used his ideas in their own shops. His den is another storey, but I bet he could still find things in there. He will be missed by the SAW Club.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.
Dick Lewis, scroll sawn picture of the flag rising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, on box.

Alex Shockley, dice game.

Mike Bush, Gun stock

Paul Toth, Folding chair step stool, ladder

Bob Schieck, pin router attachment, toy furniture and decorations.

Corwin Jones, end table made from scrap's, 2nd's and etc.

Jerrold Braunstein, Brought in some pictures of a computer desk he had made.
**Novice SIG**  
*Contact person: Floyd Gibson,*

The Novice SIG met at Bob Schieck’s Shop, January 17, 2004, with 21 members in attendance. The topic of the meeting was routers and we are lucky to have one of the local area best instructors on the subject, Bob Drotos. He holds classes at Woodcraft Supply. Bob gave us a condensed version of his class. He covered different types of routers and their accessories. The safe operation of these tools was the foremost part of his talk, covering proper ear and eye protection, the installation of bits, the direction in which to cut and how to sharpen bits. Bob ended his talk with a question and answer session. Check out the Woodcraft Supply schedule for a full version of Bob’s classes. A few members brought their routers and the group broke into smaller groups covering their needs. Steven Hitchins brought in a homemade jig for cutting dovetails and box joints. The jig plans, were in one of the wood magazines he receives. Bob Schieck had a table-mounted router set up and he demonstrated pattern cutting. The next Novice meeting will be at Don Robinson’s Shop on February 21, 10 am to 1 pm. The subject will be molding head cutters and your woodworking questions.

**Furniture/Finishing SIG**  
*Contact Person: Dick Wampach,*

The January Furniture/Finishing SIG was well attended with 13 people in attendance. The meeting was hosted by Judy and Joe Schuchmann of Loomis. Joe had some new 'toys' to show us, a finger joint jig, which Don fine tuned for him, and a new book on making joints; Classic Joints With Power Tools, by Yeung Chan. Joe was able to take a class from Mr. Chan and get his book autographed. Joe had several samples of various joints that were featured in the book, such as mortise and tenon miter joints, splined, and half lap miters. He also showed us an end table he recently completed with turned legs and top made from the cherry scraps we received a couple of years ago.

In another corner, finishing techniques were discussed; such as, best finish, best way to apply, how to mix shellac flakes and apply, and rubbing out the finish. Other topics were also discussed as well, such as, setting up stacked dado blades. Any topic that is brought up receives immediate attention and we all learn something. I have to mention the refreshments! Joe made delicious cookies for us to enjoy and Judy baked sweet breads, 'pigs in a blanket', as well as serving coffee. Thank you so much for your hospitality!

Our next meeting will be hosted by our new President, Allen Laudenslayer and his wife, Nancy. The date is Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
**Tole Painting SIG**

*Contact person: Rogette Sommer,*

Tole Painting SIG met Thursday evening at Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center Jan 22 7pm. 12 members attending: Bob Schieck, Doris & Woody Woods, Margaret Cline, Ken Barrios, Remie Mong, Joe Trevino, Judi Curnow, Jan Fudge, Sonja Lemon, Nancy Laundenslayer and Rogette Sommers. Dick Mong & Bob Curnow were in the Lobby solving the State Of California’s problems; Arnold S. should have been there! Rogette had several painting projects that are new and several that are in progress. Seven clay pots were being painted by members which are to look like a stucco garden shop. Also being painted Three hanging plaques “Welcome” with garden shop, and two that are for the workshop’s of members. In addition, one member is doing Bob Schieck’s kind of painting “flat colors” no shading. Another project is a wreath with leaves and birdhouses on it. All the projects above are in various stages; none completed yet. They are all beautiful and very good. Of course, Bob Schieck is trying to paint his pot, with all the wrong colors. The next Tole Painting SIG’s will be Thursday evening February 13 & 27 at the senior center 7pm-9pm. all are Welcome. Thank you Rogette.

**Scrollsaw SIG**

*Contact person: Bob Schieck,*

Scrollsaw SIG met sat Jan 10 at Bob Beckert’s shop/garage. Twenty members attended. This was a record attendance for a SIG meeting. We had three scrollsaws Bob Beckert’s DeWalt and the SAW clubs Hagner Multimax 14E & a Hagner Multimax. Both of the club saws need repairs and Bob Schieck had the parts. After installing a broken bolt on one and speed systems on each, both saws were up and running. Bob Beckert had patterns for the members to cut out, Clocks, Dragons and of course Bob Schieck brought his special little Frogs. All the women at the meeting took a turn working on Bob’s scroll saw and did a mighty fine job. For most, it was a first time ever operating a scroll saw. Bob Beckert was busy going from saw to saw instructing and making sure that everyone had goodies. At least half of the members cut out one or more projects. One of the club saws developed a terrible vibration, which was caused by a loose screw. Ted Benavidez took the saw home to fix it and bring it back to Novice Meeting on Sat. Jan 17, at Bob Schieck’s shop. At the end of the scrollsaw meeting Bob Schieck handed out plans for a fretwork, Keepsake Box to be done in any kind of wood. This was a project done approximately 2 yrs ago. Thank You Bob Beckert.

Next Scrollsaw SIG, Feb 14, 10am to 1pm at Woody Woods Shop. Woody will have Maps at regular Saw Meeting.

PS. Some one left their dragon behind, Bob Beckert will bring it to the club meeting Feb. 3.
LIBRARY

Books, videos, and magazines are available to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

New Books

- Mini-Lathe Magic  Hampton
- Making Toys that Teach  Neufeld
- Christmas Scroll Saw Projects  Meisel

In last months newsletter I made a list of all the members of our club that were involved in the Salvation Army Toy’s for Tot’s project. I knew I would miss someone’s name, but I sure did not think I would miss one that has been a very big contributor and is a close friend of mine. This member is Joe Trevino, a maker of toys for years. He is also one of the tole painting group. Joe’s toys are of the highest quality. I have apologized to Joe personally, but I want all the members to know of my mistake. Once again sorry Joe.

Don, editor