President’s Notes, Allan Laudenslayer

It’s December and 2005 is in the box. I hope this year has been as much fun for you as it has for me. In the two years that I have been president, I have had the privilege of associating with a lot of good people and great woodworkers.

We ended up the year with over 200 members. While not as good as last year’s 240, I think we did quite well considering the woodworking show had a poor turnout and we had no participation at the California State Fair. Hopefully next year, the fair committee will see fit to include the clubs in a demonstration area again. That has been one of our better places to talk to prospective woodworkers about our club.

I would like to thank this year’s board of directors who performed their duties above and beyond what I asked of them. Thank you Tom, Casey, Neil, Bert, Hildegard, and Jerry.

Thank you to the following people listed in no particular order.

To Bob Beckert and his band of librarians for the outstanding job they do in maintaining and improving the clubs library.

To Bob Scheick for not only chairing the Toys for Tots effort, but also heading up two SIG’s (Novice and Scroll Saw) and attending just about everything else. He will even fill in for the other SIG’s as needed.

To Dick Wampach for his work in coordinating the furniture and finishing SIG. Maybe now that he is about to retire, he can finally get some work done on his plane.

To Tom Taylor for his interest in getting our newest pen turning SIG off and running. We look forward to the many new small turning projects he has planned for 2006.

To Rogette Sommer and her many artists extraordinaire, not only for her teaching, but also in helping to get many of the toys painted.

To our newest chairman, Bruce King for getting the membership list under control. We have big plans for him in the coming year.

To the many refreshment volunteers we have had this year, including Dick Grant, Rich Folena and his band of helpers for making sure that we have the coffee, sodas, and cookies at our breaks.

Our December 6th meeting will be our annual cake and coffee social culminating with the presentation of the toys to the Salvation Army. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Finally, I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

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Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor Jerrold Braunstein, email jbbraunstein@sbcglobal.net, by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

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Near-new 18Volt Makita drill/driver, including the case, 2 batteries, the charger, auxiliary handle and depth stop. The tool can be purchased for as low as $240 online; I will sell the set for $160. Porter Cable 333VSK 5" Variable Speed Random Orbital Sander. This is a great little sander (but I bought a Festool sander that connects to their dust vacuum), so I don't need a redundant tool. Brand new, never used Incra Ultra Jig (the 16" model), complete with all the instructions, templates, and their extra base. I paid around $250 for this, and will sell it for $150. Bruce Weitzman, wmb123@pacbell.net (916) 635-4446 Daytime (916) 635-8444 Evenings & Weekends.
Santa's elves have been hard at work this year. At the December meeting, hundreds of handmade toys like these will be donated to Toys for Tots. These pictures show the work of just a few of our favorite elves.
Andrew Santos’ Christmas Ornaments out of painted pine

Van Sant’s tole painted boxes.

Bill Sjurson’s remembrance boxes. Several members were honored for making similar boxes but more are needed.

The garage cabinet which was the furniture/finishing SIG project for last month. No glue, the cabinet was put together with pocket hole screws only.

Santa’s Workshop clock, a project of the Scrollsaw SIG. Bob Scheck put it together.

Dan Moening’s Plane till door. Popular with a tiger eucalyptus veneer.
Novice SIG  
**Contact person: Floyd Gibson,**  
The Novice SIG met on Saturday, November 19, at Steve Hitchens’ shop. Thirteen members attended. The program was “Tuning up your Bandsaw”. Steve had a bandsaw booklet handout for all along with an article on bandsaws. A Jet Bandsaw was used for demonstration. Steve installed a 1/2" bandsaw blade. He went through all the steps showing members where in the booklet every step was. Instruction was given on tensioning the blade, how the blade should ride on both upper & lower wheels, on checking to see that the table is 90 degrees to blade, proper positions of the thrust bearing, and finally bandsaw bushings (guides) position using a folded dollar bill. Next came sawing a board with a fence with discussion on drift of the blade, fence type & etc. This was a very informative meeting as Steve is quite knowledgable on the bandsaw. Thank you Steve for a great meeting.

Tole Painting SIG  
**Contact Person: Rogette Sommers,**  
Tole painters met at Ethol MacLeod Senior Center on Thursday November 10. Five members attended. The tole painters were completing the projects they started in October, garden buddies, and step stools. Thank you Rogette.

Furniture/Finishing SIG  
**Contact Person: Dick Wampach,**  
The Furniture and Finishing SIG met at Floyd Gibson’s shop on November 15, 2005. The subject of the day was Frame and Panel routing. Floyd demonstrated making rail and stile profiles using a reversible rail and stile router bit. Most members have done rail and stile routing, but have used the two bit system. A recommendation was made for using a coping sled for the cope cuts and whether making a shop-built sled or purchasing one. The issue is safety. Also, Floyd demonstrated the new Z-Axis carriage that was added to his Legacy Ornamental machine.

There will be no Furniture and Finishing SIG meeting in December. The next Furniture and Finishing SIG will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006. No shop was selected at this time. However, one will be selected prior to the issue of the January 2006 SAW newsletter. Please contact Dick Wampach if anyone is interested in hosting the January Furniture and Finishing SIG.

Pen SIG  
**Contact Person: Tom Taylor,**  
The November Pen SIG was held at Craig Blankenship’s shop and about 12 members attended. Several members made pens. Craig made and handed out pen disassembly kits to the members.

The next pen SIG will be at Tom Taylor Shop on Jan. 28th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. We will be making letter openers and tops.
Scrollsaw SIG  
*Contact person: Bob Schieck,*

The Scrollsaw SIG met on Saturday, November 12 at Bert Fortier's shop. Thirteen members & one guest attended. The project was to make a 3D Bird with skinny wings. Bert had some of the birds partially cut out for beginners. First Bert showed what the finished bird looks like. Then he proceeded to show members how to cut the bird out. Bert had lots of scroll saws: RBI, Hagner, the club's Delta, and a few others. Members then went to a scroll saw and attempted to cut out their bird. Bob Schieck showed the members his 2006 group project, the Effiel Tower and tried to convince members it will not be a hard project. How come Bob Schieck never cuts out projects on a scroll saw? Bert then showed members how to soak their completed bird in water and then spread the wings. Neil Knutsen made corrections to the bird demos as he is experienced in this type of bird. Several members took home partially cut out birds to be completed on their own scrollsaws. Roberta Lowe completely cut out her bird and we all expect to see finished bird at Pen SIG this month. Thank you Bert & Hilda for a great meeting.

Next meeting will be in 2006 on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10am to 1 pm at Bob Schieck's shop/garage.

Important Note for all of us, especially during the Holidays

**RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

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After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions.
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.

There will be NO Library services at the December Meeting.

Seasons Greetings from you Library Staff, Jack, Dick and Bob

Calendar
6  Tues.  7-9 p.m.  General Meeting—Election of 2006 Officers Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
11  Sun.  1 p.m.-??  Board Meeting  and Lunch

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