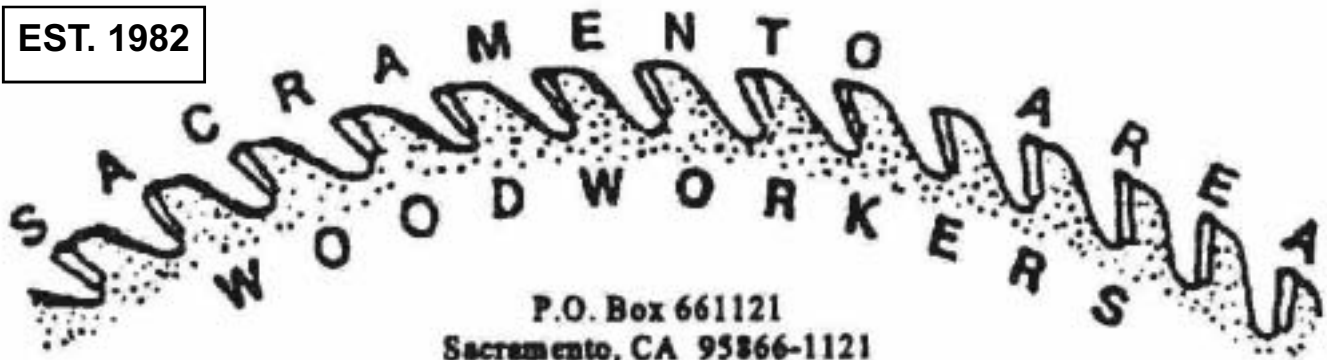


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MEETING
ETHEL MAC LEOD HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
February 6, 2007 7:00 pm

President's Message:

Did you ever have an idea that was for the birds--or want a million dollars worth of tools and other shop goodies? If so, this could be your lucky month with the Sacramento Area Woodworker's!

February is our club's annual bird and critter house competition! Build something from wood—a birdhouse, a bat house, a squirrel feeder, a butterfly nest, or anything else that can be useful to a living creature-and win a gift certificate prize at our February club general meeting!

Your entry must have been built no more than one year ago, and been crafted by the club member. First through fourth-place prizes worth \$30, \$20, \$15, and \$10 respectively will be awarded.

Also at our February general meeting will be a representative from the University of California, Davis Hospice program. Some club members may not know how our club is a wonderful supporter of many great organizations around the Sacramento Area. Come hear how your club is helping others, and hear about some great benefits that come with being a club member .

Many great club Special Interest Group events are happening in February. Check this newsletter's calendar and see if there is some-

thing to your liking.

As always, our club is always looking for people to try new things. Want to try intarssia, "four square" woodworking, wood inlay, crafting a ball and claw leg, deco-design, or a million other subjects that can be learned? Please let Gary Foster, club vice president, know. All it takes is for two club members to say there is an interest or a curiosity, and we can put together a special session.

Higgins Hardwoods is in the midst of moving their warehouse to a new location in North Natomas. As a result, I have received word that the Higgins Hardwoods annual SAW club open house and sale-normally scheduled in the beginning of June each year-will have to be rescheduled to an earlier or later date this year. Stay posted, read this newsletter, or attend club meetings, to hear of future developments on this annual event and hear about some great deals on wood and other materials Higgins wants to sell.

Want a free woodshop? Fine Woodworking magazine is giving away a woodshop-load of tools and equipment. Just go to www.FineWoodworking.com/ToolShop and look under "shop" to get the lowdown on this contest.

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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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MEMBERSHIP

For all new members the dues for SAW are \$30 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 Sally Green for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor Jerrold Braunstein, email jbraunstein@sbcglobal.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.

Items Needed

WANTED: The B Street Theatre, one of Sacramento's best theatre groups is in need of some woodworking equipment. If you have any extra cordless drill drivers; a compound miter saw, C-clamps, drill bits, bar clamps, a dust collection system, a compressor, or a wire feed welder that you what to donate to a good cause and get a tax deduction call Jerry Braunstein, 916-415-0814 and help out this asset to our Sacramento community.

For Sale: Shop Smith Mark V, 4" jointer, 11" bandsaw on power station, 12" planner on stand all with retractable casters, Craftsmen 12" radial arm saw 110v or 220v on movable stand. All prices negotiable call Robert Koch @ 530 622 3349 or email re.koch@sbc.global.net.

President's Message Continued:

For all SAW club member who want a free hardware store-worth a million dollars— visit www.dreamacehardware.com to enter. Opportunities do await those who actively participate in SAW! Come join the fun! Have a rewarding February in 2007 with SAW.

Clayton

Important Notice

Dues are DUE

If you have not paid your 2007 dues yet, remember that this is your next to last newsletter. You lose the right to participate in great SIGs and our very popular Skills Classes if you are not a member. Our treasurer, Sally Green, is waiting to hear from you. Bring your check to our February meeting or send it in the mail. Which ever way you get it in, it is money well spent if you want to become a better woodworker.

Show & Tell



Not sure if Bob is showing off a toy or his cast. Get well soon. We need you well



Rollie looks a little small to swing that bat. He turned it with a special jig that he built.



Robert reports this was his first turning project. Looks great.

Bob has another toy truck.



Skills Class

On January 6, Gary Foster gave another excellent class, this one on the all important topic of sharpening. Gary demonstrated the use of both oil and water stones and had members demonstrate the equipment that they brought along. We all know it is important to have sharp tools but very few of us can get them really sharp. Thanks Gary for another wonderful learning experience.



What Santa brought me this year

SAW Members show off or tell about their Holiday goodies



Novice SIG**Contact person: Floyd Gibson,**

The Novice SIG met on Saturday, January 20th, at Joe Schuchmann's shop. Twenty-two members and one guest attended. Steve Hitchens did a demonstration on making tenons on #3 pine using a tenon fixture on the table saw. Safety was a major issue along with the methods used with this fixture.

Steve actually made two tenons for the group as the members needed to be shown again after the question & answer period. This was a very important meeting for all members who attended. Thank you Joe & Judy for the wonderful refreshments.

The next Novice SIG will be on Saturday, February 17, 10am to 1pm at Steven Hitchens shop, .

Tole Painting SIG**Contact Person: Rogette Sommers,**

The Tole painters always need more help and new painters and novices welcome. The next meetings of Tole painters will be Thursday, February 8 and 22 at the Ethel Hart Center from 7 to 9 p.m.. Any & all members and guests are invited to the Tole Painters SIG. This is a fun outing and you should come and give it a try.

Thank you Rogette Sommers

Furniture/Finishing SIG**Contact Person: Sonja Lemon**

The Furniture SIG was held at Floyd Gibson's shop with twenty members and one guest present. Floyd demonstrated cutting tapered legs on his table saw, the method he used was unique to his Hammer. Using the slider and a after market tapering jig as well as other methods were discussed. Floyd had one of the members use the Hammer Jointer and Planer to size the stock to 1 1/2 inches square. Floyd also demonstrated cutting tapered legs on the Legacy Ornamental machine. Thank you Floyd & Marilyn for a great meeting.

The next Furniture/Finishing SIG will meet on Sunday, February 11, 2pm to 5pm. at Floyd Gibson's shop,



February is Birdhouse Contest Month

Don't forget your feathered (or furry) friends

And bring in a house, feeder, or other

Project that you made in the past year

For your outside neighbor

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Showing off your skill and originality

Scrollsaw SIG**Contact person: Bob Schieck,**

Scrollsaw SIG met on Saturday, January 13, at Bob Schieck's shop/garage. Ten members and one guest attended. The weather was on the cold side so Bob had a fire going in his firepit which he placed in the driveway. Three members came down from Cameron Park, stayed approximately 1 hr and decided it was too cold. They left to do some shopping. Bob had three scrollsaws his RBI and SAW clubs Hagner & Delta. Bob had projects he needed completed, but most of members took project home to their warm shops. Members spent the rest of meeting discussing wood-working and enjoying each others company. The meeting lasted the full time of 3 hrs. Thank you Bob Schieck

The next meeting of the Scrollsaw SIG will be Saturday, February 10, 10am to 1pm at Bob Schieck, The program will be completing the projects started in January and a new Fretwork project, a Windmill Clock.

Pen SIG**Contact Person: Tom Taylor,**

The Pen SIG was held at Gary Foster's Shop. Fifteen members and guests attended. Several members made pens. Jason Beam made two of the smallest tops ever seen. Each top was less than ½ inch tall and ¼ inch in diameter. One member started making a pen out of Corian. A lathe tool sharpening lesson was held.

The next pen sig will be held at Craig Blankenship's shop on February 24. March's Pen Sig will be at Alan Laudenslayer's shop with the April's Sig at Tom Taylor's shop.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES:

Remember those boxes that we have been making for the UC Davis Hospital? We have a special guest coming to our meeting this month. Ms. Traci Aoki, CTRS, RTC Child specialist for the Hospice Program at the UC DAVIS Children's Hospital generously volunteered her time to address our group at our meeting. She is expected to start her talk at 7 PM.

Traci is one of the facilitators who distribute the boxes our saw members made for her program.

Traci will be accompanied by Nina Moran program Coordinator for The Elder Craftsman. These boxes are used by terminally ill children to hold hand prints and other reminders for their parents and family members. The project is another example of the fine community involvement that SAW does. Let's show Traci how active our club really is.



A couple of David Ruth's friends from Antarctica are having a conversation. Ask him about his trip next time you see him.

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.

Our Librarian, Bob Beckert, announced that he has been diagnosed with lung cancer but the PET scan shows it is localized in his chest area. We all wish Bob the best in fighting this and for a speedy recovery.

Calendar

6	Tu. 7--9 p.m.	General Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento Bird-house Contest
8	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	Board Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
8	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
10	Sat. 10am-1 pm	SCROLLSAW SIG Bob Schieck's shop,
11	Sun 2-5 pm	Furniture/Finishing SIG Floyd Gibson's shop
17	Sat. 10-1 p.m.	Novice SIG. Steven Hitchens shop,
22	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
24	Sat. 10-1 p.m.	Pen SIG. Craig Blankenship's shop,

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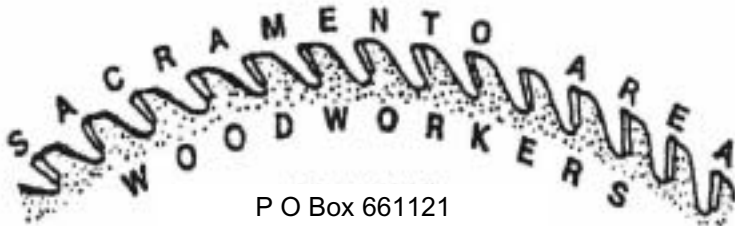
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