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SAW NEWSLETTER

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MEETING

**ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
April 3, 2007 7:00 pm**

President's Notes:

With comfortable spring weather now arriving, April will have plenty of opportunities for SAW members to enjoy.

April 3rd is our club's annual step stool competition. Bring a shop stool you have built to the SAW general meeting--one built since the last SAW step stool contest. Crafting a step stool is a great way to enjoy working with wood--and it creates an item useful in most homes and workshops. Judging will be based on originality, workmanship, and over-all appearance. Cash prizes will go to the top four step stools.

The Woodworker's Show will be at Cal Expo April 20th through the 22nd. With booths, displays, presentations, and vendors galore, come on out and see the best in woodworking tools, talents, and techniques. For only a \$9.00 admission fee--which covers all three days--attend free woodworking classes and demonstrations. Experience renowned woodworkers practicing their trades. Shop and visit the many booths and exhibits relating to our club's interests. Come join the fun--and even drop by our club's booth to mingle with your fellow SAW club members!

Check the calendar posted in this newsletter for the latest information on SAW Special Interest Group (SIG) activities. Attending a club SIG gives you the opportunity to enhance your woodworking skills. Free of charge, and hosted in the woodshops of various club members, come to a SIG and have some woodworking enjoyment and learning with fellow club members this month.

Gary Foster, SAW club vice president, is also hosting some remarkable "Skill Building" classes. For the woodworker who wants some extra-special hands-on opportunity from a woodworking expert, call Gary if you would like to participate. Free to club members, it is a superb way to hone your skills

Due to the Woodworker's Show falling on the same weekend as our April SAW shop tours day, we will postpone the April shop tour until May. Stay posted for updates in the next SAW newsletter or club meeting.

Santa Claus is seeking a SAW member to coordinate our club's annual Toys for Tots toy-making program. Bob Schieck has been the faithful "commander of the toys" with our club for many years. Anyone willing to volunteer? SAW members and friends make the toys--you just help coordinate, support, and advise people seeking help--sort of a SAW "elf in charge." Please call me if you are interested in filling this very important club position.

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Welcome New Members

David & Judi Rice—Elk Grove

Daniel Frazier—Vacaville

Dan Sherry—Sacramento

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, 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

Estate Sale. Delta Limited Edition Unisaw with 50" Biesemeyer Fence System, bought in September 2003, used minimally—sells new for \$1850, asking \$1400; Kreg Pocket Hole System Pro Pak, new in the box \$120; Hollow Drill bits for Woodworking 1/2" shank, \$35; Lifetime Carbide 1/2" shank door maker bit set, \$35. Nancy Gibbs 916-642-2495.

Delta jigsaw (scroll saw) made in the 1940's that works OK but I don't use and it is taking up space in my garage. Also have a five year old Delta 6 1/2" jointer for sale. Dave Johnson, Dixon, CA 707 678-2527

President's Notes Cont.:

After last month's club general meeting, I had various people ask me about helping in a local high school or middle school woodshop. Contrary to myth and misunderstanding, there are more than a few school woodshops operating locally—with more local school woodshops opening each year. Just recently I was at the restarted San Juan High School woodshop. A fantastic woodshop with brand new machinery and tools, it was a noteworthy shop to behold. Even the electrical connections to the machinery were wired under the floor, and huge skylighting illuminated the shop area. The woodshop teacher's office at San Juan High was all the envy: nuevo deco—with soffitted skylights, custom sound system, and even a glass sliding door and window overlooking the woodshop! Many school woodshop teachers would love the help and support of community volunteers. As an example, one "retired" volunteer donates three hours each Friday at Casa Robles High School in Orangevale while woodshop is in session—serving as an extra pair of eyes, ears, and hands for the teacher. At many schools, all it typically takes to be a school woodshop volunteer is a TB test and a background check—usually paid for by the school—and an understanding that you will be working with youngsters. It is a great way for SAW members to help future generations of woodworkers. Call me if you want to know about your nearest school woodshop.

With so much woodworking opportunity this month, make SAW something to see this April. Happy woodworking!



Looks like Tom Taylor has really gotten good at turning but he admits that he is not that good. These beautiful bowls are available from the source of his exotic woods and come from the Thailand—Laos area of the world. They are imported by a local business, Wood Art Thai Lao on Rio Linda Blvd. in Sacramento. They will give SAW members a discount on the purchase of exotic wood. Check out their web site at www.woodarthailao.com to see what they have for sale.



March Novice SIG was well attended



Important Library Note

Bob Beckert is having a tussle with lung cancer and will be out of commission for a while. He has asked Jack Van Keuren and Norm Steinbach along with Dick Lewis to operate our Library. For the time Bob is laid up, Jack Van Keuren will be in charge. Jack's phone number is . Thanks to you Bob for all of your great service to our club and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Bob likes to see what our members are working on so if you can get by to see him, feel free.

March Show & Tell



Bruce King brought in a beautiful tray that he made



Looks like Bob Schieck is still at the tole painting classes. He is getting really good



Our favorite clock maker, Ralph Desmond, brought in a new project



Willis Sjurson has been hard at work on the scroll saw



Roberta Taylor shows off her latest project.



Richard Verwoest brought in and explains his efforts



Andy Santos did a table for this months meeting.



Dick Wampach is back with another jig. How is the airplane going????



Bruce Pantle showed off this beautiful table



I don't know what it is but Hubert Carle's project sure looks complicated.

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

The Novice SIG met on Saturday, March 17 at Bruce King's shop. Twenty seven members attended, Bruce first had the members work on his bandsaw making it perform resawing, Several members brought lots of different types of wood to resaw. All was cut as they requested. The members also brought logs to be cut up into pieces that could be handled. Bruce got out his chainsaw and proceeded to cut this wood. Next came the table saw and Bruce cut up some wood a member needed in smaller sizes. Bruce was very good at demonstrating his many tools. Most of Bruce King's tools are older brands and the members were very interested in working with great old tools. There was much discussions on each piece of woodworking equipment that he was using. Bruce also showed his router table setup on the side of his table saw. Bits were discussed as well as how the table worked. Near the end of meeting, Bruce was having some trouble with his Delta Sander because the belt would not track straight. Steve and Floyd discussed this problem and some solutions. Finally some adjustment tools were used and a very old framing square did the trick. The belt was corrected. Bob gave some pieces of wood for the end table top which were glued up and needed to be leveled. They were sanded and now are perfect, Thank you Bruce King for a great day at woodworking.

There will not be an April Novice SIG as the Woodworking show is April 20 to 22, 2007. The next Novice SIG will be Saturday, May 19 from 10am to 1pm at Skip Baker, The program will be making Bandsaw Boxes. This will be a "Hands On" SIG. 4 x 4 redwood will be used.

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

The Tole Painting SIG was highly attended in March Between 8 & 15 members appeared at each SIG. Rogette had projects for all. A butterfly was the main item being painted. Some members brought others items that were also being painted, a clay pot, a heart box, fat frog, and, of course, rocks! All members had a good time. Thank you Rogette.

The next Tole Painting SIGs will be held Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm on April 12 and 26, 2007 at the Ethel MacLeod Senior Center.

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

The Furniture and Finishing SIG in March was held at Floyd Gibson's shop. The subject was veneering and this topic will be covered in depth over the next twelve meetings. Floyd based the information and outline on the website of www.ioewoodworker.com. Floyd showed some of the veneer he had purchased from Certainly Wood. The group discussed vacuum pressing and mechanical presses. An article from the current edition of Fine Woodworking magazine showed how to make a non-vacuum press. Steven Hitchens showed pictures and schematics of his vacuum press. After all the discussions, Floyd put on the video – "Darryl Keil "Working with Veneer".

The next Furniture/Finishing SIG will be held at Chuck Renda's shop on April 15th.

Since April 8th is Easter Sunday, the group decided to hold the meeting the following Sunday.

Scrollsaw SIG*Contact person: Bob Schieck,*

The Scrollsaw SIG met on Saturday, March 10 at Bob Schieck's shop/garage. Eleven members attended. Bob had an RBI Hawk, and the two club scrollsaws, a Delta and a Hagner. Bob had projects set up with patterns on wood. Interestingly, all members picked the Dolphin Desk set to try out. Six members completed the cutting of the dolphin desk set. Bob also had a plaque pattern on wood ready to cut out. All the members took this home to complete. The meeting ended at 1pm. Thank you Bob Schieck

The next Scrollsaw SIG will be April 14 from 10 am to 1 pm at Jack VanKeuren's shop. We will have five scrollsaws available as the program will be Marquetry on a scrollsaw in the "pad method". The project will be making a box with a lid and a coaster set.

Pen SIG*Contact Person: Tom Taylor,*

March's pen sig was held at Alan Laudenslayer's shop, 14 members were in attendance. Tom Taylor gave a demo in finishing a pen from rough sanding and shaping to applying the finish. Other members worked on pens. Several pens were shown of spalted wood. The next pen sig will be at Tom Taylor's shop,. A demo of stabilizing wood will be shown. Also the making of a goblet-like toy will be turned. April 28 is the date.

Note on Refreshments

Our refreshments chair, Rick & Joyce Dillon need to know who has been supplying the coffee and cups. They are running low and believe someone has a source to obtain this important addition to our meeting. Give Rick or Joyce a call, if you are the one.

WIN, WIN, WIN

Bring that step stool to the April meeting and show it off,
You may win a great prize
It has to be made in the past year
And simply be something that
You need to get to that can on the
Top shelf.

ENTER AND WIN**Wood Available**

I have access to many rounds and logs of large, native oak and walnut trees that unless I find higher and better uses for the wood, they are bound for the chipper. I have several projects where some very large, mature trees will need to be cut down over the next weeks and months. Since I have all sizes and dimensions available from hundreds of trees, it would help if I had a few contacts from local woodworkers where I could inform them of species and sizes available. Some of these pieces may be suitable for high quality wood working and cabinetry if you know of anyone interested. The main species available are Interior Live Oak, Valley Oak, Northern California Black Walnut, Chestnut, and Black Locust.

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Calendar

- 3 Tu. 7--9 p.m. **General Meeting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 12 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Board Meeting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 12 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Tole Painting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 14 Sat. 10am-1 pm **SCROLLSAW SIG** Jack VanKeuren's shop,
- 15 Sun 2-5 pm **Furniture/Finishing SIG** Chuck Renda's shop
- 20-22 Fri-Sun Sacramento Woodworking Show, Cal Expo
- 26 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Tole Painting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 28 Sat. 10-1 p.m. **Pen SIG.** Tom Taylor's shop,



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