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SAW NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007

MEETING

ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
May 1, 2007 7:00 pm

President's Notes:

The Sacramento Area Woodworker's will have some great opportunities this month of May! For starters, our May general meeting will have Harvey Leach, world-recognized guitar maker to the stars, as our club's featured speaker. He builds guitars that sell for tens and even hundreds of thousands of dollars. Come hear the story of how a woodworker turned a passion for woodworking into a product sought by many of the most famous and talented guitarists in the world. While previously scheduled for at another club meeting, Harvey has promised that this time should be a charmer! Arrive early to get the best seats!

And, after great anticipation and excitement, get set for one of the grandest Higgin's wood sales and barbecue on June 23rd! With Higgin's scheduled to move to a new facility in North Sacramento, Come get some great bargains on wood and other materials. With a free meal to feast upon, the annual Higgins Hardwoods sale is an annual club event that brings woodworkers in for some great bargains. Join the fellowship and pick up on some great wood specials! Be sure to bring a pickup, van, or other truck to haul your purchases away!

On May fifth and sixth, the Sacramento Woodcarvers is hosting their annual woodcarving fair and exhibit. For those who have visited this event in the past, it is truly inspiring to see the creative talents of fellow woodworkers. The event is located at the Scottish Rite Temple across the street from the entrance to CSU Sacramento. Drop on by to see what can be done with only a knife and some sandpaper. Cost is only \$3.00 admission for SAW members.

Our club recently ran a survey to learn what SAW members wanted to learn and enjoy at club meetings and events. The results told us that many SAW members are seeking a myriad of woodworking skills and activities. Check out the events scheduled for club Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and Skill Building classes. We are hoping the topics and tone of presentation you hear and see at future club meetings are more to the liking of the general membership. Check this newsletter for of what is being covered this month with SAW!

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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, by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

Presidents Message Cont:

On a related note: Do you wish your SAW club had its own club woodshop? SAW club vice president Gary Foster, club secretary Tom Taylor, and former club president Bob Curnow are leading an exploratory advisory team to look into the feasibility of a club woodshop--a woodshop for all registered club members to use and enjoy. Have a comment or opinion on the matter? Give one of these three SAW club members a phone call. Express your opinions or idea--pro or con. After 25 years as a club, it's fair that we look into possibilities at how our club can change or improve. Some other woodworking clubs have woodshops. Should SAW? Know of a location where we could set up a club woodshop? Tell these club representatives what you think!

Now, an early reminder of another club activity to come: June is our annual furniture-making competition! Now that some members are skilled in birdhouses and step stools, let's show some creativity, passion, and woodworking excellence by building a piece of furniture. By building a piece of furniture this month, you will have your project ready for entry into the June SAW furniture-making contest. Please realize that the piece of furniture you enter for the contest entry must not have been entered previously in competition, and must have been completed since the last SAW furniture-making competition. We hope to have some outstanding samples of members' work to see and enjoy at the June SAW furniture-making contest! Of course you are always welcome to bring your crafted wood items to "Show and Tell" time at our general meetings too!

Every month I can only touch the surface of the many events and activities taking place with our club. Please give us your input--even if it is only your two cents worth of opinion and suggestion. We really need--and appreciate--your perspective in shaping and forming the future activities of our club. Have a great month this May!

April Step Stool Contest The Winner



Ralph Desmond shows off
A great piece of craftsmanship

2nd



Clayton Nye

3rd



Abe Low

4th



Keith Day

5th



Dick Wampach

Show & Tell - April



Bernard Orman brought a beautiful train project for show and tell.

Scrollsaw SIG



Scrollsaw SIG

This box top was the scrollsaw SIG project for April. It really turned out great



Furniture/Finishing SIG



Looks like veneering was the topic in April

Novice SIG

Contact person: Floyd Gibson,

There was no report from the Novice SIG this month. The May Novice SIG will meet on May 19 at Skip Bakers's shop. The program will cover making a bandsaw box.

Tole Painting SIG

Contact Person: Rogette Sommers,

The Tole Painting SIG was highly attended in April. Rogette had projects for all. A butterfly was the main item being painted. Some members brought other 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: Floyd Gibson

There was no report from the Furniture/Finishing SIG this month. The May Furniture/Finishing SIG will meet at Steve Hitchens shop, on Sunday, May 6.

Dear SAW Members,

At the last general meeting we took a survey to obtain your input as to what subjects you would like to have covered and how you would like them to be presented. You have given us a wealth of information and it is the SAW Board's responsibility to use it in the best manner possible. 95% of you who did the survey have asked for a much greater number of subjects and formats than can be provided with the current number of SIGs.

The board proposes an expansion of group meetings from five to seven. This expansion will include the addition of a regular (1) Toys 4 Tots and (2) a general Wood Projects, Tools and Techniques group.

To satisfy the growing need for hands-on learning, we also propose the formal addition of classes for various subjects including Furniture as well as Wood Projects, Tools and Techniques. Additional classes would be created as interest dictates.

The board hears you loud and clear! You want more from your SAW club! We acknowledge this need and we ask for your help. In this expansion, new leaders will be needed to coordinate these group meetings. Since this club is member driven we will appeal to you, the membership, to fill these positions. The board welcomes your support in making SAW the best club possible, and please don't be shy.

The May general meeting promises to be a real biggie. After Harvey Leach's presentation, we will take a short break and then present the above expansion in greater detail. We encourage you to attend and offer your opinions and concerns.

Thank you,
SAW Board

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

The Scrollsaw SIG met on Saturday, April 14 at Jack Van Keuren's Shop and thirteen members attended. The program covered making a "Box with a Marquetry Top" Bob Schieck had the patterns on wood set to be cut out. A pad method of marquetry was used with three different veneers. Each member cut out his/her package then glued the marquetry top to paper so that there were three tops for each member. The box was two pieces of oak glued face to a face 2 1/2" square. A 1 1/2" hole was drilled 1" deep, then the top was secured with a screw. The marquetry top was then glued to the top that was screwed to box. Thank you Jack Van Keuren for an excellent program.

The next Scrollsaw SIG will be Saturday, May 12 from 10am - 1pm at Buzz Arnould's shop, The program will be announced at the General Membership meeting. .

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

There was no report from the Pen SIG this month. The SIG meets on the last Saturday of the month. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at the General Membership meeting on May 1.

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I have a 31" Excalibur scrollsaw that I will be selling..It is in Grass Valley Calif..available to see/buy by appointment..call 530 273 3623 email: sechrestensen@yahoo.com or Sue@chrestensenburghoutdesigns.com

Thank You

I would like to thank all the SAW members who came to my shop and helped assemble and install woodworking equipment which I was unable to do because of my age and health.

I personally would like to thank my long time friend Don Robinson for helping to organize this for me. The old saying "a friend in need is a friend indeed" I would also like to volunteer my shop for the next fall tour if needed.

Wendell Lee

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.

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Calendar

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| 1 | Tu. 7--9 p.m. | General Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento Harvey Leach will speak |
| 6 | Sun 2-5 pm | Furniture/Finishing SIG Steve Hitchens shop |
| 10 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Board Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 10 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 12 | Sat. 10am-1 pm | Scroll Saw SIG Buzz Arnold's shop, |
| 19 | Sat. 10 am -1 pm | Novice SIG Skip Bakers's shop |
| 24 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 26 | Sat. 10-1 p.m. | Pen SIG. Location to be announced at the General Membership meeting |

Save the Date

June 23

Higgins Annual SAW BBQ

And Sale

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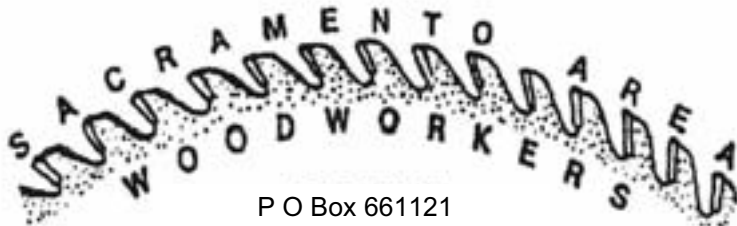
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