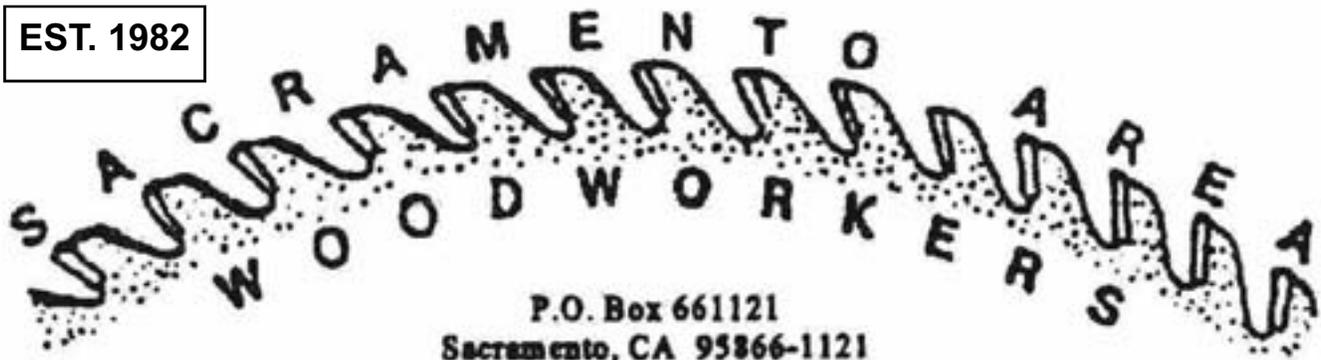


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MEETING
ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
June 5, 2007 7:00 pm

President's Message

Besides June being the month for Father's Day, Flag Day, and D-Day, our club has special events to add to your calendar this month: First, there is our club's furniture-making competition! Bring a piece of furniture you have built to our June 5th SAW general meeting. Cash prizes will be given to the four top-placing furniture entries. Look around your home or shop and see if there is an object of your creation for submission. We hope to see a good assortment of furniture to preview and appreciate.

Second, our club meeting June 5th will introduce a new and improved Special Interest Group (SIG) and Skill-Building class roster of activities. Come hear about some exciting SAW events coming to a woodshop near you!

Third, at our June general meeting we will also be raffling off some great prizes, including a DowelMax jig worth more than \$225. Come early and get your tickets to win!

Mark your calendars for June 23rd, when we again enjoy another Higgin's Hardwoods warehouse sale and celebration. With Higgin's scheduled to move, come and get some great deals on wood and other materials.

Our club has received a request from our general meeting place sponsor, the Ethyl McLeod Hart Senior Center. These folks who do so much for our group--from setting up our room, to cleaning up afterwards--are seeking some small gift items from our membership. Have any small wood project items (turned pens, scroll saw pieces, jewelry boxes, turned items, etc.) collecting dust or needing a new home? Give it away to the Hart Center and spread the joy of your woodworking with others. We will be collecting items at upcoming SAW general meetings. Please bring a gift or two to the general meeting.

Congratulations to SAW vice president Gary Foster! Gary was selected to have his highly figured and formed walnut rocking chair exhibited at the San Diego Woodworker's show and exhibition. While many thousands of items get submitted each year, only the best of the best ever qualify for display in this ever-growing showcase of woodworking skill and art. We hope to see further submissions by SAW members in coming years! Just a heads up: Our club will be presenting at the California State Fair August 24th to the 26th, and 28th to the 30th. Mark your calendars if you can volunteer!

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The SACRAMENTO AREA WOODWORKERS, also known as SAW, is an organization formed for the purpose of:

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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.

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President's Message Cont.

Finally, hats off to longtime club member Bob Scheick! Club member extraordinaire for more than 25 years, Bob regularly attends every event our club hosts or encourages. I have had numerous people tell me that it was Bob who got them going in woodworking, or started them on a particular wood subject. Thank you Bob for all of your kindness to our club and our membership. Serving for years as our club's toy project chairperson, Bob symbolizes so much of the positive influence our club has brought to the world--and a lot of the praise rightly belongs to the effort and influence of Bob to reach out and help others. Thank you Bob for your many years of service to our organization. SAW wouldn't be SAW without you today.

On that note, I will close by saying it is another busy month for SAW! Have a great June!

Clayton Nye

Guitar Maker entertains SAW



At our May meeting, over a hundred SAW members were treated to an entertaining and enlightening talk by Harvey Leach, guitar maker extraordinaire. Mr. Leach showed off several guitars including one with a price tag in excess of \$100,000.00 (don't get your checkbook out, it has already been sold) He also demonstrated a folding guitar which Jason Beam then tried out to the delight of the members and guests. Mr. Leach commented that he could not have played it any better.



Furniture & Finishing SIG



Our Furniture/Finishing SIG continues to work on veneering. Here are some photos of the May SIG at Steven Hitchens shop



Show & Tell - May



Abe Low explains Torah to the members as he shows off his Torah stand that is going to be donated to Mosaic Law synagogue



Bob Lemon's computer should feel right at home on this great table. The keyboard goes below.



Vern Waters Boy Scouts worked on this Magic Trick. Vern explained how it was done to the group



Andy Santos explains how he made a cart for thread spools out of some scrap



Dick Lewis took some advise from our speaker and did a beautiful job on an inlaid pen and pencil.



Nancy Lichman just called this a box. It shows really great work



Joe called these carved items Santa Wizards. He really shows that a project does not have to be big to be appreciated.

Buzz Arnold displayed a number of scroll saw clocks that were made at the last SIG. Thanks Buzz.



It was a big night for Keith Nyberg. This chair was hand made by his grandfather almost 100 years ago. He is passing on the skill to his son, Aaron who, with the help of VP Gary Foster, made a machinists tool box showing workmanship that youngsters twice his age would be proud of.



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

The Novice SIG met May 19 at Skip Baker's shop and 22 members attended. The program was making "Bandsaw Boxes" Skip had a 3/8" blade in his bandsaw. Bob Schieck was doing the demonstration and normally used a 1/4" blade but he tried it with a 3/8". This blade cut the sides off okay but was not good for tight curves. Then Gary Foster, Steve Hitchens & Floyd Gibson all worked on the bandsaw to install a 1/4" blade. This was completed and Bob started again showing how to cut out a bandsaw box. Next came a box with drawers. When cutting out small drawers Bob used a clamp to control a small drawer piece to be cut. This is a safety issue when cutting on a bandsaw. The wood used was 4 x 4 redwood. Gary Foster also brought his knock-down bench and demonstrated high quality hand cut tongue and groove techniques. After the meeting, several members went next door to Bert Fortier's shop to help Bert with his bandsaw. The blade was not tracking correctly, the saw vibrated quite a bit and made a lot of noise. Steve & Floyd worked on the saw and when all items were corrected the bandsaw was aligned and ran quietly. Bob Schieck gave little pieces of wood to members as a challenge to make anything out of this wood. All pieces were same size at 1/2" x 3/4" x 4" long. We will see what happens to this challenge. The meeting ended at 1pm. Thank you Skip Baker.

The next Novice SIG will be June 16 at Tom Nelson's shop

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

The Tole painting SIG met Thursday, May 10 and 24 at the Ethel Macleod Senior Center. Five to seven members attended along with one new member. The new project was a clay pot painted as a Mexican house. Several members were also painting rocks, hamburger, owl, and ladybugs. Thank you Rogette.

The next meetings will be Thursday evenings, 7pm to 9pm on June 14 and 28 at the Ethel Macleod Senior Center and all are welcome. You do not need any supplies, paints or brushes. We have enough for all to start with. Please attend this SIG.

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

The Furniture SIG was held May 6th at Steven Hitchen's shop. Paul Verlinde continued his presentation on veneering from the previous meeting. Paul showed the 18 members who were in attendance how to glue up two pieces of book matched walnut. The piece were 5/32 of an inch thick. He used two straight pieces of wood clamped to a table and wedges to edge glue the two pieces. Paul showed his two sawhorses which he used to make a portable table using mdf. Simple construction and does not take much storage room in the shop.

After Paul's presentation, the group used Paul's straight edge jig to route the edges of the cherry veneer which was being used to cover the table top. Several members used the router to climb cut the edge of the veneer. Several members took their turn at taping the veneer together using perforated veneer tape. This meeting was another educational success. Thanks Steven for opening your shop.

The next meeting will be held on June 10th from 2pm to 5pm at the Laudenslayer's shop

Scrollsaw SIG

Contact person: Buzz Arnould or Roberta Taylor

The May Scroll Saw SIG was attended by 15 members. The project was Clock Making with inserts. We managed to keep 4 scroll saws, a band saw and a drill press busy for almost 3 hours. A large assortment of plans were available. Several members left with "works in progress" to be completed in their own shops. One member made a desk clock requiring only final sanding and a coat of finish for a Mother's Day gift. A member at her first meeting had a chance to try several makes of saws and received a wealth of help and suggestions. SAW members are a generous bunch!

We realize that the majority of scrollers do not have shops large enough for big groups, but have skills they would like to share. If you have a project you would like to show or a special interest, let us know. We will try to arrange a way for you to demonstrate it at a future meeting. Its not easy coming up with new ideas each month, and your help and ideas are needed, and very welcome!

The next SCROLL SAW MEETING will be Saturday, June 9th from 10 am to 1 pm at Roberta Taylor's shop. Project and directions will be given at the SAW meeting or give us a call.

Pen SIG

Contact Person: Tom Taylor

The Pen SIG was held at Tom Taylor's shop. Eleven members attended, A demo was held on pen servicing and disassembling. Jason Beam gave a demo on turning a lidded segmented box. The next sig meeting will be announced at the general meeting.

Toys 4 Tots 2007

Members help is needed in cutting up the wood we will purchase from JE Higgins for the toys to be made in 2007. The wood is in 16 ft. lengths and it needs to be reduced to 4 ft. Come by on June 30, 2007 at Bob Schieck's shop/garage, 2815 Wissemann Dr. Sacramento . We need your help to get this done.

Furniture Contest

Our June meeting will feature the first SAW Furniture Contest. The only rule is that the entry has to have been made since the last furniture contest (there has never been one) so bring your best piece to the June meeting and see how it stacks up against your fellow woodworkers. You may win one of our big prizes.

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Calendar

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| 5 | Tu. 7--9 p.m. | General Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento Furniture Contest (NEW) |
| 9 | Sat. 10am-1 pm | Scroll Saw SIG Roberta Taylor's shop |
| 10 | Sun 2-5 pm | Furniture/Finishing SIG Allan Laudenslayer's shop |
| 14 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Board Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 14 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 16 | Sat. 10 am -1 pm | Novice SIG Tom Nelson's shop |
| 23 | Sat. 9am -???? | Annual Higgins BBQ and sale. 1122 Joellis Way, Sacramento |
| | | Pen SIG. Date & location to be announced at the General Membership meeting |
| 28 | Thu. 7-9 p.m. | Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento |
| 30 | Sat. 10-1 | Toys for Tots Woodcutting party, Bob Schieck's shop |



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