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**MEETING**  
**ETHEL MacLeod HART SENIOR CENTER**  
**915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA**  
**(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 7:00 pm**

### President's Message

Here we are in May. This year is flying by. Very soon it will be summer and we will wonder whatever happened to spring. Spring is my favorite time of the year. Everything is green and pretty. One drawback to spring is allergies, and I have my share. We can open the doors to our shops and let it air out. All the stale dust needs to get out. We can turn on the air compressor and blow all that collected sawdust outside. Spring cleaning time is for the shop, too.

Speaking of spring, it is time for the Spring Shop Tour. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th. Hopefully, we have enough shops. We need at least 3 shops for the tour. At this writing, Clayton Nye has not informed me that he has secured all of the shops. When the newsletter is published, it will list all of the shops on the tour. We will have maps to all of the host shops available at the May meeting. I really enjoy going to the different shops on the tour.

Editors note: Seeshop tour info on page 3.

I met with the California State Fair, Carol Buchanan (Fine Arts Supervisor) and Michelle (don't remember her last name) who is the Supervisor of Youth exhibits including Industrial Arts. We discussed the Club's demonstration at the California State Fair. We will be demonstrating in the Industrial Arts building. I have to turn in the application by the end of April so we will secure a time slot. It is tentatively scheduled for the last six days of the fair. I will keep you all posted on the status of the demonstration.

The scheduled speaker for May is Lea Parker of Serenity Woods. Visit his website at [www.serenitywoodsart.com](http://www.serenitywoodsart.com) and look at his works. His expertise is turnings and epoxy finishes. You really should go to his website. His

gallery pictures are great. This should be very informative. For us pen turners, this will be a chance to see how to use epoxy finishes.

I have sent all of the required data to Klingspor and we should be in their database. Update: I have been informed that we are in their database. The membership now can order from them and get the 10 percent discount.

The large raffle has a very sought after prize. It is a Lie-Nielsen 22-1/2 inch jointer plane (see picture on page 2). Gary Foster has stated he is going to win it. Don't let him win. Buy as many tickets as you feel that will be needed to win. I want the plane, too. The small raffle has some great prizes also. Our raffles have had fantastic prizes.

The Step Stool contest had only one entry. We are looking for suggestions for what types of contests the membership would like. A survey will be conducted at the May meeting. We have had several suggestions which will be on the survey. If you have any other suggestions, there will be room to write in the suggestion(s). A drawing will be held for the survey. The prize is a 4 inch double Starrett square. Only those turning in the survey are

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### Welcome New Members

Margarita Banda  
Marietta Rubien  
Edward Strong  
Tracy Yates

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.

**2009 SAW BOARD**

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**SAW Staff Members**

Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

Librarians	Bob Beckert, Jack Van Keuren, Norm Steinbach, Dick Lewis.
Toy Chairman	Woody Woods
Small Raffle	Doris Woods Marilyn Gibson
Large Raffle	Nancy Laudenslayer
Merchandise	Judy Wavers Hank Wavers
Badges	Charles Linn
Refreshments	Lynn Duran Rob Drown
Web Master	Jason Beam

\*\*\* Large Raffle Prize for May General Meeting \*\*\*



**LIBRARY**

Books, videos, and magazines are available \*FREE\* to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back of the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP**

For all renewing members the dues for SAW are \$30 per calendar year (No prorated renewal). 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.

New Members will be prorated by month joined for the year.

Jan - Mar	\$30.00
Apr - Jun	\$22.50
Jul - Sept	\$15.00
Oct - Dec	\$7.50

No refunds will be given on membership dues.

**Commercial Membership**

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.

**Newsletter Items**

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor, Richard Lovvo by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



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eligible to win this square.



The attendance at the SIGs seems to have become very static. We have added to the survey to include subjects for the SIGS. All SIG coordinators are invited to the May board meeting. The meeting is to be held at Gary Foster's place. We will devote the last half of the meeting to SIG discussions and the results of the survey. Please plan to attend.

Woody Woods is having knee problems and is giving up the chairmanship of the **Toys for Tots**. We need a volunteer to take over as soon as possible. If you would like to be the chairman for the rest of 2009, please contact one of the Board members. Thank you Woody for being the chairman. We wish Woody the best.

I will not be at the May meeting because I will be in San Diego. I may have to be a witness in court on May 4th. So, you will have to do without me. Please don't give our Vice President too much static. Remember, he is in law enforcement. Have a good meeting.

Floyd Gibson  
President 2009

**May Calendar**

2nd	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Wood Projects SIG</b> Steven Hitchens
5th	Tue. 7 - 9	<b>General Meeting</b> Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento
9th	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Scroll Saw SIG</b> Bob Scheick
14th	Thu. 7 - 9	<b>Board Meeting</b> Gary Foster
16th	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Furniture Projects SIG</b> Gary Thatcher
17th	Sun 1 - 5:15	<b>Spring Shop Tour</b> 3 shops - 1 day! (See article below for details)
23rd	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Small Lathe Turning SIG</b> Jason Beam
24th	Sun. 2 - 5	<b>Novice SIG</b> Allan & Nancy Laudenslayer

**SAW Spring Woodshop Tour - May 17, 2009**

We are fortunate to have some truly spectacular shops scheduled on the SAW Spring Shop Tour! A special Thank You to all club members willing to host! The Spring shop tour on May 17, 2009 is scheduled as follows:

- 1:00 - 2:15 Abe Low**
- 2:30 - 3:45 Chuck Renda**
- 4:00 - 5:15 Skip Baker**

Treats and drinks will be available at all three shops, and Skip Baker has graciously offered to host a barbecue (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas) for tour visitors to enjoy. Looks like it will be a fun and rewarding time to be enjoyed by all!

A handout detailing SAW Spring Shop Tour directions and addresses will be available for club members at the May general meeting. Mark your calendars and come on out! You will see how several of our club members have built a world of paradise and creativity into each of their extraordinary woodshops!

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

No ads were submitted this month. Ad space is available for all club members on a first-come basis, free of charge, as space permits. Photos and formats may be modified or omitted based on the number of ads submitted.

## SIG and Class Information

A **"SIG" (Special Interest Group)** is a gathering of woodworkers at a member's workshop to discuss and do projects related to the Group's interest. Any SAW member or guest of a SAW member may just show up at the meeting.

A **"Class"** is a predefined project and you must sign up for the class. It is open to a limited number of SAW members.

### Wood Projects SIG

Contact Person: Floyd Gibson or Steven Hitchens

The Wood Projects SIG was held at Don Robinson Shop on Saturday April 4th. Don started with a small sled for cutting tenons, showing a fast and easy way to make the shoulders on the tenon with a Dado blade mounted in the Table Saw. This was followed by a hands-on demo using a router to cut mortises. The group had many questions for Don to answer.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Steve's shop. The subject will be Running a Digital 12.5" Planer, and How to glue & Clamp up a kitchen lower cabinet to make sure it's square with 90 Deg metal L-Brackets.

### Scroll Saw SIG

Contact person: Holly Lovvo

The Scroll Saw Sig was held at Neil Knutsen's house. Neil showed us how to make wooden birds. We had hands-on with cutting a "feather" on a bird and then Neil showed us the secret of making the birds fly (spreading "feathers"). The Sig was very informative and fun.

We will have the next Scroll Saw SIG at Bob Schieck's house on May 9th. If you are interested in hosting a Scroll Saw SIG at your house or shop please let me know. We have several new members who would like to learn from experts like you.

### Furniture Projects SIG

Contact Person: Gary Foster

The April Furniture meeting was held at Gary Foster's shop. 6 members learned about and worked on hand plane tune-up.

The May 16th furniture open meeting will be held at Gary Thatcher's shop - Gary will cover designing and making a cabriole leg, the history, wood selection, layout, rough-cutting, and final surface formation, as well as finishing. Gary will also have some other very interesting additional subjects: rolling tool storage and workspace in a small shop for the developing woodworker, very easy and inexpensive router table, tenoning jig, simple leg taper jig. Actual hands-on will be limited to 4-5 people, due to availability of a band saw, with room for others to observe and hopefully learn. A sign-up sheet and a list of basic, very basic, hand tools required for building a cabriole leg at the May meeting.

### Small Lathe Turning SIG

Contact Person: Jason Beam

First of all, a great big "Thank you" to all those who came to the March SIG and made tops for the Toys 4 Tots program. I hope we see some more tops from the club this December!

After a quick vacation due to the fair, the Turning SIG resumes in May at my shop on the 23rd. The program this time will be an attempt to help get those who signed up for the Turning 101 class way on back in November. Most of the first half of the turning class is classroom-like with discussions of the various parts of the lathe, setup of the lathe and sharpening tools. Those who signed up and I haven't had a chance to setup a class with will get priority seating but everyone who's interested is more than welcome. I know there have been lots of people who didn't get onto the list before I closed it and I want you all to come and get what you can from the class.

Join us if you've got the slightest interest in turning. There are lots of experienced turners in the club that can offer their expertise and I'm sure you'll get something valuable from it!

### Novice SIG

Contact person: Allan Laudenslayer or Jack Duran

The April Novice SIG was cancelled due to the conflict with the Cal Expo woodworking show.

The May SIG will focus on making projects using small power tools. No stationary tools will be used in this SIG. This will include both electrical and air powered tools. If you have a favorite hand power tool, feel free to bring it along and share with the others why you like this particular tool and how you use it. This session will be at Allan and Nancy's shop.

### Toys For Tots

Contact Person: Woody Woods

Have you started on your Christmas toys yet? Do you need any wheels or axles? I have 1" treaded and 1-1/2" and 2" wheels. If you need them, give me a call. I can bring them to the next SAW meeting, or I'll make arrangements to get them to you. Still lots of wood available -- Floyd can help with that. Anything else you need, give me a call and I'll do my darndest to try to get it for you.



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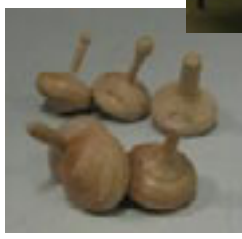
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