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SAW NEWSLETTER

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MEETING
ETHEL MACLEOD HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
August 4, 2009 7:00 pm

President's Message

It is August already. August is the California State Fair month. Hot weather is here and if you have an air conditioned shop, you may still be doing woodworking. Those that are not lucky enough to be cool in the shop either have to do it early morning or late in the evening. During some of these hot days, the shop is not even cool enough to work on projects, unless you can take it into the house. The summer months tend to restrict woodworking. But Fall is close by, so maybe the projects will get done before Christmas.....

Our demonstration at the California State Fair is scheduled for September 3 through September 7, Labor Day. We will demonstrate turning, scrollsaw and handcut joints. Gary Foster is holding classes in July and August for anyone who has signed up for the Fair. The dates are: July 26, August 9, and August 23. Gary will teach you how to do handcut dovetails. I am scheduled for August 23rd. We still have openings for 12 more demonstrators. I need to turn in the list to the Fair by the 2nd week in August. Also, if you have signed up to demonstrate, you must also fill out the Megan's Law form. You need to list your name **exactly** as it is on your **Driver's License**. Just a reminder to those who are demonstrating on September 3rd; we need help in setting up the booth. All volunteers will be given one credential pass and free parking for the day.

I have talked with the Hart Senior Center director, Linda, about the rent for 2010. We still don't know what the rent will be. The standard rate is \$75.00 per hour. We were charged 50% of the standard rate in 2009. However, with the City of Sacramento's budget shortfall, we may have to pay the full rate, but I don't know. In the worst case scenario, it would cost us \$1,800 for 2010. Hopefully, I will know by the August meeting.

The Toys for Tots workshop was held at Woodcraft on July 15. There was a very good turnout. Even new members showed up. Bob Schieck said they made over 300 toys. Congratulations to those who were there. **JOB WELL DONE.**

I have given The Salvation Army a few toys as a display for what we do. We continue to surprise them with the amount and quality of the handmade toys from our members. We have wood and supplies for any member that wants to make toys for the Toys for Tots program.

The August contest is "**JIGS AND FIXTURES**". This contest has not been held before. You can enter any jig or fixture that you have made. It can be one you made many years ago. We will have 2 classes for the contest: Novice and Advanced. Be sure you indicate which class you are entering your "Jig or Fixture" in. If you have been woodworking for some time, you probably are in the Advance class.

The program for the August meeting will be a Question and Answer format. If you have any questions about woodworking, safety or anything related to the club, please be prepared. Rick McCusker and Gary Foster will be leading the program. The Large Raffle prize is a Bosch 2 1/4 hp router kit. The small raffle and badge raffle will have some good items. Buy as many tickets as you can afford.

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Welcome New Members

No new members this month.
Current membership count: 174 members!

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

*Voting board member

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

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Web Master	Jason Beam

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.

IN MEMORY: Roland Russel Van Horn, a SAW member since 2004, passed away on June 17, 2009. Roland is survived by his wife Doris of 54 years, his son Steven, his daughter Julie, and many other family members.

The family conducted a memorial service for Roland on Saturday, June 27. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Sutter Hospice, 7300 Folsom Blvd., Ste. 100, Sacramento, CA, 95826 or the River Life Covenant Church, 4401 A Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

WANTED: SIG leaders are looking for member shops or homes to host future SIGs. Typically, SIG host duties consist of allowing a SIG leader to use your location for setting up the equipment necessary for the SIG. This is a great opportunity to have your equipment tuned, especially during a Novice SIG. If a host wishes to lead the training for the day, well, what leader couldn't use a break every now and then? If interested, please contact any SIG leader.

WANTED: Volunteers to begin thinking about running for Board or Staff positions in January. Several of the current officers and staff have expressed interest in vacating their positions, and several others have expressed their desire to pass along the baton to other members. The best way to prepare for a position, or even to volunteer to help, is to get involved. Attend a Board meeting, help publish this newsletter, help lead a SIG, help the Treasurer ... In a word? **HELP!**

(Continued from page 1) *President's Message*

The SIGs continue to be the backbone of this club. If you would like to open your shop to one of the SIGs, please contact the SIG leader. We would like to have as many different shops hosting as we can. Opening up your shop is a chance to either show off your shop or have you equipment tuned or even get the hands on experience. By using you own tools whether power or hand, makes good sense. Don't be afraid to be a host.

I will not be at the August meeting as I have a scheduled trip to Southern California to be with my family. My wife's mother passed away on July 12. We have been spending a lot of time in Chico since March. We know that she is no longer suffering and is at peace.

Enjoy the August meeting and please sign-up for the California State Fair demonstration. We need 12 more volunteers. I am sure we will fill it at the meeting. Thank you to all who are volunteering to not only promote our club, but to show fair-goers the fun of wood-working.

See you all at the Fair.

Floyd Gibson
President 2009

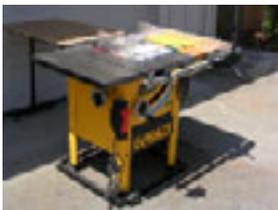
August Calendar

1st	Sat. 10 - 1	Wood Projects SIG Hank and Judy Wavers
4th	Tue. 7 - 9	General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento
8th	Sat. 10 - 1	Scroll Saw SIG Bob Schieck
8/9	Sun TBA	State Fair Demo Training Gary Foster
13th	Thu. 7 - 9	Board Meeting Bob Schieck
15th	Sat. 10 - 1	Furniture Projects SIG Gary Foster
22nd	Sat. 10 - 1	Small Lathe Turning SIG Tom and Roberta Taylor
23rd	Sun. 2 - 5	Novice SIG Jack Stellman
8/23	Sun TBA	State Fair Demo Training Gary Foster

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Call:
Allan Laudenslayer



See Page 2 for more 'wanted' ads!

I am having some White Birch trees removed form my yard, I have 7 trees, I want to give this wood a good home, the trees vary from 25 to 40 feet tall with the trunks from 7 in dia, to 1 foot dia.. I will have all useable wood cut to 5 foot lengths there will be several crotches available. This wood also makes great turning.

If interested call or e-mail Tom Taylor

I am a new SAW member and I would appreciate connecting with mentors. My goal is to make high-end quality furniture of no specific style. I'm looking for a mentor or, more likely, a few mentors who can assist me to direct my efforts and develop necessary skills. I live 100 miles from Sacramento and am willing to travel to the Sacramento area as needed. It would be most helpful if the mentors were able to use Skype to facilitate the relationship. Financial arrangements are possible. Thanks!

David Brannam

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

There was no Wood Projects SIG meeting in July. We skipped this SIG due to the July 4th holiday . The next Wood Projects SIG meeting will be on Saturday, August 1st (10 am—1 pm) at Hank & Judy Wavers’ shop. The subject is checking the accuracy and use of a INCRA 3000 MITER Gauge with sled on a table saw.

Scroll Saw SIG

Contact person: Holly Lovvo

Hello all. We had a great time scroll sawing at Andy Santo's shop making boxes with lids. We had at least 15 people show up, and all 5 scroll saws were being used. Andy showed us different patterns for the box lids, such as stenciling and wood burning designs.

The August meeting will be at Bob Schieck's shop. The projects will be determined at that time. The September Meeting will be at Jack Van Keuren's shop and he will show us another plan on making a box with drawers. Hope to see you there!

Furniture Projects SIG

Contact Person: Gary Foster

The August SIG will be held at Gary Foster's shop,. Gary will be demonstrating how to create a mirrored smooth finish on tabletops and other furniture. These techniques were learned during Gary's trip to the Las Vegas convention this year. Hope to see everyone there!

Small Lathe Turning SIG

Contact Person: Jason Beam

The June SIG met at Jack Duran's shop where we showed the process of preparing a pen blank for turning. Jack showed his various jigs and fixtures he uses for cutting blanks to length, drilling them and gluing the tubes in. Andrew Silvester brought his very nice lpe pen press and we all had a great time turning. In all, there were 4 lathes and at least 5 pens were turned. We did everything from wood blanks to acrylic and even corian.

The July SIG will meet at Jason Beam's shop on the 25th. The subject is segmented pen blanks, presented by Dick Lewis. It will be a very educational Saturday morning, to be sure!

The August SIG is meeting at Tom Taylor's NEW shop! Come by and see his new place and learn how he stabilizes his turning blanks. That's August 22nt from 10am to 1pm.

Novice SIG

Contact person: Allan Laudenslayer or Jack Duran

The July 26 Sig will be held at Margarita Banda's shop, where we will teach her how to align her table saw. Time permitting, other topics to be covered include making a zero clearance insert with a splitter and building a crosscut sled.

The August SIG will be held at jack Stellman's shop. We will be helping him to adjust his thickness planer and building a type of jig or fixture still to be determined. As of today, no one has opened their shop for September. If that does not change then the SIG will need to be canceled.

In the October furniture SIG we will be making custom picture frame molding on the router table. In the October Novice Sig we will use either your custom molding or a commercially made molding and we will go through the complete process of framing a piece of art or a photograph. We will cover layout, mat selection and cutting, glass selection and cutting, some tips on how to make it perfect, and final assembling. Both The furniture SIG and the novice SIG will be held at Jack and Lynn Duran's shop. Lynn, a professional picture framer, will be demonstrating the Majority of the picture framing at the novice SIG.

TURNING SIG PICTURES



These pictures were taken at the June Turning SIG.

Special thanks to Andrew Silvester for sending these in!



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