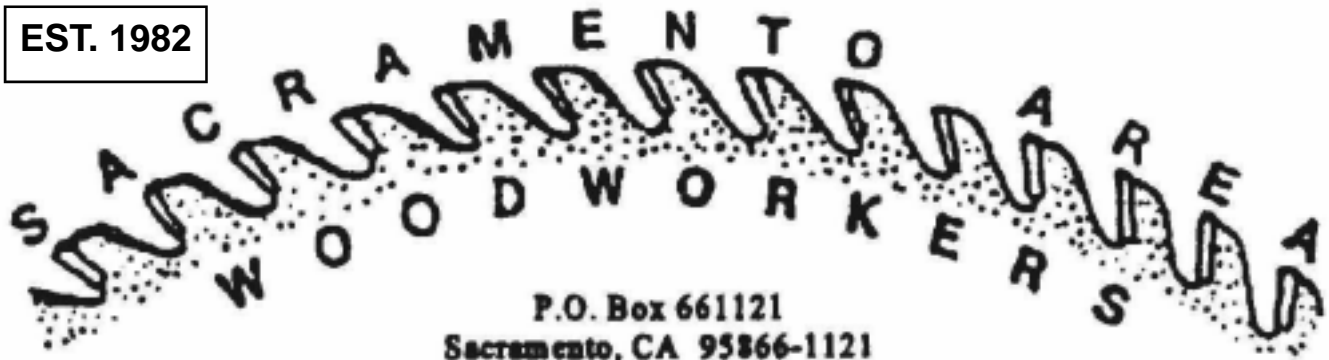


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MEETING  
ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER  
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA  
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)  
July 6, 2004 7:00 pm

Presidents Note's, Allan Laudenslayer

Summer's here and it's time to start thinking about your toy projects, if you haven't already. As you all know, we presented 1634 toys to the Salvation Army Toys for Tots program last year. To put this in perspective, with a 2003 membership of 225, we averaged 7.25 toys per member. The largest woodworking club in the country, San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association with a 2003 membership of 1655 made 3357 toys, (the Palomar College toy making program made 480 of those), for an average of 1.7 per member. I think we can be quite proud of our member's efforts towards making kids happy. This year's board would like to see us beat that total by at least 1. That's all just by 1. Maybe I should say, "Each of us should try to make just one more toy than we did last year". Some of us didn't make any toys, except for our efforts at Bob Schieck's toy workshops. That definitely counts, but I think we can all do better. Even my wife and I will be making some toys this year, so let's all get started with the goal of making this a banner year for the Toys for Tot's program. If you need any wood or other parts, contact Bob Schieck at the meetings and let him know, (see list of what he has, on page 5 of this newsletter). If he has it, he will be more than happy to provide you with the materials the club bought for this project.

If you need any special tools, and what project doesn't, then maybe Woodcraft can help you out. They are having a special 10% off sale on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are offering SAW members a pre-order sale day Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 AM and 8:45 PM. No money needed on the 8<sup>th</sup>, but you will need to pay on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to earn the 10% whether or not the product has arrived. Ron has assured me that every effort will be made to get your pre-ordered merchandise in by the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our July meeting will be a presentation by all of you. We are going to have an "Ask the Experts" session. Bring along any questions that you have regarding anything related to woodworking.

I am constantly amazed at the depth and breadth of knowledge and skill of our members. In going on the various shop tours, and to the many SIG's this year, I have seen first hand the results of their skill and knowledge.

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With the quality of projects I have seen, there should be a lot more items being displayed, not only at the State Fair, but our show and tell tables, and contests should be overflowing.

The August meeting will be our clock contest. If it's made of wood, tells time, and you made it with in the last year, it qualifies, so let's all get cutting.

Until next month...



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 \$20 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 Neil Knutsen for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the editor Don Robinson, 1453 Musgrave Dr., Roseville, CA 95747 or Email [dlrobin@surewest.net](mailto:dlrobin@surewest.net) by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

2 x 4 Contest



**Keith Day, First place**  
A tree house model



**Judy Wavers,**  
2nd Place



**Floyd Gibson**  
3rd place  
revolving barometer,  
clock



**Steve Nicholson**  
4th place  
Table lamp

**Dave Wilson,**  
honorable  
mention  
One tall back stool



**Are MDF and Particleboard Hazardous to Your Health?**

Formaldehyde and dust are significant concerns with composite wood. The strategies listed here can limit your exposure to both problems.

Formaldehyde is used in the glues and binders of composite wood and is slowly emitted from the entire panel as a gas. Many manufactures have reduced formaldehyde emissions in the last few years, but some people have allergic reactions to even small amounts.

There are three things you can do about formaldehyde emissions:

Buy low-formaldehyde panels (see source at bottom, for one such product).

Air out composite panels in your garage or shed for a few weeks.

Seal in the formaldehyde by coating all the surface of your project with paint, varnish or a laminate.

As Wood workers know all too well, composite wood creates giant clouds of very fine wood and binder dust. MDF is the worst offender. This dust is not only annoying, but prolonged exposure can lead to respiratory problems.

Protect yourself with three levels of dust control:

Collect the dust at the source with whatever kind of vacuum hose you can rig up.

Always wear a mask. Look for NIOSH N95 masks with two straps and a nose clip for a tight seal.

Keep the dust from settling over your shop and home by trapping it in a overhead air scrubber.

Source Dow BioProducts Ltd. (800) 441-4DOW, [www.dow-bioproducts.com](http://www.dow-bioproducts.com) Wood Stalk fiberboard (low formaldehyde.)

SHOW & TELL



Frank Lentsch, Music with wood. Two types the smaller one is a thumb piano, made form popsicle sticks. The larger one is like a xylophone made of rose wood. Frank played us a short tune on each.



Bert Fortier, small car for the toy program. He has offset the front axle and installed a cog in the rear axle to make the car and driver move up and down.

Hildegard Fortier, scroll sawn pencil holder.



Bob Schieck, scroll sawn pencil holder. This was project Bob had set up for the Scrollsaw SIG. Honey bee is a tole painting project. This is painted on a brick paving block. He said, "Rogette gave me a D+". It will be used a door stop.



Abe Low, rocking chair. He will be making about a dozen for Rogette's painting group. Once again for the toy project.



Curt Clark, Marking knife/offset chisel. Curt has come up with a great way of making useful tools out of old planer blades. The handles are made of walnut. Great scrapers for cleaning glue joints in tight places and making fine marks instead of using fat pencils.



John Grafton, broad axe. He replace the handle, which needed to have an offset in it. Higgins Lumber just happen to have a large warped board, which they donated. The ax will be used in a demonstration at Sutter's Fort. This type of ax was used for hewing timbers.



Keith Day, cradle, made from 1/4 melamine, which Paul Watts had given him. Keith was. He is looking making 50 for the Toys for Tots, his wife has the dolls.



SAW member Joe Lesh, was the speaker at the June general meeting. He talked about his woodworking business, from which he is now retired. He did a slide presentation showing a large number of wood projects, . The pictures here are of few pieces that he brought in to the meeting. The one at the lower right is scale model of a computer desk and book shelf wall unit.



Here is a list of materials that is available for those members making toys for the Toys for Tots program. The club purchased these materials for the toy program only. Members may also use these to replace materials you brought.

3/4" thick pine and 1 1/2" thick Pine

3/8 and 1/4 Birch plywood

Dowels 1/4" to 1 1/4" x 36"

1 1/2", 2" regular & Treaded Wheels

1" knobs/dowel caps

Oil Drums, mini Pickle Barrels, Milk Cans

Rubber Feet

I wish to give a Big Thanks to Bert Fortier for his help in cutting and storing of the wood

Bob Schieck, Toy Chairman



Okay, you can have that one, but the rest is mine.



What do mean "My pants are too short and I need some white sox's"



Neil Knutsen, just had to test the cake's frosting.



I'm sure Henry is planning on making a lot of small pieces out this board, that way he can make another one his wonderful scrap projects.



Boy is it going to smell good in his shop.



Another load on its way home



Doing what he does so well.



The man responsible for all this, thanks Rick



Looking for that perfect piece

*Novice SIG*

*Contact person: Floyd Gibson*

Novice SIG met at Tom Nelson's Shop Sat Jun 19. Sixteen members attended. A few of the members had that morning stopped by Michaels Furniture Co. cabinet shop to pick up wood. Two of the members brought their pickups loaded with this wood. Both trucks were emptied by the members. Aromatic cedar, red oak, plywood small pieces, etc.

Program for this meeting was to give Tom ideas on laying out his new shop. Most of us only dream about having as much space. Members gave Tom lots of ideas for shop cabinets, a bench for miter saw. Tom had a radial arm saw, but he had removed it, and most of the members convinced him to bring it back. There was much discussion with regard



to Bandsaw. A roll around rack for his clamps would be very handy in a large shop. He has already built in the air and part of the dust collection systems. The compressor and dust collector are in small rooms on the back of the shop. He also has a separate room for finishing and another for storage.

All had a good time.

Thank you Tom

Next meeting will be at Allan Laudenslayer's Shop, July 17, 10am to 1pm. Program will be helping Allan with the entertainment center he inherited. This will be a "Hands On" as Nancy says Allan



**Scrollsaw SIG**

*Contact person: Bob Schieck*

The scrollsaw SIG met at Bob Beckert's Shop, there were 18 members present, and Bob had a number of different projects for them to work on. Scroll sawing is the major item for this group, but they have branching out into different areas the last few months. Turning has become very popular, nothing big. Bandsaw boxes have been added to the projects being done. Bob was very busy helping getting everyone started, and then other members pitch in with instructions. Floyd Gibson on the band saw and Bert Fortier on lathe turning and Bob Schieck on the scroll-



saw. Kimi Touchi tried her hand at turning a pen, but needed a little help to get her up to the right working level. (See picture) Bert instructed a large group on the fine art of turning. Joe Schuchmann turned a piece with a floating ring, which takes a fine touch, especially when cutting it out of pine. Nancy Laudenslayer and Hildegard Fortier cut out small grandfather clocks on the scroll saw.

Nancy and Joe Trevino tried their hand cutting out band saw boxes. Even with all of this going on, we managed to drink all the coffee, sodas and eat all of Bob's cookies. Once again, this SIG has produced a great deal of hands on instructions and completed projects for our members.



Super meeting Bob, we all appreciate your efforts.

## Tole Painting SIG

**Contact person: Rogette Sommer**

Twelve members attended the tole painting SIG. The group meets at the Hart senior Center. Bob Beckert & Norma Zapara were attending first time. Norma started her first project on palm tree bark. Bob brought in his scrollsaw project "Sailing the Globe" that needed background painting done. He sought help from the SIG to complete the project. After receiving excellent instructions from Rogette, the background now looks beautiful. Members Joe Trevino, Barbara



Folena, Remie Mong, & Marty Martin are all working on their "pavers/stepping stone" These projects are in different stages of completion. Some are just starting & some are finishing up. Richard Folena is painting "rocks" that look like snakes & Ladybugs and are very nice looking. Judi Curnow & Sonja Lemon are painting a lid for the top of a container. The Lids & Pavers are using patterns supplied by Rogette, Sun & Rays, Beehive with Bees. Bob Schieck was painting a Teddy Bear and Tweety on projects he made from donated wood from Michaels Furniture. Thank you again Rogette. Next Tole painting SIG will be July 8 & 22 at Hart Senior Center 7pm-9pm. all members are welcome no tools are required to

attend this SIG.

## CAD SIG

**Contact person: Abe Low**

The CAD SIG met at Woodcraft. Hubert Carle gave a great demo on how we could build a table using TurboCad in the 3D Mode. Six members were present. All were enthralled with the capability because in 3D mode you can really see what the project looks like and view it from all angles, not just all sides. The next meeting will be at Woodcraft, July 12, 3:00 pm.

## Furniture/Finishing SIG

**Contact Person: Dick Wampach**

Well, Dick's Annual Potluck for the Furniture/Finishing SIG was a huge success! There were 26 of us relaxing, eating, and enjoying Dick's new purpleheart deck, which is ALMOST finished. Tables were set up outside and though it was warm, everyone chose to stay outside! After a delicious leisurely dinner and desserts, we adjourned to the shop where Sonja led the group on Part 1 - Veneering. She discussed some of the glues used, methods of clamping, substrates, and demo-ed the "caul" clamping method on a small book matched piece of veneer. We discussed kinds of veneers and some of the best sources for obtaining them.



Next month we will do Part 2, which will include trimming the piece we just veneered, vacuum clamping another piece, and more - time permitting.

A hearty THANK YOU, to Dick and Jan for having the 'gang'!

Next meeting will be hosted by the Lemons' on July 20, 7:00 p.m., If you have a veneering project you are working on, bring it along to show, discuss, etc.



**To: All SAW Members:**

The California State Fair will run from **August 20, 2004** through **September 6, 2004**. All three Sacramento clubs, Sacramento Area Woodworkers, NorCal Woodturners and Capital Woodcarvers, are sponsoring the Spirit of Wood exhibit. Each club will demonstrate at the Fair. The purpose of the demonstrations is to inform the public of what can be done with wood, a renewable resource. We will be promoting our club as well.

**I will be having sign-ups at the next two general meetings.** The shifts will be three or four hours depending whether it is a weekend or weekday. There will be three shifts during the week and four shifts on the weekend, which Friday is considered part of the weekend. It will be to our club's benefit if every capable member participates. Do not depend on someone else when you can help. **(Editor's note: Last year Floyd spent everyday at the fair filling those slots not covered. He should not have to do this considering the large membership we have. Get in there and do your part.)**

Each member that participates will get free entrance and parking passes for the day of his or her demonstration. If you want to bring your spouse, you will have to pay the entrance fee. The demonstration area will be different this year. It is behind Building #4. The area is level, and there will be shade from trees in the afternoon. In addition, the carnival traffic will not use Building #4 as a thoroughfare. The people that pass by the demonstration area will be interested in what we do.

I would like to have two members per shift if possible, but I will accept one. I would like for one person to demonstrate and the other to talk to people. However, both can demonstrate if they want to. The equipment that Woodcraft is loaning us will be a Scroll saw, a Bandsaw, a Drill press. I will provide a Router table and possibly a router if I cannot get one from Woodcraft. If you want any other piece of equipment, please let me know.

Think about being a demonstrator. If you do not know how to use any of the tools provided, still participate.

**July Calendar**

6	Tuesday 7-9 pm	General Meeting Ethel Hart Senior Center
8	Thursday 7-9 pm	Board meeting & Tole Painting Ethel Hart Senior Center
10	Sat 10-1	Scroll Saw SIG, Bert's & Hildegard Fortier Shop
12	Mon 3-5 pm	CAD SIG, Woodcraft Supply, 9545 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento
17	Sat 10-1	Novice SIG, Allan Laudenslayer's shop,
20	Tuesday 7-9 pm	Furniture/finishing SIG, Bob & Sonja Lemon's Shop,
22	Thursday 7-9 pm	Tole painting SIG, Ethel Hart Senior Center

**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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The Practical Woodworker, Corbett

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