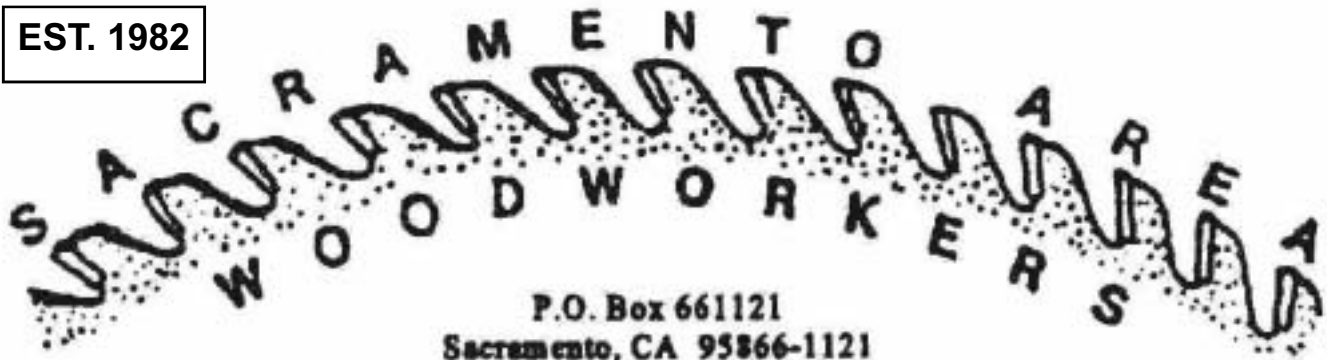


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MEETING
ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
September 5, 2006 7:00 pm

President's Notes:

Is tool sharpening something you dread? Or, is tool sharpening something you just never do? (Or is it both!) Do you really know the best way to sharpen the blade of a hand plane, a router bit, or a circular saw? Presenting, by special invitation, at our September 5th general meeting is Don Naples, nationally recognized industry expert on blade sharpening! See and hear--via live demonstration on projection screen--how to put the sharpest edge to your cutting tools--and in quick speed!

Don Naples is going to dispel a lot of the myths and misconceptions that abound about sharpening and cutting tool technology. He will also cover the benefits and pitfalls of various sharpening systems. Learn what woodworkers need to understand to get the best results from cutting and sharpening tools. This is going to be another all-out evening of demonstration and information--worth a fortune to any woodworker! Discover September 5th how to take some of the work out of woodworking!

Our September general meeting will also host some incredible raffle prizes! Attending September 5th with your membership nametag gives you the opportunity to win a \$30 premium woodworking hand tool.

In other club news:

Thank you club members who volunteered and supported our California State Fair booth! With an impressive listing of member's support, fair visitors were able to see woodworking close-up and in-person. Thank you Sacramento Woodcraft for providing the tools, machines, and other resources used at this very popular exhibition!

Thank you Tom and Roberta Taylor, Floyd Gibson, and the other club members who worked diligently to set up and run the booth! And thank you every club member who volunteered at the State Fair this year!

Also, congratulations to club members who entered competitions at the California State Fair! Club Vice-President Gary Foster won third and fourth-place honors at the State Fair for his wood furniture entries! (Actually Gary deserved the second and third-place ribbons for some reason, a second-place ribbon was never awarded.)

Club member Rollie Bowns took home numerous fair ribbons for his lathe-turned creations.

We will announce other club member State Fair winners in the near future. Great job club members--just exhibiting your work at

this state exposition means your work was outstanding! You were competing against the best woodworkers among 37 million people!

Planning ahead, our October general meeting will be our club's annual box-making competition! The rules are very general: The box must have been built in the past year and include wood. There are no size requirements or limitations. Any shape, design, or intended use for your box is acceptable. Judging will be based on quality of work, design considerations, and beauty to the eye of the judges. Craft some wood and be ready for next month's box-building competition!

From time-to-time I hear about nonprofit organizations, schools, and other community-related groups seeking help with woodworking projects. For example, the Sacramento Railroad Museum needs volunteers to work on restoring and repairing items of historic interest. Please call (916) 445-7387 if you can volunteer as a woodworker. Free train rides can be included!

The Oak Park community has a homeless and after-school children's center needing storage cubbies built. Serving disadvantaged youngsters, this is a project that I am hoping a SAW club member or SIG Group might consider building. Please call our club's Special Projects chairperson, Abe Low, if you are willing to help. Materials can be provided

I would like to again thank the club members who contribute to our club's success each month. For example, club members Richard and Barbara Folena help serve refreshments at our club's monthly general meetings. Dick Grant, a club member since 1996, has devoted years of monthly club meetings helping to serve the refreshments too. Thank you every club member who graciously helps our club.

Our Special Interest Groups have covered a variety of topics over the years. Would you be interested in teaching a subject? From intarsia to instrument making, there are thousands of topics still available to learn. Trying a new woodworking subject is an excellent way to hone your woodcrafting--and hosting a topic at your shop lets members get to know each other better. From boat making to archery bow making, suggest a woodworking topic that you want to try to a SIG leader or club officer. SAW strives to meet your woodworking needs and wants.

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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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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 Jason Beam for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor Jerrold Braunstein, , email jbbraunstein@sbcglobal.net, by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

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President's Message Cont:

Our SAW club officer annual election will soon be coming. Please consider a position if you can serve. Call me if you wish to serve as a club officer.

With so much news, I know these monthly SAW newsletters turn into newspapers of information! There is so much more to tell.

Please attend a club Special Interest Group or other club meeting to see what our club is doing this month. Bring a friend! As the saying goes: Great woodworkers see what others saw!

SACRAMENTO MACHINE OPEN HOUSE

Sacramento Machinery Company, will be hosting a general Open House, Barbecue, and Prize Give-away on Friday, September 29th from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM, and from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 30th. Previous SMC sales have produced some great bargains and benefits--and great meals--for attendees. Drop by Saturday or Sunday to SMC and hear from factory representatives and spokesper-

SKILLS WORKSHOP NEWS

Because of the labor day holiday weekend the next skills class will be 10:00am to 1:00 pm on October 7 at Gary Foster's Shop. The subject will be making classic wood joints with hand tools. The text book that Gary will be using is Yeung Chan's Classic Joints with power tools. However in this class we will be making four of the joints in the book with hand tools only! We will lay out, mark, cut, and finish fit the joints. The joints will be the Lap, Scarf, Mortise, and Mitered joints. Gary will have samples of all the joints with varying levels of difficulty from the simplest to the "WOW I MADE THAT"! The students will pick level they want to build. Students will need to provide there own wood and tools. Wood should be an easy to work, 8' X 2" X 3/4" , and fully surfaced. Tools needed: tri-square, sliding bevel, marking knife, good wheel marking gauge, good back-saw (western or japan), set of sharp bench chisels, sharp 1/2" deep mortise chisel, mallet, sharp rabbet plane, .5mm drafting pencil, and a willingness to challenge them self. Class size is limited to 10 students. The first to reserve get first choice of working locations. In this class you will learn many skills needed to do the final fitting of any joint whether power or hand cut.

THE WINNER



ROBERTA TAYLOR

CLOCK CONTEST 2006

Runners Up



2nd Place
Buzz Arnold



3rd Place
John Powell



4th Place
Jack Ramos

Other entries



Show and Tell

August

Hubert Carle says he likes to make jigs and fixtures and brought a box joint jig and box press to share



Richard V., a new member, shows off a box he recently made



Jerry Braunstein showed a picture frame and mat that he made for his daughter. He reports that he could not tell which side of the picture was up.



Martin Coats brought a beautiful guitar that he made as a student. Maybe in October he will play it for us.



Bob Schieck showed off a totem pole that he carved and a horse's head. Ask him about the horses he made for a horserace.



FALL SHOP TOUR

September 17, 2006

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come to look at your fellow woodworker's shops
Some of them will knock your socks off

Dick Lewis,

Art Quinn

Gary Foster

Great fellowship, refreshments and the opportunity to look and learn is well worth the afternoon. Don't miss this one

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

The August Novice SIG was held at Tom Nelson's shop and twenty one members attended. The theme of the SIG for the month of August was changing planer blades and tuning up the planer. Three planers were available to be adjusted. Tom Nelson's planer, a DeWalt, needed the blades changed. Allan Laudenslayer assisted Tom because Allan had changed his blades about a month ago. The blade changing went smoothly. However, if you don't believe how sharp the new blades are, just ask Tom...

While Tom and Allan were changing the planer blades, Gary Foster was working with another member's Delta planer. The Delta planer cutter head was not parallel to the planer bed. Gary used his setup gauges to check the cutter head in relation to the bed. It was .033" off from one side to the other. Gary adjusted the height adjustment chain gear to bring the cutter head parallel to the bed after two maladjustments. After Tom and Allan finished the blade changing on the DeWalt, a board was run through the planer to see if there were any problems. The board was mic'd, and the thickness was not consistent. So, Gary performed the same adjustment on the DeWalt as he did on the Delta.

The last planer, another Delta, owned by Jack Van Keuren, had a noise problem. He, Neil Knutsen and others tried to figure out what it was. The diagnosis was that the chain cog was loose. After tightening, the planer sounded normal. This was a very instructive session. Other topics were discussed during the SIG. One important topic was safety. Neil Knutsen suggested using the push stick to push the board completely past the saw blade. Neil did not push the end of the board beyond the blade and a kickback occurred. He showed us the bruises and cuts. No stitches were required, but it still looked nasty. So, always be safety conscious.

Thank you, Tom Nelson for opening your shop. The next Novice SIG will be held at Floyd Gibson's shop on September 16th, 10am to 1pm. Maps will be provided at the September general meeting.

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

The Tole Painting SIG met on second & fourth Thursday evenings at the Senior Center where general membership meets. Seven members attended. Most of the members were working on their "Carry all House" project but a few new items were being painted. Toys, boxes and the new "Santa" project were being painted. All members attending had a great time. Thank you Rogette

The next Tole Painting SIGs will be on Thursday evenings in September 14 & 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center. Tole Painting SIGs are "hands on" and no experience is necessary. Please come by and see for yourself.

Furniture/Finishing SIG**Contact Person: Dick Wampach,**

I believe August 15 came too early this month as only 3 people showed up for the meeting!! So be it! Andy Santos, Dick Wampach, Clayton Nye, and the Lemons has a good time discussing finishing and a number of other topics. Andy presented the challenge of how to plane curly wood and even up the color of some walnut he was working with, so we tried a few alcohol dyes to achieve the desired effect. As for the planing, we decided sanding was probably the best bet, along with a couple of other alternatives.

Dick Wampach will host the September 19 Furniture SIG in Cameron Park. The proposed topic will be wood products used in production of an airplane. As many of you know, Dick is building his own airplane, so this should be very interesting, even if we're not into airplane building. It is always interesting to learn more about the technology of woodworking in different fields. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. (*NO BBQ!) *Tuesday, September 19.

Scrollsaw SIG

Contact person: Bob Schieck,

The Scrollsaw SIG met on Saturday, August 12 at Woody Wood's Shop. Twenty members attended. This SIG was not a working SIG but instead it was a visitation to a very good friend and woodworker. Woody was clearing out his shop and members were gathering up items to finish that Woody had started. Tole Painting items, Christmas toys, and cabinets, workbench's & of course wood. Bob Schieck was handing out plans & articles on Pin Routing attachments, Dust Collection, and a project for scrollers to complete before next SIG meeting, a "Cozy Fireplace Plaque" This is a project with no "inside cuts" . Thank you Woody & Doris for a great meeting.

The next Scrollsaw SIG will be Saturday, September 9 at Jules "Buzz" Arnould's shop This will be a "hands on" SIG

Pen SIG

Contact Person: Tom Taylor,

The Pen Sig was held at Jack Van Keuren's shop in Placerville and hosted by Linda Van Keuren. Thirteen members and one guest attended. The members produced pens and bottle stoppers. Jason Beam demoed his shop made sharpening jigs for the grinder. Using wood and metal Jason produced wolverine style grinding gigs to sharpen lathe tools. He has gotten excellent results in sharpening. The next SIG will be held at Tom and Roberta Taylor's shop and hosted by Jason Beam, on September 23rd. The October pen SIG will be held at Allan Laudenslayer's shop on Oct. 28th. October's Pen SIG will be the last one of the year. In November, the Thanksgiving holiday falls during the normal meeting time, so no SIG is scheduled.

IMPORTANT SIG NOTICE

The Special Interest Groups: Furniture, Novice, Scrollsaw, Tole Painting, & Pen Turning were started several years ago to inform and instruct members on a personal level on different aspects of woodworking. These SIG's are all "Hands On" meetings where members get personal attention on anything they wish to learn, operate or try. When we first started these SIGs, attendance was between 5 and 20 memers. We have held many meetings on tablesaws, drill press, sanding, lathes, routers, jointers, planers. Programs have included the use of equipment, how to align and adjust, and making projects. At all times safety our first concern. The members who have been attending these SIG's have become experienced in all aspects of woodworking.

We are running out of meeting programs for these SIGs and we need the members input. We need members (Old & New) to help us to come up with program suggestions on what you would like to try, learn or see. Without membership input and attendance at these SIGs they will cease to exist. Please help us. Bob Schieck.

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—September 2006

- 5 Tu. 7--9 p.m. **General Meeting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento **Don Naples** speaks about Sharpening
- 9 Sat. 10am-1 pm **SCROLLSAW SIG "Buzz"** Arnold;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. 10-1 p.m. **Novice SIG.** Floyd Gibson's shop,
- 17 Sun. 1-4 **Fall Shop Tour** (see P. 5)
- 19 Tu. 7-9 p.m. **Furniture/Finishing SIG** The Lemon's shop,
- 23 Sat. 10-1 p.m. **Pen SIG.** Tom & Roberta Taylor's shop,
- 28 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Tole Painting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
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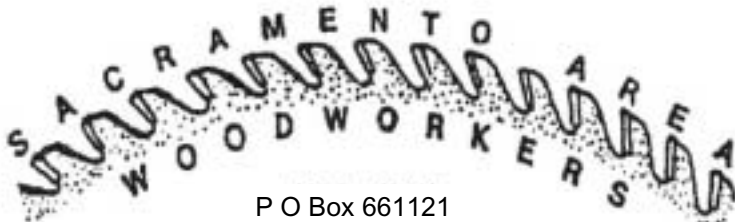
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