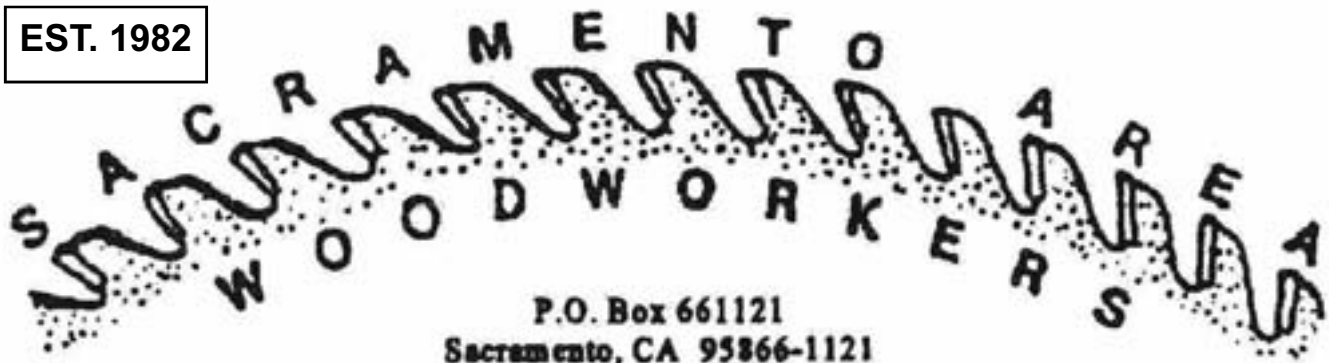


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**MEETING**

**ETHEL Mac Leod HART SENIOR CENTER  
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA  
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)  
March 6, 2007 7:00 pm**

Have you ever considered becoming an "international woodworker?" Our March 6th SAW general meeting gives you that opportunity. On display and being presented at our March general meeting will be an assortment of unbelievably beautiful lumber--wood that is internationally treasured and cherished--but hardly known by many American woodworkers. Woods with names like "pink ivory" will be shown and explained. Even more, an assortment of exquisite crafts and woodworks of art composed from a variety of these exquisite woods will be on display--works for you to view and appreciate.

Our March 6th general club meeting will have a truly international woodworking dimension--and we are not talking the metric system!

Come learn at our March general meeting about woods that many American woodworkers have missed out using for centuries. Hear and see what to look for in selecting some of these internationally-sought-after species--and learn where to obtain this lumber locally. Prepare to be amazed at what you never knew about wood!

We have many great activities planned for club members and your guests in March. From club Special Interest Group (SIG) instruction on wood inlay, to tole painting, experience the best of SAW this month. (SIG activities are spelled out inside this newsletter for you and your friends to attend. Other events will be presented at the general meeting.

March is also the month to prepare for our club's annual SAW step stool competition. SAW 2007 contest step stools must have been built after the April 2006 step stool contest. Cash prizes at our April general meeting will be awarded for the four top-place step stool-making finalists.

Step stool judging will be based on quality of work, design, and function. Build something spectacular--or just plain useful--and be ready for the April step stool competition.

So you can also be prepared: April 20th through 22nd is the Woodworking Show at Cal Expo. This year promises to have an ever-expanded assortment of booths and presentations. Want free tickets? Come to the March SAW general meeting and hear how.

A thousand thanks to the many members who contribute to our club's success each month! Thank you Abe Low, our club's special projects chairperson, for leading the construction of new cabinet doors for the Hart Center. Jason Beam is actively redoing our club's web site. Thank you Jason for all of your computer expertise.

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**Welcome New Members**  
**Tony Erismann—Rancho Cordova**  
**Rob Hagan—Placerville**  
**Gary Hare—Rancho Cordova**  
**Russell Ooms—Walnut Grove**  
**Paul Tibbens—Orangevale**

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.

**2006 SAW BOARD**

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Toy Project	Bob Schieck	

\*Voting board member

**MEMBERSHIP**

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, , email jbraunstein@sbcglobal.net, by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

**CLASSIFIED**

Do you have woodworking related items to sell? Are you looking for something special for your shop? Advertise here.

**FOR SALE**

No ads came in this month. If you have any tools that you want to replace, this is the place to advertise.

President's Message cont:

Thank you Floyd Gibson, Steve Hitchens, Rogette Sommers, Bob Scheick, Tom Taylor, Gary Foster, and the rest of the gang who willingly guided members and invited friends into the unknown realms of wood wonder in February. (Also thanks to everyone who helped instruct members and guests in earlier months and SAW activities too.) Every month club members do all sorts of service for our group: donating materials, serving beverages, setting up the sound system, selling raffle tickets, manning tables.... It is a full-time job just to keep up on so many helpful club participants. Please know how much your club help is appreciated too.

Finally, best wishes to SAW members currently unable to attend club meetings and activities. Life can sometimes have a way of keeping us away from our friends in SAW. We hope to see you at a SAW club meeting or event soon. To everyone, have a great March in 2007.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, this is your **LAST** newsletter. Please be sure that your dues are paid current so that you will know what is going on in your club. Otherwise, instead of getting classes and advise that you would have to pay hundreds of dollars for elsewhere, you get them **FREE** with **SAW**. Membership is a true bargain.



# Show & Tell



Bob Scheck showed off a number of scroll saw toys that he is working on.



Don Robinson said he has not had a project for a long time. It looks as if this has not affected his skills as he showed a beautiful table that he based on a plan from Wood Magazine then modified to correct their errors.

Andy Santos showed three different scroll saw cars. Looks like a good start for Toys for Tots



Ernie Buda attended the Sharpening Class in January and showed us how much he learned. Very sharp..



Richard V is a little early for the clock contest but his jewelry box has one. Hope to see it again.



John Powell got a bubinga blank on ebay and did a great job turning this bowl. This is a really tough wood to work with



Jerry Braunstein brought in a cutting board made from maple, cherry and walnut from a plan out of Wood Magazine. He says it looks a lot harder to make than it is.

**Novice SIG**

**Contact person: Floyd Gibson,**

The Novice SIG met Saturday, February 17th at Steve Hitchens' Shop with eighteen members attending. Bob Schieck was one hour late (Saw Board will have to talk to him). Steven had prepared written handouts and was demonstrating several techniques on his router table. Router speeds & safety were discussed at length. Steven then set up the router to do pattern or template routing. Jason Beam demonstrated this after the router was set up. At one point during demonstration, it was decided to speed up the router to cut better as Jason was having chip out on the workpiece. Use of double sided tape was discussed along with Hot Glue for adhering the work piece to the pattern. Steven then proceeded to bring his table saw out with his fence fixture and sliding miter gage. There was lots of discussion on zero clearance and different methods to achieve this. The meeting broke into small groups with lots of questions and more demonstrations. Thank you Steven Hitchens.

The next meeting of the Novice SIG will be Saturday, March 17 from 10am to 1pm at Bruce Kings shop, . Bruce will show how to resaw and how to set up the bandsaw for resawing. We need an expert on bandsaws to attend. The saw blade used to track perfectly, and then new tires replaced the old ones. It now has a problem to challenge us  
This will be a "hands on" program.

**Tole Painting SIG**

**Contact Person: Rogette Sommers,**

The Tole Painting SIG met on February 8th & 22nd but only one person besides Rogette attended. On Thursday evening, March 22 one person attended and Rogette stayed thirty minutes & left If no one is going to attend this SIG the SAW board should consider cancelling it. Rogette is a very important SAW member and she is contributing a lot of her time to teach members tole painting. The next Tole Painting SIG meetings are Thursday evening March 8 and 22 from 7pm to 9pm at Ethel MacLod Senior Center. Tole painting is easy, a lot of fun and when you finish your project, you will surely say "I didn't think I could do that." Come out and give it a try.

**Furniture/Finishing SIG**

**Contact Person: Sonja Lemon**

The Furniture & Finishing SIG was held February 11 at Floyd Gibson's shop. The subject was floating tenons. Eleven members attended. Floyd demonstrated two different methods of joining table aprons to the table legs. One method was using the "beadlock" and the other using the "Dowelmax" jig. Everyone agreed the "beadlock" method was more difficult to use than the Dowelmax. After Floyd demonstrated how use each, two members used the Dowelmax to complete the joining of the table aprons to the table legs. Most members were impressed on the ease of use.

Thanks Floyd & Marilyn. Someone did contact Dowelmax and obtained a discount for club members to purchase the system if they so desire. See Page 3 of your Newsletter for details.

The next Furniture/Finishing SIG will be held on Sunday, March 11, 1pm to 4pm, at Floyd Gibson's Shop . The subject will be veneering. We will discuss what will be covered for the next 12 months.

**Scrollsaw SIG***Contact person: Bob Schieck,*

The Scroll saw SIG met on Saturday, February 10th at Bob Schieck' shop and it turned out to be a very rainy day. Ten members attended, One new member attended with her Ryobi scrollsaw in hand. Buzz helped Paula get started on her Ryobi scroll saw. Paula did not have a lot of experience scrolling, but at the end of the meeting she was doing very well. Bob Schieck had his RBI Hawk, the clubs' Delta and Hagner for members to use. Also he had projects for each member to complete. Tom operated the RBI Hawk, Bruce operated Hagner; and Floyd at first operated Delta then wanted to clean the table of rust. Floyd then proceeded in cleaning the table. Bob did have some 220 grit sandpaper to use so Floyd used that then finished the table cleaning with some paste wax. All Members took home some 1/4" birch plywood & several of the plans Bob had supplied. Thank you Bob Schieck.

The next Scroll saw will be Saturday, March 10th at Bob Schieck's shop from 10am to 1pm

**Pen SIG***Contact Person: Tom Taylor*

The pen sig was held at Craig Blankenship's shop with thirteen members attending. Items produced were pens and boxes. Jason Beam demonstrated the use of the skew lathe tool and how to turn a small box. The next Pen SIG will be at Alan Laudenslayer's shop, , on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a pen or pencil kit and, if you want, a particular piece of wood blank to the SIG. Finishing will be the topic discussed and demonstrated this month.

**Spring Woodworking Show**

The Sacramento Woodworking Show is April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have been invited to have a booth again this year. I will have signups for members to participate at the March general meeting. There will be 3 members (one of the three should be a board member) for each 3 hour shift. If member has a finished project that can be displayed, please let me know at the April general meeting.

The hours for the show are:

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, noon to 7pm

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am to 6pm

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am to 4pm

Thanks for your participation.

Floyd Gibson

**Dowelmax Jointing System**

If you read the Furniture and Finishing SIG report this month, you will see that the members were very impressed with the Dowelmax Jointing System. Although your editor was not present, he has owned the Dowelmax for several years and finds it one of the most useful tools in his shop. A member contacted Mr. Jim Lindsay, President of Dowelmax and procured a discount on purchase of the system from him. Mr. Lindsay is offering members of SAW a small discount during March on the purchase of a Dowelmax Kit which sells for \$239.00 plus \$15.00 shipping. The amount of the discount depends on the number of kits purchased by members. Order by phone only and mention Sacramento Area Woodworkers. To talk directly with Mr. Linday call in the morning. Please call 1-877-986-9400 if you are interested. You may also call Floyd Gibson to discuss the system with him.

**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.

Bob Beckert continues on the road to recovery from cancer surgery but would like visitors. Give him a call and wish him well.

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**Calendar**

- 3 Sat. 10-2 **Skills Class** Gary Foster's shop. You must be preregistered to attend.
- 6 Tu. 7--9 p.m. **General Meeting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 8 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Board Meeting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 8 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Tole Painting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 10 Sat. 10am-1 pm **SCROLLSAW SIG** Bob Schieck's shop,
- 11 Sun 2-5 pm **Furniture/Finishing SIG** Floyd Gibson's shop,
- 17 Sat. 10-1 p.m. **Novice SIG.** Bruce Kings shop,
- 22 Thu. 7-9 p.m. **Tole Painting** Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
- 24 Sat. 10-1 p.m. **Pen SIG.** Alan Laudenslayer's shop,

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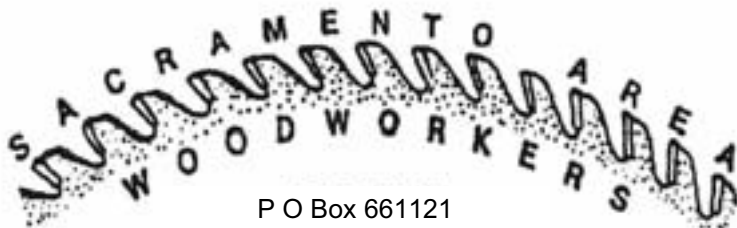
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