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TRWA Newsletter

Monday July 6th Meeting

Special Points of Interest

- Wood Turning SIG
- New article from Kathi
- Sam Maloof

Come to Scout Hall on July 6th and I'm sure you will be delighted with the program. We will be hearing from a woodworker who is blind. That's right. Come and see how he does it.
Meeting begins at 7pm.



TRWA dues should be paid by June first. Since we had not decided how much they would be We will accept dues payment (\$24) through July. Anyone not paid up by the end of July will not receive any more newsletters and will not be eligible to enter any projects in the Annual show at the end of September.

Membership Chairman, Roger Gohring

Toymakers Wanted

I have 4 or 5 tic tac toe makers signed up but I still need 3 or 4 more. All the materials and instructions will be passed out at the July meeting. Please return your finished tic tac toe games at the August or September meetings to Dick Philpot. November turn in will work also but no later.

"Tools Wanted"

At the July and August meetings I will collect tools for the Asante Project with an August mailing date. There will be a box at the meetings to place your donations in. The small box measures 11" by 8-1/2" by 5-1/2" The large box measures 12" by 12" by 5-1/2".

If your donations do not fit please take them home. Needed are: chisels, gouges, planes, hand drills, drill bits, braces, auger bits, assorted files and rasps, sharpening stones, hand saws, coping saws with extra blades and lots of sandpaper.

We will do this yearly so if you miss this year we shall call on you next year

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Meeting Minutes



"The reverence that the object maker has for the materials, for the shape, and for the miracle of his skill transcends to God, the Master Craftsman, the Creator of all things, who uses us, our hands, as His tools to make these beautiful things."

...Sam Maloof

TRWA Meeting Minutes June 1, 2009 Riverbank, CA.

Called to order by Tom Bonte @ 7:01pm

Four guests present, Phil Hoffman, Howard, Ron Young

55 Carob trees are being cut down in Turlock at the corner of Canal and Geer. TRWA has been given permission to acquire some of this wood.

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the previous May meeting as printed in the newsletter Moved by Wayne Meissner, 2nd by Roger Gohring, passed by voice vote

Johnny Jones - Magazines brought in for give away.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurers report of \$77.97 expenses, no income, balance in the bank of \$3,432.69. Moved by Walt Deardorf, 2nd by Wayne Meissner, passed by voice vote

McHenry Woodcraft Show report - Denzil Walker Volunteers needed. Projects needed. Demonstrators also needed. Show will run from Sept 26th through October 11th.

Motion was made to reduce the annual membership dues for the 2009-2010 year to \$24. Moved by Roger Gohring, 2nd by Wayne Meissner - Dues reduced to \$24 for upcoming year. Passed by voice vote.

Community Projects - Ricard Philpot - Wants to start collecting tools for Asante Network. Richard has three ongoing projects:

1. Riverbank is going to start community garden
2. Tuesday June 23rd, 4 more volunteers for work on the East end of Riverbank sign that TRWA made some time ago. Sign needs to be relocated and raised to be seen
3. Make Tic-Tac-Toe games to compliment the cars that we give away now. The games cost 25 cents each, cars cost us 33 cents to make. Ricard needs a person to pick up plywood, take it home to their shop, cut it into 2x4 panels for others to make games

Show and Tell:

Larry Lew brought in a bowl with carving to form series of leaves



that interlock to create the edge. The bowl was an exercise in designing the bowl on paper first. This added a layer of complexity to the execution of the piece.

Larry Scallin showed a turned paper birch bowl, very well done. He also brought in a large top. He also brought in a small turned walnut cup.

Tom Bonte, brought in a sign made from Baltic birch with a Cal Bears sign on it.

Break at 7:36

June Meeting Report

Tom Bonte, showed us an old tiller from a 14 ft Lido sailboat. He had a broken tiller, made a new one. Got replacement parts. Fitted the new tiller to the new fixture for the rudder. He made some refinements. Has used the new tiller and it works.

Brought in 2 camp stools made out of old growth redwood. 50 year old stool. Shows the fixes and changes through the years to repair bad design and wear and tear. Shows his

replacement made from 2x4 material, pipe, and flanges.

Made a bad joke about beer nuts.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm



Farewell Sam Maloof

On Thursday, May 28th, 2009, the world lost an artist of amazing gifts and skill. Sam Maloof died in the Alta Loma, California home that he built for himself over half a century ago. He was 93 years old. Sam Maloof was a self-taught wood artist who created flowing objects that seemed to be glow with their own inner life. His amazing skill was admired by many the world over including at least three American presidents. His work has been collected by many of the world's museums, including the Smithsonian. He copied no style, creating his own, a process that went from raw material to finished work without detailed plans. He has taught thousands of people over the course of his long life.

This quote, which we print in every issue, sums up his approach to the craft he loved so well:

"The reverence that the object maker has for the materials, for the shape, and for the miracle of his skill transcends to God, the Master Craftsman, the Creator of all things, who uses us, our hands, as His tools to make these beautiful things."



Wood Turners SIG

. TRWA Woodturning SIG

The TRWA woodturning SIG in July will only meet July 14th. Meeting will be at Johnny Jones's shop starting at 9:00AM, lunch around noon in Oakdale. Shop is at 13299 Lancaster Road, Oakdale. 845-0858 (jljones34@gmail.com) Members should bring their own tools. All TRWA members are welcome. July presentation will be by Carl Mercer and Mark Gum doing a inside out turned Christmas ornament. Our May TRWA woodturning SIG meeting was held at the Finishing Touch Wood Carving Studio. Steve and Terry Beauchamp hosted our group and Steve demonstrated how he sharpens his turning and carving tools. Then Steve and Terry demo their new laser engraver. They had engraved name tags for the wood turning group with the TRWA logo.

Thank you Steve and Terry.



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Want to sell something to the club. Send a note to Editor@TRWA.NET and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

Wood Tips By Kathi Westfall

Gum
 Liquidamber styraciflua

Other Names: Redgum, Sapgum, Sweetgum
 The origins of its Latin name, liquidamber styraciflua, are traced to the writings of Spanish explorer Hernando Cortez who, in 1519, described the gums as "large trees that exude a gum-like liquid that is amber in color."
 The gum tree is found predominantly in the Southeastern U.S. The average tree height is 80 to 120 feet: They tend to prefer rich, moist soil and grow vigorously in damp areas.
 The main uses for gum wood is cabinet making, furniture parts, doors, millwork, turnings and rail ties. It is a good substitute for walnut when stained. The sapwood tends to be wide and is white to light pink while the heartwood is reddish brown with darker streaks. The wood has an irregular grain, which produces nice figure and has a uniform texture. Gum wood is easy to work with both hand and power tools. It sands to an excellent finish but has a tendency to warp and twist. It also have a high shrinkage rate and is susceptible to movement after being finished. Look for wood called Sapgum (which is the sapwood) and Redgum (which is the heartwood.)

Fun Fact: Storax, the clear resin that the tree secretes, often is used for medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations and is used for adhesives, incense, perfuming, powders and soaps.

Editor's Note: Special thanks to Kathi for her continued support of the newsletter. Another great and informative article. Thanks to Richard Philpott for his contributions to the newsletter too!



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2009 Meeting & Exhibit Schedule

Date	Guest	Subject
January 5	Pete Teresi	Making Violins, Violas, and Cellos
February 2	Field Trip to Dan J Savage Middle School	Shop Tour
March 2	History of woodworking presentation	Ada Holloway
April 6	Stan Booker	Asante Network
May 2 (New date!)	Field Trip to Tracy!	Antique Farm Equipment Model Maker
June 1	Tom Bonte Shop Time	
July 6	Independence Day Fun!	
August 3	Members Challenge	Box Making contest
September 25th	McHenry Woodcraft Show Setup & Potluck	Show runs from Sept 26th to Oct 11
October	No Meeting - Come see us at the show	McHenry Museum, Modesto, Ca.
November 2	Annual Members Auction	Come by and get a bargain
December 7		

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