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June Meeting

Program
Irwin Pasternak
Woodcarving

Back-to Basics
Wood bending

When
June 16, 1994
at 7:30 PM

Our Next Meeting - June 16!

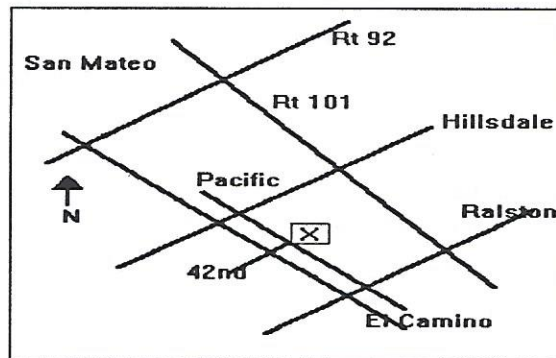
by Bill Henzel

This month our meeting will be held at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo and will feature Irwin Pasternak who will discuss the art of woodcarving. Irwin is president of the California Wood Carving Guild which has over 50 chapters. Several members of the Santa Clara Carving Guild will also be present to discuss the basics of relief carving, and carving tool selection. The guild members will be displaying selected carvings that will include characters of people and animals.

The topic of this month's back-to-basics seminar will be wood bending, which will be presented by Bill Hartigan.

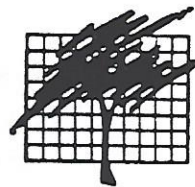
DIRECTIONS

Mainliner Club
42nd Avenue, San Mateo



For Sale

One rarely used Shopsmith Scroll Saw with a variety of blades. The scroll saw attaches to a Shopsmith Mark V. Price \$250 or best offer. Contact Lary Ng at (415) 348-0650 ext 128 or (510) 523-0854



It was a Very Green Christmas in '94

by Mark Dennis

As a father of a four year old in a household where both parents work, I don't consider myself as one with extra time on my hands. My weekends are generally filled with catching up on domestic duties that just don't seem to fit in during the week. Yet, as one of the more fortunate citizens on this Earth, I've always felt some obligation to help those whose troubles make mine appear trivial. But without money or time, what could I do?

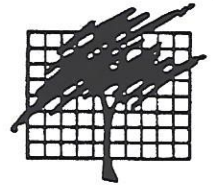
Christmas in April was the answer.

Twenty-one years ago a small group in Midland, Texas decided to take one day off a year to help others. Now, Christmas in April is a national organization with more than 100,000 volunteers who apply their skills to help refurbish homes, schools and communities. The projects are recommended by churches and other community organizations who are in touch with the needy and funded by corporate sponsors. The goal is to attack a project in need of TLC, completely disassemble it, and reassemble it in mint condition - ALL IN ONE DAY!

Sure I was skeptical, but the challenge was alluring. For example, to paint the outside of my house might take me a week, and that's if I had a week to work on it. Yet, in just one day, a roof was repaired, and the yard and garage were cleaned up, lights were rewired, a 120 foot fence was built, and a whole house was painted inside and out.

Our mission was to rebuild the 2 bedroom home of <xxxx>, an 81 year old widow, whose son and grandson resided with her in East Menlo Park. This particular site was funded by Synoptics Communications, Inc., a computer company in Santa Clara: the labor was supplied by 28 volunteers. My project, along with 5 others, was to tear down and rebuild 120' of redwood fence - not something I'd ordinarily try to accomplish in one day. By the time the pizza arrived for lunch we had removed the old fence, and dug holes for about half of the posts. I thought we'd never make it, but in the afternoon, the posts sprang up and just as we finished putting on the rails, a crew from another house in the neighborhood came over and helped us put on fence boards. We even finished in time to hang a gate and to help the painters move all the furniture back into the house. Despite my skepticism, we had completely transformed this home in one day.

Fortunately I had walked through the house that morning so I was able to witness the transformation. Not only did the home look like new, but the family that lived there was delighted. In the Bay Area alone, 45 homes and four not-for-profit buildings were refurbished that Christmas Day in April. What a sense of hope all the beneficiaries must have felt knowing that their community cared about them and what a sense of well being it gave all of us that we were able to help.



Bay Area Woodworkers Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Commitment as a Member

The Bay Area Woodworkers Association was originally formed early in 1982 by a small group of dedicated people who felt the need to strengthen the woodworking community by holding regular meetings, establishing an informal forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas, sponsoring shows and meeting others in woodworking and related fields. BAWA meets on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. Meetings usually have a specific topic such as tool techniques, finishing, turning or business aspects of woodworking. Often the meeting features a guest speaker with a specific area of expertise.

Dues are currently \$25.00 per year, payable by December for the following year. Membership can begin during any month of the year. Make your check payable to BAWA and bring it to the monthly meeting, or mail to:

BAWA
P.O. Box 5481
San Mateo, CA 94402

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ -- State _____ Zip+4 _____

Work Phone (_____) _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Profession: _____

Specialty/Interests (List):

(Check) Professional _____ Amateur _____ Beginner _____

Check One: I (do) (do not) want my name and address circulated to other organizations.

I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas (check as many as you want):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Officers | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Community Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize Tours of Woodworkers' Shops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality for Guest Speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Show and Exhibit Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating and Election Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian for Video Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity for BAWA in Local Press | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Set-Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Clean-Up | <input type="checkbox"/> AV Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist or making Toys for projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Show Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter for Guests and New Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter articles or Editor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee or Chairman |

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