



The Blueprint -- August 2008

Welcome to Humboldt Woodworking Society

P. O. Box 626 Arcata CA 95518-0626

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The Humboldt Woodworking Society is a group of professional, amateur, and hobbyist woodworkers. We meet monthly to share ideas and techniques, participate in the College of the Redwoods WoodFair each year and have a good time talking shop and helping one another grow in our craft. Annual dues are \$25.00.

August Meeting – Thursday, August 28, 2008, 7 PM Hardwood Milling at Almquist Lumber

Directions: Almquist Lumber is located at 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. From HWY 101 in northern Arcata take HWY 299 east. Take first exit, Guintoli Lane. Turn left from exit ramp onto Guintoli Lane. Go over the freeway and turn right onto Boyd Road immediately past the overpass. Almquist Lumber is on your left in about ½ mile.

Program: We will be touring the hardwood mill facilities and hearing how Almquist lumber processes hardwood lumber for the retail market. The type of custom orders available will be discussed and all your retail hardwood related questions answered.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

When	Who or What	Where
August 28, 2008	Almquist Lumber Hardwood Mill	5301 Boyd Rd, Arcata
September 13, 2008	Sue and Dave Ashford BBQ	703 Redmond Rd, Eureka
October 30, 2008	?	
November ?, 2008	Gary Richmond	2261 Lee Court Fortuna
December ?	Holiday Social	
January 29 ?, 2009 6:00 pm	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers	Pizza Parlor ?

Doralee Smith, Program Coordinator, is actively seeking suggestions for future programs. If you would like to host a meeting, or if you have a suggestion for a topic for a seminar, panel discussion, or instructional class, please pass them along to Doralee at rivrwoman@suddenlink.net or 825-9010.

OFFICERS Contact Information:

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Doralee Smith	Program Coordinator	825-9010	rivrwomn@suddenlink.net

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

New members are welcomed at any time into the Humboldt Woodworking Society. Current Members, please share our newsletter with any prospective members. Use this form to join and/or to pay dues for continuing members. Annual Dues are payable in January for continuing members. New members may join any time and their dues may be prorated

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Mail with a check for \$25 to Humboldt Woodworking Society, PO Box 626, Arcata, CA 95518-0626

WoodFair 2008 a Success!

Report on WoodFair 2008

July 26-27, 2008

Venue:

WoodFair 2008 was hosted by Almquist Lumber on Boyd Road in Arcata. Eric Almquist, owner and CEO, is due a debt of gratitude for providing this superb location and amenities. We thank all of the staff and employees at Almquist Lumber for going above and beyond their normal routine to host this event, and to make the College of the Redwoods, and the Humboldt Woodworking Society feel welcomed and supported. They did an excellent job and we thank them heartily. Special thanks are extended to Don Ehnebuske who had the vision and the organizational energy to pull it all off.

Attendance

To track attendance, we gave out free raffle tickets. After discussion among Almquist staff and HWS personnel we agreed that about 30% had slipped past without taking tickets. We gave out a total of 1422

tickets, with more tickets being given out on Sunday than on Saturday. We estimate that attendance totaled about 2000.

Vendor Booths

There were twelve vendor booths plus a booth for College of the Redwoods, one for the Construction Technology program at College of the Redwoods, and one for the Humboldt Woodworking Society. Michael Masumoto conducted exit interviews on Sunday afternoon and his report is included below.

Demonstrations

There were a total of 13 demonstrations scheduled and presented and all were well attended. Despite a roomy demonstration area with about 35 chairs, most demonstrations were standing room only. They included marquetry and inlay, wood bending, wood turning, and tool demonstrations from Festool and Delta/Porter Cable/DeWalt. The presenters were not compensated.

Exhibition Entries and Awards:

Thirty two exhibitors entered 42 works in the juried exhibition. Three judges from College of the Redwoods and one from industry awarded 20 prizes and \$3800 in prize money. We extend our thanks to our jurors for sharing their expertise and for their careful consideration and painstakingly difficult judgment:

Bert Hafar, Instructor, College of the Redwoods, Eureka
Tom Tellez, Owner, Wallace and Hinz
Todd Sorenson, Instructor, College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast
Greg Smith, Instructor, College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast

Congratulations to the winners in each category:

Best of Show

Eric Felhaber, Crab, Rockfish and Anchovy (Carving)

Most Creative

Ejler Hjorth-Westh, Doghole Dory (Boat)

Beginning/Novice

First: Jay Schectman, Sadie's Dream Chaser (Cradle)
Second: Monica Shell, The Watcher (Temple Dog carved from Black Ipe)
Third: Kai Herd, Michael's Piano Bench

Small Projects

First: Andrew Wallace, Pacific Treasure Box (Madrone Box)
Second: Dan Primerano, Wall Sconces
Third: Samuel Gregerson, Corona Wall Piece

Fine Furniture and Cabinetry

First: Greg Campbell, Wall Cabinet
Second: Dennis R. Musselman, Fanback Windsor Chair
Second: Jason Straw, Cabinet with Mirror

Third: Matt Bunnell, Desk
Third: Matthew Isaac, Bar Stool

Sculpture and Carving

First: Gloria Dinsmore, Western Tanager
Second: J. Raven Matthews, Glory Remnant Redwood Burl
Third: Rip Kirby, Bear Face Carved from Black Walnut

Woodturning

First: Mike Weaver, Manzanita Bowl and Redwood Bowl
Second: Wayne M. Roe, Sr. Spalted Maple Bowl
Third: Melanie Kasek, Zen Bowl

Musical Instruments

First: Don Morris, Viola Bow

Prize Sponsors

Many thanks are extended to our prize sponsors. They deserve recognition for their generosity supporting WoodFair 2008. The following businesses, organizations, and individuals made donations totaling \$3800 for cash awards for the exhibition winners:

College of the Redwoods	Cabinets by Andy, Inc.
Almquist Lumber	John and Barbara MacEvoy
Humboldt Woodworking Society	Custom Cabinets of Fortuna
Pierson Building Center	Rosebud Woodworking
North Coast Safety Consortium	Schmidbauer Building Supply LLC
Forbes Cabinets	Barnum Timber
California Redwood Company, Subsidiary of	Pacific Lumber Co.
Green Diamond	Marimba One
Wallace and Hinz	

Raffle

We distributed 1422 free raffle tickets and sold \$625 worth of additional tickets. The prizes for the raffle were donated, and were valued at an estimated total of \$500. All prizes were awarded and distributed. The proceeds of the raffle have been deposited as restricted funds with the Humboldt Woodworking Society for the purpose of supporting WoodFair 2009 and beyond. Thanks are extended to individuals who donated raffle prizes:

Susan Bicknell
Ahn Fielding for College of the Redwoods
Bert Hafar
Larry Holsen
Harvey Raider
Doralee and Chris Smith

Co-Sponsors who provided services in promotion of WoodFair 2008

We thank our co-sponsors who enthusiastically publicized WoodFair 2008 and helped boost our attendance:

Eureka Television Group
KHUM
The Point

Volunteers Who Assisted with Various Aspects of WoodFair 2008:

There are many individuals who deserve thanks for volunteering their time and services to make WoodFair 2008 a success. We thank them, and apologize for omitting any names that escaped our attention. WoodFair 2008 was a success because members of Humboldt Woodworking Society, members of College of the Redwoods Foundation League, and others contributed their time and talents. Thank you to:

Mark Aanstad	Jim Davis	Michael Masumoto
Mary Almquist	Lynn Dixon	Bill McClay
Dave Ashford	Vern Frost	Dennis Musselman
Sue Ashford	Bev Gray	Harvey Raider
Theresa Becker	Bert Hafar	Gary Richmond
Stephen Baer	Kai Herd	Doralee Smith
Don Bicknell	Larry Holsen	Kathryn Wayne
Susan Bicknell	Melanie Kasek	Jo Weisgerber
Doug Boileau	Will Madaras	Berti Welty
Burrill Catanach	Wayne Marko	Art Zich

Report on Exit Interviews with WoodFair 2008 Participants from Michael Masumoto:

As WoodFair 2008 wound down, I spoke with each of the vendors, asking for feedback about this year's WoodFair. The vendors were unanimous in agreeing that it was better to have this year's small-ish WoodFair than to have no WoodFair at all, and that the WoodFair was the most important woodworking event in the area, drawing participants from as far away as Oregon.

About half of the vendors did better sales at this year's WoodFair than at previous WoodFairs. Most of the vendors made important contacts, were commissioned for jobs, received leads on potential jobs, or otherwise satisfied important business needs. Vendors who did poorer sales than previously attributed the decline to the change in location (I was told that a location change for an event usually brought a drop in sales for the first year) and/or to current difficult economic times. No vendor appeared to regret attending this year's WoodFair. Some felt the new location brought new customers who were different from those attending the craft fairs at Redwood Acres. No vendor appeared dissatisfied with the size or density of the crowds at the event (although many felt that earlier publicity would have been a plus). It was felt that there were enough bathrooms, and several people commented favorably on the laidback, positive spirit of this year's WoodFair. The overwhelming majority of vendors said that they would definitely participate in next year's WoodFair if it were held at Almquist again.

Some vendors were concerned about possible overcrowding at future events due to limited booth space at the Almquist site. A shortage of trash cans and limited food options were also commented upon. The majority of vendors seemed to feel that more vendors would be a boon to WoodFair. At the same time, many CUSTOMERS commented on the high quality, both in the exhibition and in the booths (some even felt that this year's WoodFair had the highest quality of work exhibited at ANY WoodFair they had attended). The elimination of the admission fee was generally felt to be a big improvement, both by vendors and customers, and the raffle which replaced it seemed to be enjoyed tremendously by everyone. --MMM

This report was written by Susan Bicknell with the above contribution from Michael Masumoto. I apologize for any errors or omissions. --SHB

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS and WEBSITE INFORMATION:

If you have items of interest that you have written or want to write, wood trivia, shop facts or techniques, items for sale, photos of your finished projects, or links to add to our web pages, please submit them for publication in future newsletters to Susan Bicknell at shbdwb@suddenlink.net or call 768-1975 OR to Michael Masumoto at: kai@acm.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

1000 Hardwood Boards Kiln Dried:

Hardwood boards, kiln dried, 1 ½ to 2 3/8 inches thick and 2 feet long by 8 inches wide are available at \$ 3 – 5 per board. Species available are walnut, cherry, and maple. Call Tom Frederikson at 444-3880.

Saturday Seminars
10-11am & 2-3pm **FREE**

Woodworking Society
Members Receive
10% Off Hardwood
Every Sunday!

825-8880

Almquist
lumber company
5301 Boyd Rd, just off Giuntoli Lane at Hwy 299

START THE YEAR RIGHT!

Discount is good until further notice.