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PALO ALTO FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS BRINGS OUT
ARTISTS, MUSICIANS — AND FOOD

by Georgia Wells

Sue Root, fine woodworker

Working in the electronics industry, Sue Root knew her real love was art. She spent weekends at art shows “to feed (her) soul.” She finally quit her high-powered job and enrolled in a hand-tools class at Palo Alto High School’s adult education program.

Her craft master mentor said that in his 25 years of teaching, he had met only one other person as naturally adept at woodworking as she.

“I really found my heart in the wood. It’s hard for me to stop,” she said.

Working with hand tools in her Morgan Hill studio, and using as much reclaimed lumber as possible, Root, feels more intimately connected with the wood. “There is a respect for the wood itself. I can feel the grain; I can feel the tree. In a way the wood speaks to me, and tells me what it wants to be.”



Woodworker Sue Root uses reclaimed wood in her creations, including this four-paneled screen.