

*Women Building the Nation*  
*A Conference Welcoming All Women*  
*in the Trades and Women in the Industry from*  
*Everywhere*

*May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sheraton Grand*  
*1230 J Street, Sacramento, California*

*This will be the second national all-craft tradeswomen conference held in the U.S. since 2001. Last year's conference broke the record with almost 600 arriving from across the US and a few Canadians joined in. Women in the industry from anywhere on Earth are very welcome to join in. The official conference sponsors are the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO and the California Building Trades Council. In addition, several international unions are making donations to support the conference.*

*This national conference is being piggy-backed to the Women Building California conference, which is heading into its 11<sup>th</sup> year. That very successful conference brought together about 350 tradeswomen each year for two spirited and educational days of workshops and networking.*

*The conference costs are kept extremely low to enable as many women as possible to attend. Registration, if paid before March 31, is \$75 per person. This fee includes breakfast, lunch, snack and reception on Saturday, and breakfast and snack on Sunday.*

***Link to Event Brochure***

[http://www.tradeswomen.org/PDFs/2012-save-date-brochure\\_layout.pdf](http://www.tradeswomen.org/PDFs/2012-save-date-brochure_layout.pdf)

***Link to Registration***

<http://www.sbctc.org/docuserfiles/files/WCwebregcover.pdf>

***Link to Facebook Event Page***

*Please post your ETA and if you have or need a room to share*

<http://www.facebook.com/events/350640731634662/>

***Link to Past Women's Build Event Photos Page***

*Please send any and all photos of Past Women Build California to donate to share to [shyeshye@gmail.com](mailto:shyeshye@gmail.com)*

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-Build-California/121494554532540>

*Bullet Points on the Value of the Women Building California and the Nation*

*HOW TO: Make a Motion from the Floor Requesting Union Support for Conference Attendance  
(Word Doc Attached)*

*HOW TO: Write a Letter Requesting Union Support for Conference Attendance (Word Doc Attached)*

*Example letter to Executive Board to get sponsorship (Word Doc Attached)*

*Carolina, JIW Letter for sponsorship as example (Word Doc Attached)*

### **Transportation Options**

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/area/transportation.html?propertyID=1247>

#### **Directions:**

*Take I-5 into downtown Sacramento. Exit at J Street. The hotel is on the right between 12th and 13th Streets.*

#### **From the Sacramento Airport:**

*The hotel is 12 miles from the airport. Taxi is approx. \$40. Super Shuttle: \$15.*

#### **By Amtrak:**

*The hotel is a half mile from the Amtrak station. Taxi is about \$7.*

#### **Parking:**

*Self-parking is \$18/day.*

*Valet parking is \$22/day. Other lots are available nearby.*

## **If you get there early...ck out the city .....**

### **California State Railroad Museum's excursion railroad**

<http://www.csrmf.org/train-rides> \$10-15

### **The free DASH Trolley**

*travels in a loop and stops at Old Sacramento, the Convention Center, and the K Street Mall, near its many stops are hotels, shops, restaurants, and museums. The Trolley operates from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. The interval between rides during weekdays is 15 minutes; during weekends, it's 30*

*minutes. <http://members.virtualtourist.com/m/p/m/130a30/>*

### **Map of Points of Interest**

<http://www.sacmuseums.org/images/map.pdf>

### **Link to Sheraton for Registration**

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1247>

Special Rate Code: Women Build Conference

*(The hotel rate is \$115 + tax per night for a room with 2 queen beds, up to 4 per room is allowed. There is also a King Suite to share at \$265 + tax per night, 2 bedroom with King beds, 2 bath and a living room suite with a roll away 5 per room is allowed. Some of the ladies will stay until Monday, so if that is your best flight rate, you will not be alone)*

**Link to Sacramento Airport** <http://www.sacramento.aero/smf/> 12 miles from the Sheridan

**This hotel does not provide shuttle service.**

*Local Vendor Tables are \$500 plus registration fees for those staffing the table. E-mail  
Debra Chaplan, [dchaplan@sbctc.org](mailto:dchaplan@sbctc.org)*

*All are Welcome to donate something to the Raffle.*

*There is a traditional Large Raffle at the end of the conference. Tools, Gear, Gift baskets, Gift cards, Tee-shirts, Trades Jackets, Hats, and an endless variety of wonderful donated stuff.*

*Tradeswomen Inc. President, Carol Toliver, will coordinate the raffle. Email [Carol@tradeswomen.org](mailto:Carol@tradeswomen.org) for donations to the raffle. Emails should include a description of item(s) with the appropriate contact information, to get back to you. Please bring the item(s) to the conference or have the vendor or merchant ship it to Debra Chaplan's office. Request an Example of Letter Asking for Donations from Carol if you wish to help with that effort.*

*Joining us for blood pumping fun, will be*

*Lynn Marie Smith Motown Diva*

*<http://store.laborheritage.org/lynnmariesmith-themotowndiva.cfm>*

*Union organizer Lynn Marie Smith, is a talented singer-songwriter with energy to burn! A foot soldier for worker justice; she is an Organizer with the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union Local 24 for the past 8 years. She has recorded with many superstars and entertains at some of Detroit's premiere entertainment spots. Her debut album reached number five on the Billboard Charts with Infinity Records recording artist "Natures Divine." Lynn Marie is very involved in the labor community, her unique ability to place labor lyrics to popular music and her gift for including and bringing joy to her audience, earned her the title "MotownDiva," by her sisters in the labor movement.*

*Have you written a poem or essay or thoughts about your job, life as a tradeswoman, or how you fit (or don't) in the industry? Dig it out and bring it with you. Sue Doro of **Pride and a Paycheck***

*<http://www.prideandapaycheck.com> will be there for the Writers in Workshirts Work shop.*

*Looking for tradeswomen who have gotten Domestic Benefits into their contract to help with the Round Table.*

*Looking for Women who have managed successful women's committees and mentoring projects, to help with the workshop*

*Looking for tradeswomen to help with the Green Workshop (IBEW is covered, we need other trades doing green work)*

*Looking for a Woman apprenticeship coordinator/instructor, to help with the "After the Tools" work shop*

*Looking for a tradeswoman who also teaches Yoga, to lead Sunday mornings stretch and flex.*

*Needed.... Photos of Women on the Jobsite – women who are attending, and women who wish they were – Vicki Hamlin, tradeswomen photographer and artist extraordinaire is working on a project to be displayed at the conference. Please e-mail photos to Vicki at [vichamlin@att.net](mailto:vichamlin@att.net)*

*Looking for Photos of Tradeswomen On the Jobsite*

*Sisters in the Building Trades* will again be making a Place for the Sisterhood, a safe online photo gallery for the **Sisters Gallery**, [http://sistersinthebuildingtrades.com/index.php?option=com\\_morfeoshow&task=view&gallery=3&Itemid=88](http://sistersinthebuildingtrades.com/index.php?option=com_morfeoshow&task=view&gallery=3&Itemid=88) Our online Gallery of photos free to use, by grade schools, high schools, colleges, apprenticeships, outreach, state agencies, safety programs, etc. Is now the largest of its kind on the net. Send photo donations to [shyeshye@gmail.com](mailto:shyeshye@gmail.com)

*If the younger generation can see us, they can dream of following us...*

## *What to Wear and what to Bring.....*

*Bring something comfortable to learn in and something to have fun in. :)*

*If you feel up to it, bring something dressy for the reception on Saturday and plan to go out and about with your sisters after that to ck out the town.*

*You will want to bring union pins, tee's and stickers if you have them, and business cards by the load.*

*There will be a Lapel Pin Board that has been collecting pins of locals where women have come from over the years you can donate to.*

*Just a note, there will be a short energetic Operator, who is the Lead of "Blue Collar Women" Just fair warning, she is a Pin Collector Nut, so you better bring at least 2, as she is a fun Nut!*

*Feel welcome to bring things to donate to the **Tradeswomen Archives**, <http://tradeswomenarchives.com> like a scan of your apprenticeship papers or Journey card, photos, whatever you may have. **WE ARE HERSTORY**. Bring stuff or scans of stuff, from Mom, Grandma, and Aunts in the non traditional trades if you have it. And you may as well when you are done reading this, click the link above and put Your name in the Archives.*

## *There will be an informal Gathering on Friday*

*Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> - The Pre Conference Gathering* is a fun event that provides great camaraderie, networking, political bs, entertainment, laughter, bullshitting, making friends, and having fun. There will be a few sisters meeting for a late lunch, and at 5pm we plan on taking over the (location to be announced shortly) and then at 7:30pm, meeting at the Public Market Bar, on the first floor of the Sheraton. **Beware, Breakfast is at 7am.**

**Now is the time for Sisters everywhere** to put in a request to be sponsored to go, from their Local, regional, employer, labor center, contractor, and other orgs and agency's supporting women in the blue collar industry.

*Every woman in the blue collar trades and construction industry are expected to help get the word out, attempt to attend, and help make this as big and kick ass as we can manage.*

*This is a all hands on deck call to All, Everywhere....Yes! We Mean YOU!*

*I set the Goal at 1,000 women. :) You never know, if we reach for the brass ring.....we just may catch it.*

**The Sisters United, will Never be Divided!**

*Sorry, couldn't help my self ☺*

**See you in Sacramento!**

*Sharing and caring and Finding a way....*

*Those who have gotten a double room and have space to share, those who need to share a room post on the facebook event page*

*<http://www.facebook.com/events/350640731634662/>*

*Scholarships for those that cannot afford the fee are available on a case by case basis; write to Debra at [dchaplan@sbctc.org](mailto:dchaplan@sbctc.org) for more information. Note, Debra will need volunteers to stuff bags, help with set up, tear down and various duties throughout the conference.*

*If you would like to donate to the conference, or to help more women attend write to Debra at [dchaplan@sbctc.org](mailto:dchaplan@sbctc.org)*

**Where there is a Will....there is a Way...**

**If we cannot find a way....We will Make one!**