President’s Message

Welcome everyone to the spectacular month of July!

Our July 7th SAW general meeting will have another interesting speaker: SAW member Christy Wallace! Christy is an expert at woodworking efficiency, and she will present at our July club meeting a very easy to use, low-cost, and very effective computer-based program called CutListPlus. Christy will also explain and train you on how to use this computer-based tool, and present how much time, hassle, and money you can save by designing and building in new ways. Bring a pencil and note pad to the meeting if you like, but be prepared to be surprised at what you didn’t know about woodworking anyone can do!

As an added feature, CutListPlus.com is offering a really nice discount offer for our club. See page 5 for details.

Start now for our club’s August 4th general meeting woodworking contest! It is titled “Get Moving! Kinetic/Automata,” the contest rules are pretty straightforward: What you make for the contest from wood has to either move, or have some part or parts that can be placed in motion! Get creative and see what you can come up with! We have had some great projects entered in past club contests! Let’s do it again! Have fun and let your imagination go where you want it to! Also, we always welcome all...

Founding SAW Member, Bob Schieck, Has Passed Away

Bob Schieck, the last founding member of SAW, passed away on June 21st, quietly and with family at his side, three days short of his 77th birthday.

He was a constant fixture at SAW club general meetings and many SIGs. He always seems to wear suspenders and plaid shirts. He served as SAW Secretary for several years in the early days and was Toy Committee Chairman for well over 20 years - for most of the club’s life (see Page 9). For a long time, Bob was the club’s unofficial recruiter, greeter and historian, and for many, official curmudgeon. When asked for their stories about Bob, several members noted that he was the first contact at the SAW meetings and encouraged them to join. In January, 2012, Bob was given a lifetime membership in SAW for his many contributions to the club.

Welcome New Members

Art Goolkasian  Jose Vacca, Jr
Daniel Wagner  Fred Weiland

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.
The Sacramento Area Woodworkers, also known as SAW, is an 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is:

To provide the community an enriched educational and charitable experience through woodworking.

We also share woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

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SAW Staff Members: Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

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LIBRARY

Books, videos, and magazines are available “FREE” to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back of the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

There are no new books this month.

The Librarians would like to give a big THANKS to Joe and Judy Schuchmann for their book donations.

MEMBERSHIP

For all renewing members the dues for SAW are $30 per calendar year (no prorated renewal). Any and all dependent family members, residing in the same address of a fully paid member, can join for an additional 50% of annual dues. As a SAW member, you will enjoy the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers, discounts from local merchants, group buys on wood, and library privileges.

New Members will be prorated for the year:

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No refunds will be given on membership dues.

The club is always looking for new members. Recommend us to all your woodworking friends!

Commercial Membership

Commercial memberships are available for $50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month, if desired. Contact Treasurer Tom Harrington for more membership information.

Newsletter Items

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter. Send to Andy Volk at newsletter@sacramentoareawoodworkers.com

General Meeting Program Schedule

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Classified Ads

SAW members have been coming up with many great ideas, such as how to network with other members outside of SIGs, or creating ways to borrow set-up tools. Might we suggest using the classified ad section?

Ads can be run for more than one month. Just contact us each month and let us know the ad is still valid. Remember, you must be a member to take advantage of our free ad space!
SAW club members to just bring to any general meeting any toys, tools, or other woodworking-related projects/concepts you have been building or have built to share, show, and/or tell about too.

Thanks to Aura Hardwoods for the recent great barbecue and sale! Aura Lumber graciously hosted a wonderful SAW club member wood sale and barbecue social at their Rancho Cordova warehouse facility on Saturday June 6th. If you were there, you probably picked up some great deals on mahogany, cherry, walnut, maple, and many other offered woods! Talk about truly incredible deals! If you missed out on this great event, all I can say is you should have been there! Thank you Aura for all your hospitality and kindness to our club!

The SAW Toy Workshop will be the third Wednesday of each month—this month on July 15th! Hands-on fun will be held at the Woodcraft store, 9523 Folsom Blvd., in Sacramento from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to make toys. Tools, equipment, and materials will be provided. On that day all SAW club member will receive a special 10% extra discount on most Woodcraft store items. Come out and help make some toys, and enjoy some fun and great times with other club members! Please Note the Toy Workshop will move to the third Tuesday of each month starting in August 2015.

State Fair July 17th to the 19th! The California State Fair has once again invited SAW to host a booth at Cal Expo! Our club will have an air conditioned booth inside Expo Center Building #4 from Friday July 17th thru Sunday July 19th. We will have four shift’s each day: 10AM to 1PM; 1PM to 4PM; 4PM to 7PM; and 7PM to 10PM. As in years past, SAW club members willing to help staff the booth for a few hours will receive a free entrance ticket to the fair that day. It becomes a fun and easy way to let other people learn about our wood club, and also gives the public a chance to join our organization.

Check out our club’s Special Interest Groups (SIG’s)! Learn and have fun with other club members, and get the opportunity to improve your woodworking skills. See inside this newsletter for times, dates, and places of current SIGs. Want to start a new SIG? Check with any of our board members to get started!

Bring in a new club member! Our club is constantly growing! Invite your friends, family, and even your neighbors and/or coworkers to become part of SAW! We welcome anyone with a willingness to enjoy woodworking, have fun, and meet great people. Unsure what we are about? Come visit a club meeting or activity! Any member who helps a new member to join our club will receive a FREE SAW large raffle ticket, or three small raffle tickets per new membership!

Have something you want to sell or donate to other SAW club members? Club members can advertise for free in the SAW Classified Ads section of the monthly club newsletter. Also, bring your items to sell or give away at the club’s general meetings too.

That concludes this month’s president’s report. As always, I wish you the very best of everything this summer. This club is based upon woodworkers sharing their hearts, woodshops, and skills with others. A special note of appreciation and gratitude to everyone who volunteers and helps make our club very special. Have fun, stay safe, and share your love of woodworking with others! I hope to see you at the July SAW club meeting and other club events!

Have a fun 4th of July!
SIG Information

A “SIG” (Special Interest Group) is a gathering of woodworkers at a member’s workshop to discuss and do projects related to the Group’s interest. Any SAW member or guest of a SAW member may just show up at the meeting. Times and locations for each SIG is given in the Calendar on page 3.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

The June SIG went better than expected, given that the Aura BBQ was on the same day. We had various visitors from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. As soon as someone left, someone else showed up. We were able to get a scroll saw back to working condition for one member, and cut out a lot of giveaways for the upcoming State fair. We also were able get (and give) advice on various topics, such as shop setup.

For July, since the date conflicts with Fireworks day, we are going to cancel the SIG. However, if anyone would like to get some one-on-one help, or just want to use the saws for a project, you can call us and we can schedule a time. The fun part of the club is not having to wait for a SIG to get together and work on things.

I will announce August's SIG theme at our next meeting.

Project SIG  Contact persons:  Sally Green

For the July Project SIG, we are going to have a Memory Box Workshop where we will make the small memory boxes. We hope to complete them at that workshop. Jack Stellman will host the Workshop. Tom Nelson donated lots of wood for memory boxes. Please come join us and help make this a productive workshop and help fill some of the requests we have for these boxes. Contact Sally Green.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person:  Floyd Gibson & Christy Wallace

Floyd Gibson will be hosting the SIG at his shop. He will be talking about setting up a vacuum press and how to use it for applying pressure evenly. He will discuss different veneers - commercial vs shop-sawn. Also, Floyd will cover some sources for commercial veneers and vacuum presses.

Sharpening SIG  Contact person:  David Wilson

We will work with one of the best tools for finishing a project - a scraper. We will sharpen it, form a hook and then smooth a board. But remember, this is a hands-on SIG, so it will be you that will do the work. There will also be a handsaw that needs work and collection of sharpening tools for you to try. We will also be ready to help with any sharpening problem you bring.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person:  Ed Gieszelmann

The July Lathe SIG will be at Ed’s shop on Sunday, July 26th from 2 to 5pm. The July Lathe SIG will be at my shop on July 28 from 2:00 to 5:00. The topic will be dry-wood bowl turning and turning tops, bottle stoppers, bracelets, and other small items of interest. In August, the topic will be salt and pepper mills. We'll talk about the different kinds of mechanisms, different designs, and the challenges that one has to face in turning them.

Tip Corner:

If you have an interesting tip or “trick-of-the-trade” to share with the membership, contact Andy Volk. Published tips will earn a small raffle ticket.

Cool Websites to check out:

Share some of your favorite woodworking related websites here! Contact Andy Volk.

For those of you into sharpening or just sanding, there is a Grand Unified Grit Chart for a wide variety of stones and paper at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VaTF3MXuwvHQLwOci4f9B9Zhkbuu1wj0SCZIUsR-o/edit#gid=0

For an interesting way to get color into your wooden toy wheels or other solid wood, check out: http://www.toymakingplans.com/website/News/06-24-15_Wood-Toy-News.pdf.

Popular Woodworking Magazine also has an article in their April 2015 (#217) edition on “Charred Finishes” to bring out interesting patterns in the grain. The surface can be lightly “browned” on grained woods like oak and ash to enhance the grain.
July Large Raffle Prize

Two Jet 40" Parallel Clamps

OR

A Check for $50.00

WOW Prize

4 pc Gladstone Brass Mini Tool Set

Badge Raffle

Sarge Trapper Knife

The Craftsman 50 Pc Drill and Driving Bit Set

BOSCH Dare Devil Spade Bit Set

Combo prize of Hemostat, Six-inch Steel Rule and Homer Five-Gallon Bucket

6 each of Terry Cloth & Yellow Microfiber Cleaning Towels

A Special on CostListPlus for SAW Members Only

With CutList Plus on your PC, you can optimize layouts for plywood, lumber and other sheet materials. Calculate exactly how much material to buy for your project, and what it will cost. See http://cutlistplus.com/.

The software developer and owner of CutListPlus has created a really nice discount offer for our club. You can get 40% off the Silver Edition (which makes it just $53), or $72 off the Gold Edition (bringing it to $177). The discount is available starting now through the end of July.

If you know people who sew, this software also works for designing layouts to optimize piece cutting. I recently used it by setting up fabric sizes in Fat Quarter dimensions and in yardages with a thickness of 1/8" (it needs a dimension in the "thickness" field), and it instantly showed me how much fabric to purchase and how to layout the pieces for cutting.

In this software, you can direct layouts to consider grain or pattern direction.

For the discount code contact me, Christy Wallace, and come see my talk on this software during the July General Meeting.
From the General Meeting — June 2nd

Adam Panto, professional woodworker and instructor, gave a great talk on setting up and using a bandsaw, demonstrating his ideas right in front of us. He has ideas that fly against the usual recommendations. It was very informative. He attracted a large crowd (right) during the break to get more information.

June Contest: Put a Lid on it

First Place: Ralph Desmond (left) made a jewelry box with bird’s-eye maple top, box joint sides of maple and walnut, with brass inlay.

Second Place: Dan Franke (above) took a walnut bowl he turned green and twice turned it down to the final thickness and added a matching lid.

Honorable Mention: Bob Prichard (left) took a bowl his father used for his snacks and added a lid.

Third Place: David Plance (above) showed a box of quilted maple and walnut with mitered corners and top.

Andy Volk (left) made a spill plane (above). Spills are a fine spiral shaving of wood (in Andy’s hand) used to light candles and pipes before matches were invented.

Craig Blankenship (left) made a toy wagon based on plans from Gordon Westover, the speaker at the March SAW meeting.

Bob Beckert (left) made a fretwork night light that he demonstrated with Joe’s help.

Bob Prichard (above) got a 5-inch howitzer shell casing to which he added a walnut top.
Aura Hardwoods hosted another great sale and barbeque in June. Lots of members come out to look over the wood they had laid out for us and get some great deals, a maybe a hot dog or two. Deals were also available on the regular stock and on wood going to the Toy Workshop.

THANKS AURA!!

The June Scroll Saw SIG was on the same Saturday as the Aura Hardwoods BBQ, but the Lovos opened their shop nonetheless. People showed up all day long to look at their new space, get advice on scroll saws and scroll saw setup (above). They were also able get (and give) advice on various topics, such as shop setup.

Unfortunately, the May Lathe SIG was Memorial Day weekend and only one member showed for Ed Gieszelmann’s demonstration on salt and pepper mills. Since several members indicated interest in this topic earlier in the year, Ed will repeat it in August.

Memory Box Workshop

We have received a few requests from area hospitals for memory boxes. At this time the requests are for 15 boxes 7¼" square by 1¾" high, and for 16 boxes 10" by 12½ " x 4" high. The Project SIG is holding a Memory Box Workshop at Jack Stellman’s shop on Saturday, July 11th from 10 AM to 1PM. Materials and tools will be provided. Come and help make this boxes and help SAW contribute to the community.

If you wish to make memory boxes in your own shop, please let Tom Harrington know as he is keeping track of how many are being made. Unfortunately the link to the memory box details on our website is not functioning at the moment, but we are working to get that fixed. Meanwhile contact Tom or Andy Volk (newsletter@sacramentoareawoodworkers.com) for copies of the instructions. (The general assembly instructions are the same for both sizes, just the dimensions vary. Of course, you are welcome to use your own joinery, as long as the dimensions of the box are the same.)
Toy Time

Got to give a big thank you to Mark and his people at AURA for the great lunch and deals on the lumber.

Another thank you to Woodcraft for the new disc/belt sander (right). We be putting it to use next month.

July's workshop will involve different types of cars, racers, rubber-band-powered and some more old time classic cars. Kathy may need more scroll saw and sanding for her project. I think we may still have fish in our future. I hope to show some pattern pieces for the router table also.

At the July general meeting I will be still pleading for wooden blocks to fill 7 wagons. I don't need to tell, you how to stop these tears. I will bring some thinner stock material to help members with their projects.

Finally a reminder that the December toy hand off to the Salvation Army is fast approaching.

Regards,

Steve Bockman
Looking back at old newsletters from 2004 and since (the oldest the current Editor has), Bob was often involved in at least one SIG and often two SIGs, hosting or doing demonstrations of woodworking techniques. Bob was the Scroll Saw SIG Coordinator for many years. He also contributed to the Novice, Lathe (Pen Turning at that time), and Furniture/Finishing SIGs. Joe Trevino remembers, “One thing I will always remember about Bob is how devoted he was to the club, any month when nobody volunteered for scroll saw SIG he would do it at his shop.”

He was a source for patterns for scroll sawing, fret work, and especially wooden toys. He made them all available to members at the back tables during General Meetings and in all the SIGs he attended. It was a constant comment in the old SIG minutes. (There also was a often repeated complaint that Bob considered many of his patterns quite easy when others did not. “Doesn’t Bob cut out his own projects?” showed up in a few SIG leader comments.) But much more often the SIG coordinator ended his comments with “Thanks, Bob.”

Bob was also a constant entrant in the club’s Show-and-Tell and bi-monthly contests. Looking back, the Editor noted several years where Bob had an entry in one or both segments in all but one or two months. He wanted everyone to show their work, expert and especially novice. Club Treasurer, Tom Harrington, recalls “He kept encouraging me to enter the contests. His point was not many people were entering thus I would have a good chance of winning no matter what I entered!”

Bob was the “#2 (or #3) pine man.” Everything could be made with pine, knots and all. And a ¼ inch measurement was good enough. Not to say that Bob was not an excellent craftsman. Past President, Floyd Gibson, remembers him as “... an excellent scroller and filled his house with many scrollsaw items. He loved doing fret work.”

Bob was even featured in a Sacramento Bee article in 1990 by Jack Mackey titled “Woodworking’s knot a problem for Pine Man.” We will get that posted on the SAW Website as soon as we can.

Several members have provided remembrances that we will also post on the page, and all members are welcome to send the Editor their thoughts on Bob. We will post those as well.

Bob will be missed.

Bob’s obituary can be found at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=robert-schieck&pid=175176200

In July 2007, the Scroll Saw SIG surprised Bob Schieck with this plaque to recognize his service as Toy Chairman, as he was stepping down. A year later, he was back in the post.

The following is from the SAW archive and is “pure Bob.”

Several photos of Bob talking about his work for Christmas Toys (right) and various other items for Show-and-Tell.
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