President’s Message

Welcome everyone to the amazing month of May!

Our May 5th SAW general meeting will have another truly remarkable and very impressive speaker: Mr. Manny Lavrador! Manny is considered the “Wood Whisperer” (AKA “wood genius”) of Aura Hardwood Lumber in Rancho Cordova. Some say Manny knows more about wood than even termites! Come to the May SAW general meeting and be impressed at how you can build your next woodworking project with greater ease and for lower cost. Furthermore, learn, see, and touch a world of wood species and related products you may not have known were available. Manny will also explain some of the latest trends in lumber and hardwood products. In addition, Manny will present ways for you to shop and save on truly beautiful wood and related items - where Aura Hardwoods gives current SAW club members special pricing when you show your current membership card. Be sure to attend this awesome and inspiring evening program!

There is also a special raffle at the SAW general meeting May 5th, too! See Page 5.

Special SAW Board meeting. On May 5th SAW will hold a special executive board meeting. Starting at 6:30 PM in the Hart Center, the brief meeting will occur just (Continued on page 3)

Welcome New Members
Rosa Hernandez
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.

**2015 SAW BOARD**

All listed are voting members of the Board. All Phone numbers are in 916 area code unless otherwise indicated.

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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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**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

If SAW had a position for official photographer, the position would be assigned to Steven Hitchens. Stephen takes most, if not all, of the photos appearing in the newsletter. If you like the pictures, be sure to give Stephen your thanks!

**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!
before our monthly SAW general membership meeting starts. Feel free to attend this special executive board meeting if you like!

The SAW Toy Workshop will be the third Wednesday of each month - this month on May 20th! Hands-on fun will be held at the Woodcraft store, in Sacramento from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM making 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!

Friendly reminder: Our SAW June 2nd general meeting woodworking contest will be the theme “Put a Lid on It!” For this club member contest, the rules are pretty straightforward: What you make from wood must have a lid on it! Get creative and see what you can come up with! We have had some great projects entered as contest entries in the past! Let’s do it again! Have fun and let your imagination go! Also, we always welcome all SAW club members to just bring to any general meeting any toys, tools, or other woodworking projects you have been building or have built to share, show, and/or tell about, too.

Sunday April 12th was our club’s spring woodshop tour! Thank you shop tour hosts and your families, and to the many people who made this most-recent SAW shop tour another tremendous success! While it is still early, why not consider having your shop on the fall 2015 SAW shop tour schedule?

Aura Hardwoods Lumber annual SAW Barbecue and Sale! It is getting nearer to the annual sale-spectacular at the Aura Hardwoods Lumber yard in Rancho Cordova! Stay tuned for more specifics as we get closer to this wonderful annual event!

Bring in a new club member! We want our club to grow! 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. Are they nervous or unsure? Come visit a club meeting or activity! Anyone 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.

This concludes this month’s president’s report. As always, I wish you the very best of everything. 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 May SAW club meeting!

Cool Websites to check out:
Share some of your favorite woodworking related websites here! Contact Andy Volk.
For the toy and model builders among you, here is a link to some wonderful work done by an older gentleman, unknownst to his grandkids:
http://www.wimp.com/grandfathershobby/
Something to strive for.
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

Last month’s SIG was held at our new place in Elverta over the Easter Weekend, and attendance was light. That meant everyone did have an opportunity to use a scroll saw as long as they wanted, since nobody else was waiting.

For May, we will be holding the SIG for the first time in our new shop. We plan to have a minimum of 6 saws on stands set up for your use. In addition, David Chin has volunteered to show us how he made his Ferris Wheel which won first place at April’s meeting.

We are also asking for a little help. We have a few items in a storage shed less than a mile from the house which are too heavy for Richard and I to lift on our own, such as a floor drill stand and a Shopsmith unit. We are hoping that we can get one or two volunteers to go with Richard to the storage unit to pick these items up around 9:00 AM. He will have a U-Haul to make the loading easy using a ramp. We plan on bribing you (and everyone else that attends) by cooking hamburgers with all the fixings on the grill around noon.

Novice SIG  Contact persons: Sally Green

Want to build something and not sure where or how to start? In May, we will do initial planning on a project. What project would be appropriate for your skill level? What tools do you have available? What should you consider in choosing your wood? How much wood should you buy? How should you make a materials list and a cut list and layout plan.

The May SIG will be at Judy Waver’s shop, 10 AM -1 PM on May 9. In order to provide time for more individual attention, this SIG will be limited to six novices, so sign up early. Members have priority over guests. Bring your tool kit of necessary items: tablet, pencil, measuring tape, a small square, eye and hearing protection, and anything else you may need. Ideas about potential projects would be helpful as well. Sign up at the May meeting or by calling Sally Green.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person: Christy Wallace

The April Furniture SIG was fascinating (at least to the editor), discussing light refracting and scattering through wood finishes and the effect that has on a good finish. Knowing the physics gives better results and means to fix mistakes.

The May Furniture SIG will be given by Jim Cauley at his shop on May 16th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Jim will cover laying out cabriole furniture legs, then cutting them out on a bandsaw. Finishing touches, such as various feet, will also be discussed. This very traditional form can add a lot of style to a project, and is surprisingly easy to do.

Sharpening SIG  Contact person: David Wilson

The June SIG will be on sharpening turning tools. Dave will also demonstrate a nifty lathe duplicator he has. Also, if you have ANY woodworking tool that needs sharpening, bring it to the SIG. Dave will have the means to sharpen it.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person: Ed Gieszelmann

The Lathe SIG in April was postponed to May. It will be held at Ed Gieszelmann's shop on May 24th from 2 to 5 PM. 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

Requests for Memory Boxes

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 (like ones we have done before), and for 16 boxes 10” by 12½” x 4” high. If you can assist please let me know as I need to keep track of how many are being made. Unfortunately the link to the memory box details on our website is not functioning so if you have any questions please call or e-mail me.

Thanks. Tom Harrington
May Large Raffle Prize

The Seeker 300-09 Video Borescope Inspection System

Features a 2.4-inch (70mm) LCD color monitor for real-time viewing, with a 12mm (0.47) flexible camera probe that retains its configured shape for inspecting hard-to-reach areas. The Seeker 300-09 is ideal for use in automotive maintenance, woodworking, electrical repair, plumbing applications, HVAC/R and the visual inspection of otherwise inaccessible areas.

OR

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WOW Prize

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Three piece prize!
Stanley 25' Powerlock Tape Measure, 6"
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Special raffle for a professionally-crafted, solid hardwood Birch workbench top! Measuring 1½” thick x 60” long x 27” wide, this is a worktop like no other! Come view and touch, and then be ready to bid! Empty your piggy banks and bring your checkbooks! This is something you won’t want to miss!

Badge Raffle

Woodcraft $25.00 Gift Certificate

General Tools Digital Moisture meter MM4DE

Miniature Ebony Rounding Hand Plane

Bone-Handled Knife with Copper Lock
Our speaker for April, SAW member Tom Griffith, talked about a recent trip to South Carolina. Since he has one, he went to see where ClearVue Cyclone dust collectors are built. He also got a tour of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild facility. Their club has a 25,000 sq. ft. shop and amphitheater. Of course, this is supported by $120/yr. membership fees.

April Contest: Something in the Round

First Place: David Chin (above) made a Ferris wheel with riders and ticket kiosk.

Second Place: Jack Stellman (above) turned a “Fauxbergé” egg with a rose in the center.

Third Place: Andy Volk (above) with a segmented, turning kinetic sculpture

Hon. Mention: Joe Orbeck with a turned Civil War era, wind-proof, candle lamp.

Hon. Mention: Floyd Gibson adapted a design for his CNC clock

Hon. Mention: Judy Prichard made a 3-legged table with carved top on her CNC machine.

Joe Schuchmann made a 3-tiered jewelry box.

Ralph Desmond had two boxes to show, both from designs in magazines obtained at the general meetings. On the left is a box with inlay top originally mean for cigars. On the right is a curved top box.

April Show and Tell

Jack Stellman showed a segmented vase made of oak with a patterned band (above).

Eldon Stephenson (right) showed a pencil, etc. organizer from a tree limb crotch and a mono-pole stool for SIGs.

Bob Prichard (left) showed a pen he turned.

Joe Orbeck (right) showed two more of the Civil War lamps in a more traditional style.
The April **Novice SIG** was hosted at Jack Stellman’s shop. The group learned about sizing and cutting the bottoms of the letter boxes and assembling them, including learning about dry fitting, gluing and using a pin nailer. Members ended up with a finished project (above right).

The April **Furniture SIG** was given by Gerry Holmquist at his shop. He talked about finishing from the point of view of light refraction and scattering. Once you have a better handle on the way light travels through a finish and scatters off the wood (diagram at right), you can understand how to get a better finish and deal with problems.

**Spring 2015 Shop Tours** started with **Andy Volk’s** shop. He had several of his projects set up around the shop, plus other tools and setups he used.

The next stop was **Mike Mideiros’** pristine shop with a place for everything and everything in its place.

The last stop was very different sort of woodworking at **Gary Wright’s** shop where he restores Woodie Station Wagons.
Toy Time

May's workshop will be led by Joe Orbeck making his rocking horse. A safety briefing for the router table and a router jig will be conducted. There will also be work on Andy’s fishing poles to be done. Finally, we need to drill more parts for the child’s shapes project.

I am still looking for the various shapes for the kid’s wagon. Any size and colors you want to make. They just have to be big enough so they cannot be swallowed. The wagon we will be making later is about 10” x 12” x 4”. I will bring a sample to the May meeting.

I would like some help assembling some kits. Just some minor sanding, painting, and whatever TLC you think it needs.

I would like to thank Van Allen from Valspar for the paint used on the doll beds. I want to send out a special thank you to Mark Bair, Aura Hardwoods, for helping us with 1 x 12’s badly needed for our toy projects. We were just about out from the lumber they gave us last summer.

Finally, if you want to come to the workshop, please come. We want your help and ideas. No experience needed. Just drop in and get some experience on the different tools and make toys.

Regards,
Steve Bockman

SAW Aquarium Base Installed in Hart Center

The aquarium at the Hart Center has a new base built by members Joe Orbeck and Jack Stellman. The installation is now up and running.

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For Sale: Delta Contractor’s Table Saw, Model 34-444, made in USA

Many improvements made to it:
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- Machined pulleys and red link-belt to greatly reducing saw vibration.
- Right side has cast iron Bench Dog router table with its own fence and anodized aluminum router plate.
- PALS precision alignment system allows micro-adjust of the blade alignment to the miter slots.
- A 4” dust “big mouth” funnel on the underside of the saw for dust collection.

Also included are a Delta tenoning jig - a valuable item by itself, and a Dubby miter sled trimmed to fit this saw.

All for $300. Contact Greg Alvarez (in Elk Grove) at 916-601-9973. (Furniture dollies not included)

Vintage SHOPSMITH for Sale

This "New Handyman" SHOPSMITH was bought when it cost $200. My dad had multiple accessories and parts including a drill, sander, lathe, jigsaw and the bench. He really liked making lots of neat things with his SHOPSMITH. Manual included.

It's "Free to a good home" and if someone would like it, I'd be happy.

Contact Marilyn van Loben Sels at (916) 601-6909 or msvls@cwo.com

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