The President’s Message

Greetings to the genuinely jubilant month of June!

Our June 7th SAW general meeting will have a very special guest speaker: Michael Bush! Entitled “What’s in the Box?” Michael Bush, woodworking and tool expert, and historian extraordinaire, will be showcasing an antique tool chest filled with all sorts of interesting and unusual woodworking tools. Attend the meeting and learn how woodworkers of earlier times worked the craft. Also see, listen, and learn how you can create and use some of the same sort of tools Michael will present to improve your own projects. You are guaranteed to discover some of the “lost art” of what woodworkers did long ago to speed up their production, ease their workload, and improve the quality of their craftsmanship! It will be a truly fun, interesting, and informative presentation you will not want to miss! Be sure to invite your friends, family, and young ones to this very special opportunity!

Our next SAW contest will also take place at the June 7th general meeting: Entitled “Put a Lid on It,” build a wood item having a lid!

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Welcome New Members

Fred LeBlank
Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.

We are the Bob and Judy Prichard. We are both from Texas. The Navy brought us together in 1971 at a Naval Air station. We moved here in 1999 for work reasons. In our first 30 years together, we did no woodworking at all.

Fifteen years ago, a passenger on a plane gave me a pen sample. When I got home, we went to Woodcraft and got a mandrel with pen kits for our Shopsmith and started making pens. We made pens for my office for Christmas and then graduated to bottle stoppers and bowls after joining Nor-Cal Woodturners. We bought an actual lathe as our Christmas gift to each other.

At Woodcraft, we learned about SAW and went to meetings and ended up joining. We started going to different SIGs to expand our hobby. Now, Judy has her own lathe, and we have most of the tools that each SIG we have attended are using. I retired on March 1st after 40 years and am now doing projects for charities such as the Food Bank’s “Empty Bowls” fundraiser and other such organizations. We actually get in the shop together and have a hobby and friends from the woodworking clubs to keep us more than occupied just selling raffle tickets once a month at the meetings. We enjoy helping others and giving back where we can.
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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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.

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.

**General Meeting Program Schedule**

| Jun:  | Speaker: Michael Bush - “Tool Chest Treasures”  
Contest: “Put a Lid on It” (Has to have a Lid) |
| Jul:  | Speaker: TBD |
| Aug:  | Speaker: TBD  
Contest: “Unplugged” (Made by hand tools only) |
| Sep:  | Speaker: TBD |

**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!
this much-anticipated and much-enjoyed club contest. The item must have a lid, be able to contain something, and made mostly of wood. Let your imagination run wild! And remember, there are cash prizes for the most member-voted best entries!

Just a reminder: The SAW Toy Workshop is still being held on the third Wednesday of each month! Hands-on fun for everyone (including those just starting out as woodworkers) will be held at the Woodcraft store, 9523 Folsom Blvd., in Sacramento from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on June 15th to make toys. Remember, no experience is required! Tools, equipment, materials, and any needed instruction will be provided. On that day, all club member will receive a 10% discount on most Woodcraft store items! Enjoy some club friendship and improve/learn some woodworking skills by making some toys! Enjoy a positive and worthy cause with other club members!

Mark your calendar for the SAW program at the California State Fair July 15th thru 17th! The California State Fair has invited SAW to again host a booth at Cal Expo! Our club will have an air conditioned booth inside Expo Center Building #4 from Friday July 15th thru Sunday July 17th. As in years past, SAW members willing to help staff the booth for a few hours will receive a free entrance and parking 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. Club members can sign up for more than one day or shift. The big thing is to have a people from our club in the SAW booth to hand out SAW cards, brochures, and possibly answer a question if asked. You don’t need to be experts; merely club members who enjoy having fun with woodworking. We have tentatively planned to have some simple woodworking items, materials, and equipment in our fair booth to showcase—things like a scroll saw and a small wood lathe. It is not a requirement to use these tools, but you can demonstrate on them if you wish. Just hanging out and letting people know what SAW is about is fine, too. Several people will staff the booth at a time, and make it easier and more enjoyable. Shift times are about three hours, giving you time to enjoy the fair that day.

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We are also seeking woodworking items built by club members to display in the booth. If you have any woodworking creations that you would be willing to display at the fair, please bring them to the July SAW general meeting. Please e-mail Bruce Muramoto if you would be willing to help staff the booth. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce or me.

With the mostly pleasant weather of June having arrived, there will be plenty of fun things to do with SAW. Enjoy the time this month to get out to some SAW meetings. Participate in some SAW events. Even just experience the friendship, comradery, and fun of being a SAW member! One great thing about our organization is we are always learning something interesting and new with SAW. Being an active member of SAW is really a great way to improve your woodworking skills! I hope to see you at a SAW event soon! Have a great summer!
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.

Novice SIG  Contact persons: Clayton Nye

The May 2016 SAW Novice Special Interest Group was a well-attended meeting held at Richard and Holly Lovvo’s woodshop. Besides all the delicious treats and drinks (thank you Holly and Richard!), there was also plenty of interesting information presented at the meeting too. With a focus upon sanding, the group learned about different grades and grits of sandpaper, including some of the more commonly sold sandpaper products. SAW member Sally Green shared a new 3M cloth-like fabric sandpaper that reportedly lasts 15 times longer than standard sandpaper. SAW members also learned and discussed different types of commonly-sold electric and pneumatic hand sanders, with features and qualities to look for in different tools. The conclusion for the meeting ended with learning the general basics of using hand scrapers to produce a professional quality finish. Hopefully everyone went away knowing a little more about sanding and true grit.

The June 2016 SAW Novice SIG will be another very helpful gathering for many SAW members and their guests: Everything on table saws! This event will be held at Richard and Holy Lovvo’s workshop on Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come get a fine-tuned tour of everything you want to know about buying, using, and even improving a table saw! Three different brands of table saws will be presented, including a brand-new professional SawStop table saw. At press time, it was reported an actual live demonstration of the patented SawStop safety feature is planned to be shown! Learn what blades, fences, safety features, and other accessories to buy or to add to your own table saw as well.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person: Holly Lovvo

May’s SIG went well. We cut up a lot of handouts for the upcoming Cal Expo State Fair booth, including the State of California, silhouettes, and rocking horses for the smaller babies. We were having so much fun, some ended up staying and helping until after 5:00 pm!

For June, we will be going over some basics, such as the different type of blades, various woods, and how to cut plastic. There will be some plastic available to create your own project, or we can continue to cut out giveaways for the State Fair. As always, if you have a different project in mind, we can do that, too. The ground will be very dry, and abundant parking for all.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person: Jim Cauley with Clayton Nye

The June Furniture SIG is at Gerald Holmquist’s woodshop on Saturday, June 18th. It is going to focus on useful jigs and fixtures for the furniture maker’s workshop! Attend and learn the essential, helpful, and useful tricks-of-the-trade to make furniture with extreme beauty and quality that make lasting impressions. Save your hands, back, and feet by learning the skills furniture makers use to design, create, and even recreate furniture parts. Please bring any questions and any furniture making jigs, fixtures, or other items you would like to share.

Sharpening SIG  Contact person: David Wilson

We will have a large display of planes from the large joiner to the smallest block plane. All of these will be available for you to use and see what they can do for you. There will also be Shoulder and Router planes to try out. We will also have plane irons for you to sharpen, or bring your own!

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person: Jack Stellman

In April, Jack showed the group the basics of making segmented turnings (see below). He made a base, cut segments for the first ring and attached them to the base and started the shaping. There was no SIG in May.

In June, he will continue his instruction on segmented turnings making staved designs (not unlike a wooden barrel) rather than stacked rings. Come on by to learn these tricks - oops, I mean techniques.
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Will Smith (below left) from All Plastic spoke to the club about all different types of plastics that we might want to use, even in our woodworking projects. He showed a wide variety of plastic types and talked about their properties and best uses. Acrylic is about the most common, comes in a wide variety of colors and thicknesses, and is easily glued and shaped. There are expanded plastics that are colorful and cheap. Polycarbonate is tougher than others (including the ballistic shield shown below), but scratches more easily. And these are just the tip of the possibilities. It was a very interesting talk and Will attracted a lot of attention and questions after his talk (below right).

Bob Beckert made a wine bottle stand with a scroll sawn grape vine design motif.

Sally Green and Judy Wavers borrowed a wooden screw making kit from Floyd Gibson and produced a nut and bolt that will be used in a toy they are planning.

Ralph Desmond (above) made a large Seth Thomas style clock with a separate second dial. He showed that the secret of the separate seconds hand is a second clock movement!

Floyd Gibson (right) made three French rolling pins from laminated blanks on his CNC machine.

Bob Prichard showed a spindle with a “barley twist” they made on their CNC machine.

**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!
The May Scroll Saw SIG (above) was held at Lovvo workshop. The group worked on small doll cribs and cut out maps of California (left) and other items to give away at the State Fair in July.

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The Capital Woodcarvers hosted their Annual Woodcarving Show at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple on the third weekend in May. There was a wonderful assortment of wood carvings on display of a wide variety of styles. The Gourd Society was there, too, with amazing designs and forms. All the artists were very friendly and willing to talk about how they did their work. It was a fun time.

Cool Websites to check out:
Share your favorite woodworking related websites here! Contact Andy Volk.

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.
Toy Time

We had a great turn out for the workshop producing many three-layer and rubber band wind-up racing cars. A big thank you to Paul and Joe for the resaw work that was done. Fishing game parts and unit blocks were also worked on.

Next workshop we will make some animal pull toys and some different types of trucks. There will be some kits available for finishing at the June meeting. They just need a little TLC and finish. Please come to the next workshop to help out and share your ideas.

I would like to say a special “Thank you!” to the Clara Austin for all the wood she donated and we used, and still are using, in our toys. And a thanks as always to the Sacramento Woodcraft store for supplying space and tools for us to use.

Steve Bockman

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Looking for Volunteers to Erect a Ramada at Sutter’s Fort

Back when Steve Prey, Sutter’s Fort Head Carpenter, spoke about old California woodworking tools at our SAW meeting, Steve mentioned Sutter’s Fort had a wooden ramada. (A ramada is a shelter having a roof but no walls.) It is near the Sutter Fort's carpenter shop. It is old and needs to be replaced.

California State Parks is going to build all the new ramada parts, making them close to historic dimensions and style. Steve needs our help to align parts and hammer wooden pins in to assemble the structure. From what Steve explained to me, it would be kind of like an oversized tinker-toy/erector set. Because of the size of the posts and stuff, it would help to have a few extra hands to help hold things in place while pins were hammered in. Steve said the Parks Department would provide the hammers, materials, and any other tools needed.

Steve asked me if any of our club members might be interested in helping him assemble the new ramada at Sutter’s Fort. Steve needs about a dozen SAW members to help him on, Saturday, June 25th. Details about the time and whether work would continue to Sunday will be forthcoming. I’m still waiting for him to provide the starting times. I do not think that it is going to be that difficult, provided the Parks folks have made the dimensions of the materials right and predrilled the holes in the correct spots!

At the June SAW meeting I was going to pass around a clip board for people to sign up to help if they wish. While not really a standard SAW activity, I figured it could be just something for SAW members and volunteers to participate on if they are interested. Participants can say they helped create a small part of California history.

Sincerely,
Clayton Nye
Programs Chair

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