President’s Message

Welcome everyone to the sunny month of August!

Our August 2nd SAW general meeting will have a very special focus any woodworker would want to hear: “What I wish I knew before I created my woodshop!” This month’s presentation will be an open forum where SAW members and guests can share very useful experiences of what others learned and experienced building or creating their woodshop. Bring your stories to share for meeting attendees to hear! It will be a fun and informative session packed with lots of very useful information. Save your money, time, and hardship by learning from the experiences of your fellow SAW woodworkers!

Also at our August 2nd general meeting we will hold a SAW contest entitled “Unplugged!” Build a wooden project using only hand tools! Let your imagination run wild! And remember, it has to be “Hand Made” — meaning no power tools permitted in any of the building process you do! There will be cash prizes for the most member-voted best entries!

The SAW Toy Workshop is on the third Wednesday of each month—this month on August 17th! 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

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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.

**2016 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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**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.

**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.

**General Meeting Program Schedule**

**Aug:** Speaker: “What I wish I knew before I created my woodshop!”
Contest: “Unplugged” (Made by hand tools only)

**Sep:** Speaker: TBD

**Oct:** Speaker: TBD
Contest: “**Repurposed Upcycling**”
Board of Directors Elections

**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!
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! We have only four more Toy Workshops this year!

**Exciting club raffle for September 6th general meeting!** We are asking club members to donate an item that you made to help support the SAW toy making program! Bring your item to be raffled at the September meeting. Bidders buy tickets and deposit them for the item(s) they would like to win. The drawing will be from tickets deposited for each item. All funds will be used for the toy workshop program. Please let me or Michael Bush know what items you are donating. Thanks!

**The Fall SAW shop tour** is scheduled for Sunday September 11th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We are currently seeking three or four club members to open their shops for about an hour and half on that day. It would be an great opportunity for club members to learn how you operate your workshop or space. We hope to show a variety of shops, from the Norm Abram’s dream shop to the rest of us who have to share our workspace with a car or washing machine. The goal is to let club members see that woodworking is possible in any workplace - even outdoors. And yes, you can leave the sawdust on the floor if you wish. To show your shop, please contact our SAW Program Chair, Clayton Nye for more information.

**Thanks to all the helpers at our club booth for the three days at the California State Fair Expo July 15th and 17th.** It was a great time enjoyed by everyone! Deepest appreciation to all our SAW volunteers and supporters for your willingness to showcase items and help staff our SAW exhibit - often beyond their assigned work hours! Great appreciation is extended to SAW State Fair chairperson Bruce Muramoto. Also a big thanks to Holly and Richard Lovvo, who loaned the much-used and enjoyed wood lathe and scroll saw. A great deal of appreciation is similarly extended to all the other SAW members who provided food, drink, free giveaways, lessons, tools, and everything else to make the SAW booth a wonderful program and exhibit at the fair this year!

General officer elections for SAW President, Secretary, Program Chairman, and Editor will be held in October 2016! The two top spots will be open as the incumbents are not running again. This is your chance to speak up and be heard! Service in the club only requires a few hours each month, and it’s a fun way to get to meet people and promote local woodworking. Ask me or other SAW club officers if you would like to serve as a SAW officer next year!

We have a bulletin board at our monthly SAW general meetings where you can post a note for other club members and guests to read. If you have a suggestion or idea to improve our club, feel free to post a comment or suggestion, too. The SAW board of directors meeting minutes, club membership roster, and SAW treasurer’s reports will also be posted on the SAW bulletin board set up in the back of the meeting room.

Special SAW general meeting president’s prize: The winners at the July 2nd meeting are: 1st place was Ernie Buda, and 2nd Sharon Stellman, great job on the numbers!

That concludes this month’s President’s report. As always, I wish you the very best of everything this summer. I look forward to seeing you at our August SAW club meeting and other club events!
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

Returning by popular demand, the August Novice SIG will be covering a very important woodworking topic this month: “Measuring and Marking Tools for the Woodshop!” Come on out to the Woodcraft store at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 6th! Discover what you never knew about all sorts of measuring and marking tools, and other handy woodshop items as well! We will be covering some swell and simple ways to put more accuracy and readability into your projects. Bring any measuring or marking tools, creations, and anything else you would like to share!

Scroll Saw SIG Contact person: Holly Lovvo

In July, the SIG focused mainly on preparing for the State Fair, as I was still recovering from an accident. Other events kept the SIG turnout low, which probably turned out to be better for me.

For August, we are doing something special! We will be at Floyd Gibson's house, and the theme will be a scroll saw show and tell. Bring your favorite scroll saw projects and tell us about it. We are hoping the large variety of items will help inspire ideas in others, and help me see what projects people would like to create in the future. Large items, small items - bring them all! As always, there will be scroll saws and projects for some good old hands-on action.

Furniture Projects SIG Contact person: Jim Cauley with Clayton Nye

The July SAW Furniture SIG met under more clear and sunny skies at Paul Verlinde’s woodshop in Citrus Heights. The meeting started with Paul explaining how his collection of wood grew over many years. Later, we took a tour of Paul’s remarkable woodshop. Paul also explained many useful tips on setting up a woodshop. From there, our Furniture SIG members got into the subject of wood finishing. SAW members presented all sorts of suggestions and ideas on how to create the most pleasing and durable wood finishes. SAW member also gave recommendations on how to address various wood finishing problems and concerns, and even what to do to mix, dilute, and clean with various chemical products. It was an interesting event for all who participated.

The August Furniture SIG topic was not announced at press time.

Hand Cut Dovetail SIG Contact person: David Traversi

The first Hand Cut Dovetail class will be held at David Traversi’s shop. Sign up is required for this SIG (limit 6, and seats are going fast). Students must bring the following tools: dovetail saw or equivalent, marking gauge, 2 chisels (1/4" and 1/2"), and a mallet. Some optional tools are a marking knife, fret saw, dividers, dovetail marker, and magnification glasses. Contact David if you have questions before the SIG.

Lathe Turning SIG Contact person: Jack Stellman

The topic for this SIG in August is “inside-out turning.” This technique makes some fabulous shapes with a bit practice and imagination. It is great for ornaments. Come to the SIG and learn how.

A tremendous THANK YOU to the Sacramento Area Woodworkers (SAW), Sutter’s Fort docents, and California State Parks staff for the rapid rebuild of the Carpenter's Ramada! Destroyed in this winter's storms, it took a team effort to get it back up and looking great by the end of June. Check out the full story and some time lapse video at: http://www.suttersfort.org/explore-and-learn/sutters-fort-restoration.
August Large Raffle Prize

Milwaukee 12 volt Lithium Ion 3/8" Drill/Driver Hackzall combo kit

This Milwaukee 2-Tool Combo Kit includes a HACKZALL reciprocating saw that delivers up to 3,000 Strokes per Minute (SPM) and a 3/8 in, and a Drill Driver that provides up to 275 in. lbs. of torque at up to 1,500 RPM for fast driving. The kit also includes two batteries, a 30-minute charger and a carrying bag. Cordless tools powered by REDLITHIUM batteries deliver more torque, more power and longer run-time than the competition.

WOW Prize

Lufkin 25' Locking, Fractional, Tape Measure

WERNER 5' Fiberglass Step Ladder

Husky mini bucket jockey with 2 gal bucket (without the tools)

Kobalt 3 pc Groove Joint Pliers

Woodcraft $25 Gift Card

3 pc Caliper Set: Inside, Outside, and Divider

The July Scroll Saw SIG focused mainly on preparing for the State Fair by cutting out silhouettes and California shapes (center and right photos) that were given away at the SAW booth.
Our speaker in July was David Keller from Keller Dovetail System, who demonstrated his jig and showed how well it works by making a dovetailed joint right in front of us. It fit perfectly without adjustments. He showed examples of joints in wood with varying thickness and on edges that were not square. A great system for through dovetails. He even offered the jig at a reduced price to members that night.

Bruce Hall brought two items to show at the State Fair. He had his hexagonal tapered vase and a clever puzzle-in-a-puzzle. The pieces fit into a frame like a regular puzzle, but then could be assembled into a cube.

David Traversi (left) made a simple box with hand-cut dovetails of the type he will be teaching in his new SIG (see page 3). The top and bottom are made from leftover flooring.

Gerry Holmquist brought a resawn piece from a burl to show that the bandsaw jig that gave him trouble at the June Furniture SIG did work as promised.

Ralph Desmond (above) shows a tambour lid box inspired by one shown last month by Jack Read.

Andi Brewer showed several puzzles she made for the SAW booth at the State Fair.

Joe Orbeck (above) shows how he used a sheet of aluminum as a spray shield when painting candy canes for front yard decorations.

Bob Prichard (left) made a hammer-head cane on his CNC. The parts below show some of the steps in making the head.

Bob Beckett (left) shows a birdhouse he makes with kids and some trucks he makes for his grandkids.

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 Presents Medical Models and Memory Boxes to UC Davis Medical Center

The box (above left) contains models of medical equipment that might be used in the hospital treatment of children: a CT scanner, MRI machine, gurneys, an I-V stand, and a medical computer console. These models will be used at UC Davis by a trained counselor to show the kids what is happening during their procedures in a less frightening way.

SAW member Joe Orbeck (left in middle photo) made the models. SAW Member Tom Harrington (2nd from left) arranged the donation and made the box. The kit of models was given to UC Davis Child Life services staffers Sherry Petta (2nd from right) and Carla Andalis (at far right of middle photo).

Sherry and Carla also accepted several memory boxes made by Ralph Desmond (middle in right photo).

SAW at the California State Fair - July 15 –17

The Editor will try to get more photos posted on the SAW website next month. Send me any you have.

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

Safety is always a concern, and I came across this Public Service Announcement on rags used for applying finishes: http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/readers-psa-finishing-rags/. - Editor

At one of our meetings, someone asked me where to order blue pine (example at right). I just found my contact so I thought that maybe you could put the information in the next newsletter. The address is: http://thehandsomewoodman.com/

Kathy Braun
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.

One trick that is commonly suggested is using soap or paraffin wax to make getting screws and nails to go into hard woods easier. Some worry that the water in soap might cause staining and/or rust. Paraffin is a relatively hard wax and often falls off before it is effective.

A recent blog suggests using the wax in a new wax toilet ring as lubricant for screws and nails. It is softer than paraffin, melts at a low temperature, and almost as cheap. One fellow used an empty solid deodorant stick container as a dispenser. It allows the wax to be pushed out a bit at a time. The wax can be melted in a double boiler and poured into the container. (Once upon a time, these wax rings were made of beeswax, but are now a recycled petroleum wax with softeners.)

Toy Time
We had a great workshop in July, producing 39 cars and trucks (top photo at right). Some in the group helped sand John Vestor’s unit block set. Plenty of saw dust was created and no SAW member was hurt in the production of these toys!

The August workshop will have a circus theme with animals and train cars being made. If you have some favorite animals you want to be made, come join us at the workshop. Without your input the standard lions, tigers and bears will be made. At the August general meeting, I will have some truck and cars kits hoping to go home with a deserving woodworker. I will have some other material there to customize your choice.

As ever, thanks to the Sacramento Woodcraft for hosting our workshop and providing tools.

Steve Bockman
**Desks for Sale**

Attached are photos of a maple table and vintage oak engineer's desk for which I am hoping to find a good home...

The maple table at right is 90% complete - I just never got around to finishing the drawers. I have all the wood for them ready to go. There is a slight split along the breadboard seam that needs repairing.

The oak desk below is supposedly from UC Berkeley's Engineering Department. It would make for a very cool "man cave" or workshop desk. May need some screws to attach the top. I am looking for them.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in one or both, I am selling them @ $100/each, but pick-up would have to be here in Folsom.

Sincerely,
Chris Bronny
925-330-7202

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**SAW SHIRT and HAT ORDERS**

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