President’s Message

Greetings to the hopefully drier month of May!

Our May 2nd SAW general meeting will have a speaker you will not want to miss: Adam Panto from Woodcraft will talk on veneering. He will cover aspects of cutting veneers and then gluing them to substrates. It should be very interesting and informative for all!

Sunday May 7th is the Spring Shop Tour! Jot down on your calendars, computers, notebooks, tablets, and phones so as to not forget, and come on out and see some truly wonderful club-member woodshops! This spring we have THREE shops to visit! (Thanks to the SAW members who are scheduled for this spring tour!)

Upcoming June general meeting club contest is “Whirligigs”! This is a new contest for us so we will have more info at the upcoming meeting as far as the rules. This project is something that is totally wind powered so let your imaginations run wild! And remember, there are cash prizes for the club membership-voted best entries!

Monthly reminder: The SAW Toy Workshop is the third Wednesday of each month! Hands-on fun for everyone (including those new to woodworking). It will be held at the Woodcraft store, (see calendar, page 3) on May 17th. Tools, equipment, materials, and any needed instruction will be provided. The May workshop will be used for making fish for the fishing game we give to the Salvation Army at our December meeting. On that day, all club members 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!

Steve Bockman has resigned as Toy Chairman. The Club appreciates his leading the toy workshop for the last two years and thanks him for his service to the club. We are looking for a new Toy Chair.

Woodcraft Tool Swap Meet 2017 - Reminder that this Swap Meet is on April 30th so come and bring your unwanted / unneeded tools. Hopefully the weather will be nice for this and not raining.

The Capitol Woodcarvers show at Scottish Rite Temple is coming up on May 20-21. This is about as close to a woodworking show for this area as we are going to get so everyone should try to attend. The craftsmanship on many items there (Continued on page 3)
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.

2017 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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Small Raffle: Kathy Braun, Sally Green
Large Raffle: Judy Prichard
Badges: Tom Harrington
Refreshments: Neysa and Michael Bush
Web Master: Matthew Burlingame

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.

The new books this month are:
"Box-Making Basics: Design, Technique, Projects," by David M. Freedman
"Classic Carousel Carving," by H. LeRoy Marlow

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!

General Meeting Program Schedule

May: Speaker: Adam Panto - Veneer cutting & gluing
Jun: Speaker: TBD
Contest: “Whirligig” - Something driven to move by the wind.
July: Speaker: TBD
Aug: Speaker: TBD
Contest: “Repurposed Upcycling”
will amaze you. Parking is free which is another plus for this show.

**SAW will have a booth at this show** that will be similar (though less involved) to what we provide at the CAL-EXPO fair. We will need a few volunteers to assist with the SAW booth for this event (only 2 hour shifts). Also, volunteers will be needed for manning the main ticket table for a shift each day. Volunteers at either spot will get in for free. Signup sheets will be at the May meeting.

**We are also looking for items to display in the SAW booth at the Woodcarvers show,** so please bring items to the May meeting or contact a Board Member to arrange for pickup.

**In order to help fund the Capitol Woodcarvers show,** they are asking for donations of woodworking projects for their raffle. See me at the meeting or contact any board member if you would like to donate something.

Final item on the **Woodcarvers show for those of you wanting to sell items:** There has been some confusion on the price of tables and selling items. If you want to just display your items, the cost is $20 for each 6 ft. table for both days. If you want to sell anything at your tables, you it will cost $15 for both days for all your tables. Final information and forms on the Woodcarvers show will be available at the May meeting.

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 the May 2017 president’s report!** This year we have had more rain than I can remember having only lived in CA for 17 years so, I hope we can all create a little time to enjoy some woodworking this month! I look forward to seeing you and many others at our club’s May 2nd general meeting or at our SIGs.

### Cool Websites to check out:

Got two interesting websites this month:
First, if you want to know where other woodworking clubs are located, see [http://www.woodezine.com/clubs.html](http://www.woodezine.com/clubs.html). The WoodEzine site has other resources, too.

There’s a display of replica Da Vinci machines, built from his plans, on display at the aerospace museum at Mather field: [https://aerospaceca.org/events/davinci-exhibit/](https://aerospaceca.org/events/davinci-exhibit/).

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.
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 April 2017 SAW Novice SIG was held at Paul Verlinde’s woodshop April 1st. (Thank you Paul for hosting!) SAW members and guests learned about workbenches, from different designs, components, and formats of benches, to useful things to know before buying or making a workbench. We watched a video presentation by Chris Schwarz giving his many ideas on building the ‘perfect’ wood bench. Paul Verlinde explained his workbenches he built, and Andy Volk brought in a portable tabletop workbench to share as well. (Thank you Paul and Andy!)

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! The next SAW Novice SIG will be meeting Saturday May 6th at the Sacramento Woodcraft store! This month’s theme is on clamps and clamping. Novice woodworkers might wonder what is there to learn to clamp wood? Just come on over to Woodcraft and discover things to make your woodworking so much easier and better! Beyond the benefits and pitfalls to different clamp products and systems, we will cover easy and inexpensive ways to increase the capabilities and ways to clamp, some without having to buy any more clamps! Invite a friend!

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo
We will have the May SIG at our shop again. We will be cutting out the fish fins and possibly other accessories for Andy Volk’s fishing game for the toy drive. If you would like to try a scroll saw pattern, have suggestions for a project, or would like to just try something new please let me know. We can also bring the scroll saws to your shop if you don’t want to come out to our neck of the woods. Please let me know, we are accommodating.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person:  Clayton Nye
The April SAW Furniture SIG took place on April 15th at Paul Verlinde’s woodshop. (Thank you Paul for again hosting!) It was a very busy program! Steve Hitchens shared a video so we could learn about shellac and shellac finishes. Richard Fuller shared with the group different finish sample boards, with suggestions and methods for recording and comparing finishes used on projects. (Thank you Herbert and Richard!) Gerald Holmquist shared his full-size dining table mockup (made of real wood!), including explaining how to obtain tighter joinery. (Thank you Gerald!) SAW member Joe Trevino shared with the group his oak craftsman style end table. His table was custom-sized and modified from original plans to fit the required location! (Thank you Joe!) Finally, Richard shared and showed his many special tools and items he carries in his specialized installation toolbox, complete with custom fitted trays!

The next SAW Furniture SIG will take place on Saturday May 20th at Paul Verlinde’s woodshop at 10:00 AM! We are continuing with our presentations on furniture making-related topics, including a continuation on shellacs and other popular table and furniture finishes. Bring any projects or items you would like to share! We will also cover spray finishing methods and techniques too. Furniture makers (or any woodworker!) of any skill level is invited!

Hand Cut Dovetail SIG  Contact person:  Dave Traversi
There are no Hand Cut Dovetail SIGs in May or June.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person:  Jack Stellman
There is no May Lathe SIG as it falls on Memorial Day weekend.

The May Furniture SIG discussed furniture finishes, finish sample boards, and suggestions and methods for recording and comparing finishes used on projects. Members shared in-progress table projects and how they are adapting them. They also showed some special tools carried in a specialized installation toolbox, complete with custom fitted trays!
May Large Raffle Prize

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From the General Meeting — April 4th

Tahoe Gallion from Burnett & Sons spoke to SAW on the kinds of restoration work they do throughout California. They make custom mouldings, up to 12” wide with an very old moulding machine. They also do custom doors and some cabinet work. A fascinating talk.

Our new SAW welcoming sign made its first appearance at April’s meeting.

April Contest: “2 x 4”

First Place: David Chin (left) made a Merry-Go-Round.

Second Place: Judy Prichard (left) made some “woodworking” books.

Third Place: Dewayne Stephensen (above) made a Douglas Fir bowl. The pith areas are filled with turquoise inlay.

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Toy Time

Andi Brewer led the workshop in making scroll saw puzzles (see pictures). Twenty of the framed type and four of the standalone type were cut. Most of the frames were glued up as well. A very productive day. Andi will bring these to the May meeting for willing (and hopefully eager) members to paint and finish.

Andy Volk also got started on making bits and pieces for his fishing game. The Scroll Saw SIG will help with cutting out fins and the next Toy Workshop in May will be used for putting as many fish together as possible and making more of the fishing game kit. Please join us if you can.

Thanks as always to the Sacramento Woodcraft for hosting our workshop.

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!
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