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SAW NEWSLETTER

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MEETING
ETHEL MACLEOD HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
December 1, 2009 7:00 pm

President's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS... This is the month of giving. We celebrate Christmas by giving of our talents and our creations. Our family gatherings are special to us. Even those who cannot be with family, still celebrate. We woodworkers have been out in our shops creating gifts made with our own hands. Whether we are making toys for The Salvation Army or gifts for our families, it is always rewarding to be able to create something from wood to give to someone we love or is needy. It really warms my heart to think of those children that will receive a toy or gift that is handmade. I know that every toy is going to a special child.

The December meeting is the toy presentation to The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army will pick up the toys at the meeting. There will be no parking in the driveway. You can use the driveway to unload your toys. The meeting is not a regular business meeting. The next regular business meeting will be in January 2010. We will present the toys we have made to The Salvation Army. I hope we have a good turnout of members and toys. It really pleases me to see our participation in the Toys for Tots program. I have heard that the toys we make are unique and shows that our members care. Good work to all you toy makers.

We have new officers for 2010. Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve the club. The new officers are as follows:

President – Andrew Silvester
Vice President – Craig Blankenship
Secretary – Doug Griebner
Treasurer – Charles Linn
Program Coordinator – Tom Taylor
Newsletter Editor – Andy Volk

I know the new board will have your support. I will remain on the board as Past President and I will help out where needed. Thank you to the club for letting me serve for the past two years.

The Woodworking Show was held in November at the Sacramento Convention Center. We had a lot of people stop by the booth and were interested in the club. Hopefully, we gain some new members from the event. Thank you to all the volunteers who were willing to help out. The attendance on the 1st day was up but the attendance was down on the next two days. I have heard that the Woodworking Show has scheduled the venue again for Fall 2010 at Cal Expo. The parking downtown was horrible. Sunday was terrible because of two other events happening on that day. I hope we don't go to the Convention Center again.

The California State Fair has changed its dates for 2010. The fair will run from July 14 to August 1, 2010. I don't know if we will be invited to demonstrate or not. We had an insurance problem and did not participate in 2009. Hopefully, that will be resolved for 2010. If we don't participate, we have other options available. One is the Sacramento County Fair. It is in May. Theodore Judah Elementary School Harvest Festival was fun. We are plan-

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Welcome New Members

Tom Griffith
Jim Lacey
Don Langley
Jerry Samla
Christy Wallace

The SACRAMENTO AREA WOODWORKERS, also known as SAW, is an organization formed for the purpose of:

Sharing woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, ideas in producing supplement income and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

2009 SAW BOARD

*Voting board member

All Phone numbers without an area code are 916.

President*	Floyd Gibson	
Vice President*	Rick McCusker	
Secretary*	Gary Thatcher	
Treasurer*	Sally Green	
Program Chairman*	Gary Foster	
Mbr at Large*	Jack Duran	
Mbr at Large*	Charles Linn	
Editor*	Richard Lovvo	
Past President*	Clayton Nye	

SAW Staff Members

Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

Librarians	Bob Beckert, Jack Van Keuren, Norm Steinbach, Dick Lewis.
Toy Chairman	Woody Woods
Small Raffle	Doris Woods Marilyn Gibson
Large Raffle	Nancy Laudenslayer
Merchandise	Judy Wavers Hank Wavers
Badges	Charles Linn
Refreshments	Lynn Duran Rob Drown
Web Master	Jason Beam

!!! A Special Thank You !!!

Without our SAW volunteers, our organization would not have nearly the successful year we had. The number of volunteers needed is staggering! The 23 names above is just a start. Add to this the SIG leaders, photographers, people who open their shops, the donators of time and material, the library lifters (those books are HEAVY), mentors ... the list goes on.

Thanks, everyone, for ALL YOU DO!

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.

A Message from the Staff

Your Library Staff wishes for each of You a Joyous Christmas and that the spirit of the season will be with you all the year long.

Bob, Jack, Norm, and Dick

Reminder

Your library will not be open during the December meeting. Please return your books at the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

For all renewing members the dues for SAW are \$30 per calendar year (No prorated renewal). Additional dependent family members, residing in the same household of a fully paid member, shall pay 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 by month joined for the year.

Jan - Mar	\$30.00
Apr - Jun	\$22.50
Jul - Sept	\$15.00
Oct - Dec	\$7.50

No refunds will be given on membership dues.

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 Sally Green for more membership information.

Newsletter Items

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. Andrew Volk by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

Newsletter Photos

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!

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ning to participate again in 2010. If you can think of any other events that we could demonstrate or participate, please contact a board member. It will be up to the new board to decide what venues we are willing to try.

2009 has been a challenging year. We have lost two members who have been involved with the club. We lost [Buzz Arnould](#) to a shop fire, and lost [Allan Laudenslayer](#) to cancer. Allan's Memorial Service was very nice. He will be missed. Both will be missed, but they will continue to be remembered because of the work they did for the club. The woodworking world lost two of its world renowned members in [Sam Maloof](#) and [James Krenov](#). Both have influenced woodworking immensely. One event that has been a part of the club for the last three years is the California State Fair. We had some insurance issues which the board felt we could not meet. So, we did not demonstrate. We had great speakers in 2009, Kevin Glen Drake, David Keller, Robert Beauchamp, Brian Newell, Cheryl Macomber, the violin lady, and other speakers, especially our own Gary Foster. We appreciate the knowledge and diversity of our speakers.

Our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) continue to be a teaching venue for our members. We have had good participation and great leaders. Each SIG has helped members to grow and develop skills and techniques each can pass on to the next generation. I want to thank all the SIG leaders and the hosts of each SIG for doing a fantastic job. We wouldn't be where we are without you.

I am looking forward to 2010 and the challenges our club will face. There are many things that will enhance our skills. I like the diversity in our club. It doesn't matter whether you are new to woodworking or have been woodworking for years, our club is our members.

This is my last President's Message and it has been fun writing these for the past two years. It has been a great experience to lead this club. I will continue to be a part of the club and help out where I can.

Thank you,

Floyd Gibson
President 2009 and now Past President 2010

December '09 / January '10 Calendar

12/1	Tue. 7 - 9	General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento
12/13	Sun 4 - 6	Board Meeting Contact any Board Member For this month's location
1/2	Sat. 10 - 1	Wood Projects SIG
1/5	Tue. 7 - 9	General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento
1/9	Sat. 10 - 1	Scroll Saw SIG
1/14	Sat. 10 - 1	Board Meeting
1/16	Sat. 10 - 1	Furniture Projects SIG
1/23	Sat. 10 - 1	Small Lathe Turning SIG
1/24	Sun. 2 - 5	Novice SIG

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! Renew today!

Looking to Trade

Wanted – Benchtop or Mini Lathe for turning pens. Trade for my Jet Benchtop Dedicated Mortiser with three Chisels. In perfect shape, less and 1 year old and used very little.

Prefer a Jet Mini Lathe and if a mandrel can be included even better. Call if interested. Jef (916) 600-4395. I would like to try my hand at turning.

Membership Drive

It is getting close to that time again! Renewals are due in January. The Treasurer will not be able to take renewal forms at December's meeting, leaving January to process all applications. Each member can help by mailing in the form early. This will save you time waiting in long lines, and ease our Treasurer's stress! A win-win all the way around!

All renewals will be issued a new membership card. All renewals are encouraged to turn in their old cards for a chance to win a free membership! The winner will be refunded their dues for the 2010 calendar year!

For the month of December, there are no SIG or Class reports. Look for each SIG to begin in January, 2010. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the rest of the year! Happy Holidays!



Membership Application Renewal 2010

Mail to: PO Box 661121
Sacramento CA 95866-1121

Make your check payable to: "SAW" or Sacramento Area Woodworkers

Membership: Renewal Amount Paid \$ _____ Check Cash

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Name _____ Fee \$ _____ New card number _____

Name _____ New card number _____

Name _____ New card number _____

Membership Fees

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** Family membership is defined as someone at the same address.

Member Information

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ ☎ Phone number: [_____] _____

✉ Email: _____

Please Print

I need a replacement Name Badge(s) (there is a \$5.00 fee each)



Hand-Made Christmas Cards

Below are samples of hand-made cards on display during a SIG at Bob Beckert's shop. Bob shared his technique of creating paper designs using a scroll saw. During the same meeting, we were shown how to create our own custom notepads with our signatures to cut out. Cutting paper is not an easy task, but with the right guidance and know-how, anything is possible!

Each SIG offers unique and endless opportunities to learn. For every tried-and-true methodology, there is someone who has never heard of that technique. Similarly, it is amazing to see what new techniques and wonderful ideas the less-than-experience woodworker comes up with when they have never been taught that is just cannot be done that way.

I smile whenever I see a new woodworker being shown the best method for a particular task by three different experts. When the day is done, that trainee will have taken the best of each method, and now has a fourth way to get the job done. Participate in next year's SIGs and you too can learn, share, grow, critique, and encourage your fellow members.



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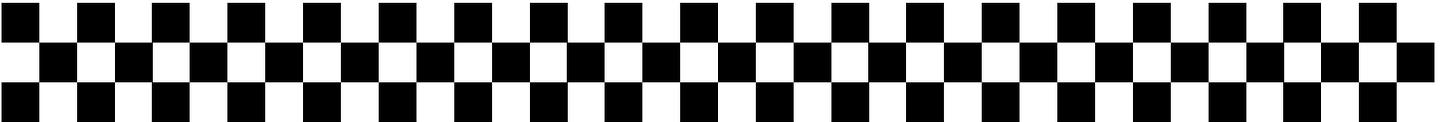


Theodore Judah Elementary Harvest Festival



November General Meeting

David Beauchamp, Furniture Maker



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