President’s Message

Welcome to a new year at your club. I would like to start by thanking the outgoing board members, SIG coordinators, and the wonderful the meeting volunteers. You have made the club such a wonderful place to visit that 35 new members decided to join our club in 2010. I hope that we can do as well in 2011. Thanks again.

The December meeting belonged to the children of Sacramento. I would also like to congratulate the club members who helped to bring joy to the lives of over 1800 children in the Sacramento area by helping to provide them with toys for Christmas.

The Salvation Army Toy Drive and the Sacramento Area Woodworkers started working together in 1986. That makes 2011 a very special year, as this will be our 25th or silver anniversary working with the Salvation Army.

The members of the Sacramento Area Woodworkers Club, through the years the have given 34,000 toys to the needy children of the Sacramento area. That number of toys is enough to give a toy to every resident of the cities of Susanville and Truckee and still have some left over. That is a great accomplishment for our club. Special thanks go to the toy leaders Bob Schieck and Judy Wavers for their leadership.

I would like to challenge all members of the club to make this 25th anniversary year the best ever for the needy children of Sacramento. If each club member made only a few toys to add to the major toy drive workers, then we may be able to provide 2011 toys in 2011.

Hank and Judy Weavers will be hosting a new regularly scheduled Toy SIG on the third Sunday of the each month between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM starting on January 16. Come by and get started on your toys for this year early.

The January General Meeting will feature members showing off what gifts they got for the holidays. Please feel free to bring in any item that is small enough to transport. If it is too large to bring in, take some photos show them off.

Included in this newsletter is a survey from the SAW Board. We have used surveys in the past to discover what the club members would like from the club’s meetings and SIGS. The attached survey is the best opportunity for you to tell us what you want out of the club. Please bring the survey to the January meeting or fill it one out at the meeting. Be sure to turn it in before you leave that night. The Board will look over the responses and begin implementing your desires as soon as possible. If you cannot come to the meeting, e-mail the form in or mail it to the P.O. Box shown on the back cover of the Newsletter.

Paul Jacobs has graciously started hosting a new website, WWW.SAWW.ORG. It is a new woodworking forum on which only SAW members can post items. You must be a current member of SAW and signup before you can use the site. It is totally different than our current club web site.

Welcome New Members

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.
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.

2011 SAW BOARD
All listed are voting members of the Board
† To be confirmed at January General Meeting
All Phone numbers without an area code are 916.

President    Gary Foster
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Past President Andrew Silvester

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     Judy Wavers
Small Raffle      Doris Woods
Large Raffle      Roberta Taylor
Merchandise      Judy Wavers
Badges           Charles Linn
Refreshments     Holly Lovvo
Web Master       Jason Beam

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 additions to the Library this month.

Your Librarians wish All a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MEMBERSHIP
Time to renew for 2011!

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.

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

Family members at the same address can be added at half this rate. 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 Charles Linn for more membership information.

Newsletter Items
Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. Andy Volk, 7380 Sierra Ponds Lane, Granite Bay, CA. 95746, or e-mail amvweb@surewest.net 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!

General Meeting Program Schedule
Jan 2011 “What I got for Christmas” Show and Tell
Feb 2011 “Clocks and Musical Items”
(More of the year’s agenda will be available shortly.)
http://www.sacramentoareawoodworkers.com which is used as an outreach website. Anyone can look at this website, but only the webmaster can post items. The two sites complement each other very well. Sign up and start using SAWW.ORG today.

We have a lot of exciting things that the board members would like to bring to you this year. The first thing you’ll see when you come in to the meeting will be two new cork bulletin boards:

The CLUB ACTIVITIES BOARD will have official information about club activities. It will have the latest newsletter, a calendar of events, WWW.SAW.ORG news and information, upcoming speakers, minutes of the last board meeting, the last treasurer’s report, SIG activities, new member activities, the contest rules, and the member’s phone list.

The MEMBER’S ACTIVITIES BOARD will have a large area in the center for you to post pictures of your latest project, gifts, or contest entry that you could not bring in to the meeting. Around the outside of the board we will have sign-up sheets for you to start a carpool, ask for a mentors on a project, ask for general help, suggest field trips you would like to take, start a group build, set-up a group buy, swap buy or sell tools, and finally a wood swap.

We will try to have the video camera and projector running at every meeting so that the people in the back will be able to see what is going on. Each time we have a speaker will record a DVD of the presentation to put in the library for members to checkout.

I will be hosting a new members "Meet the Club" social gathering each month in 2011. The get together will be at my shop between 1pm an 4pm, on the Sunday following regular Tuesday club meeting. I invite all new members to come and let me and club leadership know what you would like to get out of the club. The board members, SIG coordinators, as well as any "non-new" members are invited to come as well. We want to help the newbies feel at home, and for us find out what we can learn from each other.

Once each quarter Woodcraft and SAW will hold a SAW outreach day at the Woodcraft store from 10am to 2pm. This will be on the Saturday immediately before the club meeting so that we can get the maximum outreach effect. Woodcraft will give SAW members 10% off of selected items. This will give people an incentive to join, because if you join on that day you will get the 10% discount.

See you in the New Year! Gary Foster

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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!

Cool Websites to check out:

A lot about glue from titebond: http://www.titebond.com/FaqTB.asp

For a little interesting history: http://www.archive.org/details/RedwoodS1940
SIG and Class 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.

A “Class” is a predefined project and you must sign up for the class. It is open to a limited number of SAW members.

Wood Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Steven Hitchens

Since the first Saturday in January falls on the first, there will be NO Wood Projects SIG in January. The next SIG will be February 5th at Steven Hitchens’ Shop.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

I hope your holidays were happy and safe. We will have the Scroll Saw meeting at my house in January. I will have some patterns selected to cut out, and I will be asking "What type of projects do you want in the future?" Plus, I will be asking for volunteers to host the SIG locations. If you have any ideas please let me know. I will keep the Scroll Saw group alive (to the sound of "Staying Alive") until there is a person who would like to take over the group. This skill, to me, is one of the best fun and self-esteem hobbies you can have. I’m off my soap box now. So let us have fun this year. See you in January.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Paul Jacobs

Here we are again with a new year and a lot of opportunities to improve our skills and our craft. My plan for this year is to move the Furniture & Design SIG into some advanced territories, but even the most advanced techniques rely on the most fundamental of skills. That’s why we’re starting off the first SIG of the year with sharpening- the most basic skill in woodcraft, and at the same time the most confounding.

We will cover the obvious: chisels, planes, spokeshaves, etc., but I’d also like to spend some time on sharpening saws, card scrapers and drill bits. Bring a dull tool and try out some different sharpening methods. There will be a discussion on sharpening theory, but most of the time will be spent hands on.

Small Lathe Turning SIG  Contact Person:  Tom Taylor

I would really like to see the lathe sig turn into a member driven format where the members could have an input to what we will do this next year. The first session will be Jan. 22 at 10 am to 1 pm There many new lathe projects out now and I want the turners to look thru the catalogs and pick items they would like to do or learn to do. Also at the first sig we well learn safety of the lathe operations, and I promise NO gloves.!

Novice SIG  Contact person:  Rob Drown

The January SIG will be held in Rob Drown’s shop. We will start with the table saw set up, jigs, and safety.
Presentation of Toys to the Salvation Army

Judy Wavers (left) is the Toy Chairperson for this drive and into 2011. Sydney Fong (center) represented the Salvation Army in accepting the toys. At the end of the members’ presentation of toys, the toys were all loaded on to the waiting truck. The rest of the pictures on this page represent many, but not all of the contributors to the 2010 Toy Drive.

Contributors to the 2010 Toy Drive: (from the tally sheet at the December meeting)

- Toy Workshop: Floyd Gibson
- Alzheimer Patients: Norm Steinbach
- J. Booten (sp?): Tom Taylor
- Hank Wavers: Woody Woods
- Jim Terrell (Gold Country Woodcrafters): (Holly Lovvo)
- Sally Green: Eugene Holden
- Andrew Volk: Ed Stacy
- Ernie Buda: Gary Thatcher
- Abe Low: Daniel Santiago
- Ted Young: Vic Sanchez
- Don Hendrick: Bob Beckert
- Bob and Sonya Lemon: Bob Schieck
- Tom Houghton: Jason Beam
- David Holtz: David Chin
- Henry Castaneda: Jack VanKeuren
- Jack Shubbe (Friend of Dick Lewis): Katy Houghton & Daughter
- Joe Trevino: Noel Fagan
- Eskaton Village: Andy Santos
- Peter Noeth: Margarita Marietta
- Nancy Lichman: Bob Curnow
- Tom Harrington: Marty Martin

(Apologies for missing contributors. Misspellings are due to the editor’s inability to read handwriting.)
Membership Drive

It is that time again! Renewals are due in January. Please 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! And consider e-mail delivery of the newsletter to get everything in color, get the web links at a click of a mouse, save paper, and save the Club $13.50 per subscription. Thanks.

All renewals will be issued a new membership card. All renewing members 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 2011 calendar year!

Toy Time!

Any time is a good time for toys. I have spoken with quite a few people about helping on the toy committee. I know not everyone can make a meeting, so we will also communicate through a group e-mail and possibly the SAWW.org forum. I’m just looking for what will work best for most members.

While all of the variety of toys we currently make are great, we also are looking for new ideas. The Salvation Army has indicated they need toys for the ages 1 to 4 the most. We are a creative group. We need projects that create toys from wood. When thinking about a project, please consider what materials, equipment, and time are necessary. Is it a project suited for a toy workshop - making a whole toy or parts for later assembly? Would a SIG be a good venue to show how to make the toys? Can we make things easier for individuals to do toys? Instructions, templates, etc. We need all kinds of ideas.

The first meeting will be January Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 at our house.

Everyone is welcome. If you cannot make the meeting please e-mail suggestions to me, so it can be included in the discussion.

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WOW! Small Raffle Prize: The DadoWiz
is a precision jig for making dado cuts with any hand held router and fits any 1-3/16 standard bushing hole. The DadoWiz allows you to take any standard or odd size lumber and make precision dados without measuring the matching material or adjusting the cutters through the use of shims or other techniques.

Free to good home: Radial Arm Saw
I have a 12 in. Craftsman radial arm saw I want to give away. It has been sitting in my shop for years. I thought I would fix it up one day, but I need the space now. If anyone wants to give it some love; they can have it. Includes the stand.
Best Wishes, Jerry Samla

For Sale: Combination Machine by Kity
The Jointer is 10.25". Two speed thickness Planner 10.25". Mortiser that works in x, y & z axis. Shaper is 3/4" spindle with sliding table. Includes knife setting jig, set of shaper cutters for rail & stile & raised panel work. Asking $1000 obo.
Call Abe Low

Four Shop Items for Sale:
I am doing some upgrading and have for sale:

- Delta 12.5" planer - $150.00
- Delta 6" jointer - $150.00
- Ryobi Router table with Router - $50.00
- Large Lee Valley quick-release vise - $75. Includes two jaw sets and a template for making your own.

Call Gary Thatcher