What a great February meeting! Who would think that an Intel lawyer, Denise DeRose, making wooden Handbags, Clutches & Minaudieres would have the largest turnout since David Marks. We had 114 members at the meeting. Many members of the board received compliments about the quality of her presentation and how interesting her work was. Our thanks go out to Denise for coming and being a great speaker at our club meeting. Thanks to Gary Thatcher for thinking outside of the (wooden) box when finding interesting speakers. Keep up the great work, Gary.

We lost a little money on the February large raffle item, but we should make it up with a Lie-Nielsen Bronze Low Angle Block Plane that we will have as the large raffle prize at the March meeting. Bring your bucks! This is a great tool. We are going to buy this, and the large router plane, at “The Crucible Tool Event” put on by Lie-Nielsen in Oakland on Feb. 25-26. If we make enough money we may buy a larger bench plane at the next Tool Event.

The next Tool Event will be at David J. Marks Woodworking Studio, Friday, March 25-26. (See http://www.lie-nielsen.com/fliers/flier.php?hte=santarosa for details.). Use the bulletin boards at the meeting to sign up for a carpool to save on gas money so you can spend more on tools. See you at David’s shop.

Andy Volk is updating and modernizing the SAW club handout, and it is looking great. We hope that you like the Maple veneer look and the new pictures. Thanks to Thom Taylor for doing the original text and artwork and to Andy Volk for doing the update.

We have been invited back to the Sacramento County Fair over the Memorial Day weekend. In the 2011 survey, you, the members said that this was one of the three venues at which you wanted to have a presence. The most popular was the Woodworking Show, which Tom Nelson has graciously agreed to coordinate. We still need coordinators to run the county and the state fairs. All three are good opportunities for SAW to do community outreach. However, without volunteers to coordinate the fairs, we will be forced to cancel, and that would be a shame. Tom Nelson as has offered to give advice and counsel to whomever volunteers. Please contact any “Blue Nametag” board member if you want to help us get started with these great projects.

Your board is working on a complete set of rules for the club’s contests. They will publish them for all to see when they are finished. We hope to have a set of rules that are based on, or are similar to the ones that are used by state, regional, and national woodworking contests. If you know what criteria you will be judged on, you will have a better chance of winning when you want to enter any of those major contests. We are also looking into having a permanent set of 6 to 10 judges that we will train. We will ask three of them on any one night to do the judging. Of course, they cannot have anything in the contest.

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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 supplemental income and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

2011 SAW BOARD
All listed are voting members of the Board
All Phone numbers without an area code are 916.

President          Gary Foster          
Vice President     Richard Lovvo        
Secretary          Doug Griebner        
Treasurer          Charles Linn         
Program Chairman   Gary Thatcher        
Mbr at Large†      Rob Drown           
Mbr at Large†      Richard Verwoest      
Editor†            Andy Volk            
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, Marilyn Gibson  
Large Raffle         Roberta Taylor       
Merchandise         Judy Wavers, Hank Wavers  
Badges              Charles Linn          
Refreshments        Holly Lovvo, Rob Drown  
Web Master          Jason Beam           

General Meeting Program Schedule
Mar: Speaker: Sidney Fong - Salvation Army
Survey results  
Sharpening clinic  

Apr: Speaker: Michael Cullen—Furniture Designer
Contest: "Put a lid on it" - Anything that can hold something, with or without a lid.  

May: Speaker: Mirka Abrasives
Book Matching clinic  

Jun: Furniture Contest  

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Time to renew for 2011!

If you have not yet renewed, this Newsletter is the last that will be sent to you.

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.

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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!
Please let Gary Thatcher or another board member know your feeling about having a contest for under 30 year-olds (or 35, 40), to help promote younger woodworkers within the club. Also talk to him about having a speaker at each meeting.

The board has formed a committee to look into the pros and cons of SAW becoming California non-profit corporation. If we do that, we could apply for Federal 501c3 status. Any advice from any member who is an attorney or knows about setting up a non-profit would be appreciated. We will keep you up-to-date as we work our way through this issue.

THE ALL-DAY HANDS-ON CLASSES ARE BACK.

Four hands-on classes are going to be on the last Saturday of months with five Saturdays. I will be hosting the first all-day class on hand-cut joinery, April 30th (the next 5th Saturday in 2011) from 9 AM to 4 PM. The class is limited to six or seven because of the limited number of woodworking vices in my shop. See me at the meeting to get on the list for the class. Bring a sack lunch for the 30 minute lunch break. The subject will be building “Gottshall’s Block”. No power tools are to be used to build the block. Please look up Franklin Gottshall on-line for the tools needed and more information. It would be very useful to have his book “Making Antique Furniture Reproductions” (Chapter 1 of this book covers the Gottshall Block). You will need provide your own extremely sharp tools (approximately $300-$600), and one 1”x4”x8” easily worked block of wood for the class. If you can complete a block before the class or are an otherwise skilled hand joint worker, your help teaching the class would be greatly appreciated. Some nice, but small walnut boards will be given as gifts to guest instructors. I will be holding a “President’s Challenge” contest in May or June on the finished blocks, anyone can enter, not just students. I will be donating some nice walnut as the prizes.

Shop tours are a very popular SAW activity and here is a chance to show off your shop to the Club. Please see the “call for shops” on the bottom of page 4.

My last item is on general courtesy. Turning off cells phones for the speaker was much appreciated. Now, I would like to ask that comments about who should be eligible for winning the raffle be stopped. After all, “you pays your money and you takes your chances,” applies to all members.

See you at the meeting, if you have any question about any part of my message be sure to bring see any of the “Blue Nametag” board members.

Gary Foster.

March 2011 Calendar

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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!
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

The Wood Projects SIG was on Table Saw Safety and alignment.

The Wood Projects SIG will be held March 5th at a (*Special Time 2:00-5:00PM*) at Art Hawkins’ Shop. He will show jigs that make things a lot easier to do. He will also show the construction and installation techniques for European hinges. Finally, Art will show his home-built wood steam chamber for bending wood. (Some map programs give bad directions to Art’s shop. Take West Ranch Rd off of Hazel Blvd, and left onto Country Creek Drive.)

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

Both Andi Brewer and Andy Volk brought along their DeWalt scroll saws. Andy got his saw turned up a bit and it is now working great! Everyone was cutting out puzzles, clocks and 3D images in wood. Thank you very much Mr and Mrs Proctor for hosting the SIG at your workshop.

Andi Brewer has volunteered her shop for the upcoming March SIG. Thank you, Andi. At this SIG, we will have the same patterns to cut out plus we will have some Mosaic patterns to work with. We will try the Mosaic patterns and work our way up to Intarsia patterns and techniques in the following months. This way we can work on Intarsia when it is more sunny and can work outside. If you have any ideas on what you would like to learn for future SIGs please let me know.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Paul Jacobs

The February SIG was on different forms of torsion boxes. The SIG was very well attended, with 23 members present.

The March Furniture SIG will be on shapes and their accurate layout. We will demonstrate and discuss layout methods for circles, curves, ellipses, polygons, and angles. The layout of all shapes will be done with common workshop items. A notebook and pencil are highly recommended.

Small Lathe Turning SIG  Contact Person:  Tom Taylor

No Report.

Novice SIG  Contact persons:  Rob Drown

The February SIG will be held in Rob Drown’s shop and will be on handsaws: how to saw straight and square to a line, uses for the many types of saws, and use of saw benches and bench hooks.

The March SIG will also be in Rob’s shop and will be on the use and set up of the Jointer and Planer; how to get square flat uniform material SAFELY.

Seeking Shops for the 2011 Season of Shop Tours.

We are looking for 3 shops for the spring, and 3 for the fall shop tours. Your shop need not be an “envy” shop. It can be anything from a closet with a couple of hand tools, to something that would make Norm Abrams drool. If you are willing to show your shop to the club members, then you’re the person we’re looking for!

The spring shop tour will be in the afternoon of the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in April or May. The fall tour will be September or October. Each shop will have a 1 hour time slot, with a 1/2 hour to get to the next shop, so even the participants can visit the other shops.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrew Silvester
March Large Raffle Prize

The Lie-Nielsen 102 Low Angle Block Plane

These small bronze planes fit perfectly in the hand and slip easily into the pocket. The 5¼” body holds a 1¼” x 1/8” thick blade. An unobtrusive Stainless Steel adjuster offers blade control of micrometer ease and precision with minimum backlash.

The blade in the Low Angle Plane is bedded at 12° for fine cuts and end grain. The blade in the standard angle is set at 20° and will take a heavier cut with the grain.

March Small Raffle Prizes

WOW PRIZE
Gripper™ 200 Advanced System

2MT Heavy Duty Live Lathe Center

5 lb. Klingspor Sandpaper bargain box

Incra 6-Inch Precision Marking T-Rule

Two Cherries Scraper with Prepared Edges
Denise DeRose (left) was February’s speaker. She makes wooden handbags, clutches, and minaudieres (a small ornamental case used as a handbag). She turns bowl shapes on a lathe, cuts them to down and applies medallions, inlay or pyrographic designs. She even designs her own hardware. Her methods and results were fascinating. A club member and Denise model two of her handbag designs (right).

Clocks and Musical Instruments Contest

Novice Category

1st Bob Beckert
Lion clock

2nd David Chin
Train Clock

Advanced Category

1st Jason Beam
Guitar

2nd Ralph Desmond
Wall Clock

3rd Bob Scheick
Castle Kit Clock

Show and Tell

Andy Volk and Judy Wavers show pull-toys, the subject of this year’s first Toy Workshop.

Noel Fagan shows a bandsaw box

Peter Noeth and his CB radio case

Jack Rexroad’s segmented turned bowl

David Chin’s Toy Train

The February Scroll Saw SIG was hosted by Bill Proctor. Andi and Andy brought their DeWalt saws to the meeting and everyone was cutting out puzzles, clocks and 3D images in wood.

The February Furniture SIG was on the design of torsion boxes. Paul Jacobs built one to demonstrate their strength while still being lightweight. He showed how to flatten a box with winding sticks, and that the boxes do not have to be rectangular, or even flat.
Membership Drive

If you have not yet renewed, this March Newsletter is the last that will be sent to you! 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 $14.20 per subscription.

Invest the cost of printing and mailing into better Raffle prizes! 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!

The Sacramento Area Woodworkers were recognized at an awards breakfast and an award was presented for our participation in the Salvation Army Toy Drive. The message of the day was it does take everyone in the community and we certainly did our part. I let them know we enjoyed making the toys and looked forward to participating in the future.

To that end, don’t forget that February 23rd is the first Toy Workshop of 2011 to give us a head start on our goal of 2011 toys for the year. Hank Wavers has cleaned up some of the wood so we will be ready to go right to work making toys when we get to Woodcraft. Please come out and help the Club towards this goal to help the community!

Thanks to Gary Foster, Andy Volk and Doug Griebner, the toy making tool box is now well supplied with a set of router bits, drill bits and forstner bits. Having the right tools to work with will be a great help in making the toys.

The next toy event will be in April at the shop of Andrew Santos. It will be an "Idea Exchange" on toys. Since it is currently proposed to be during a Scroll Saw SIG, the emphasis may be on toys made with that equipment. All ideas are welcome. More details will be available in the April newsletter.

Judy Wavers