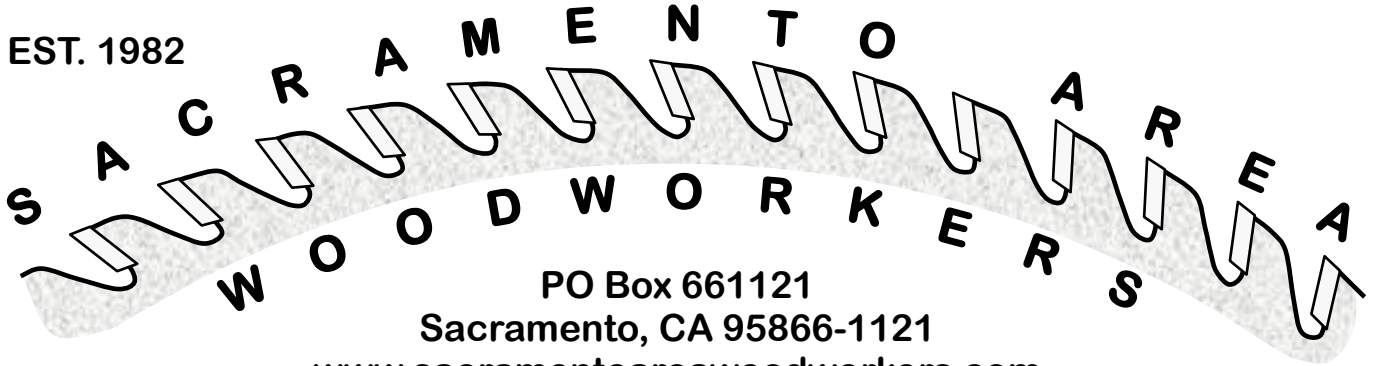


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SAW NEWSLETTER

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**MEETING**  
**ETHEL MACLEOD HART SENIOR CENTER**  
**915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA**  
**(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)**  
**July 5, 2011 7:00 pm**

### President's Message

Thanks to the June speaker, Max Hunter, owner of [West-ern Dovetail](#). He has mastered some of the hardest items to build: curved drawers. His shop is in the old Navy wood shop on Mare Island, Vallejo, CA. He has offered to host a field trip to his very big shop. If you would like to go see it, contact Gary Thatcher.

The July speaker will be Kevin Glen-Drake. He will be discussing the making of some of his hand tools. He is an accomplished speaker and will be well worth coming to see, on the BIG screen.

The June contest was a great success: "FURNITURE" of any type. We had such a great turnout of such great quality that there were not enough prizes to award all of them.

If you missed the Furniture SIG on June 18, you missed a superb class on finishing put on by Ron Ashby of [www.shellac.net](http://www.shellac.net). Hats off to Paul Jacobs for a great job in getting such a world-class speaker.

The Presidents Gottshall's Contest and the Expert Challenge will be at the July general Meeting. Some very nice wood will be given away to the winner, so it's time to get to work. I will be the final judge, with maybe some help from some others. The plans for "[Fosters Advanced Gottshalls Block](#)" can be downloaded from the Google SketchUp 3D warehouse. You will need to download the free Google SketchUp8. Remember no power other than lighting can be used when building the blocks.

Your SAW board is working on bylaw changes in regards to elections and other areas. The board is proposing the changes in small, easy to understand steps.

Our first proposed changes are to Section 4 Election of officers: (Current text for this section of bylaws is on

page 3.)

- a) Any member may run for any office up until the election for that office.

(Removed "nominations" as a process, making running for any office easier.)

- c) Elections shall be held at the October general meeting.

(Changed month from November. The majority of the board felt that it is desirable to move elections to October, so that the incoming board members can attend board meetings and train with their predecessors. Attendance at the November and December board meetings is insufficient because they are not typical business meetings.)

These changes will be voted on by the membership at the next meeting.

We are working on more changes on the Non-Profit Corp and 501(c)3 status. Wish us luck; it is harder work than we thought.

There will be a Toy Workshop sometime in July. If you have any unused soft woods that could be used by the toy makers, please bring it to the club general meeting.

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### Welcome New Members

**Steele Lanphier**  
**Doc Laudon**

**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  
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**

- Jul Kevin Glenn Drake Tools  
"Gottshall Block Challenge"
- Aug Mirka Abrasives  
"Things for the Shop Contest" -- Tools, Jigs, and Fixtures
- Sep Tom Nelson on Woodworking internet sites  
Rob Drown on "Design in Wood", from the San Diego County Fair

**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). 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.

	<u>Individual</u>
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](mailto: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!

(Continued from page 1) *President's Message*

**30<sup>th</sup> Year Logo Contest:** Charles Linn, Richard Lovvo and Clayton Nye are developing this in recognition of the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Andi Brewer volunteered to work with them. They have a prize of an Epson printer for the winner. (See announcement below.)

**Audio-Visual Equipment:** Gary Foster said that the AV equipment will be left in the closet at the Hart Center. This will insure it is always available at meetings, but may require that it be checked at meeting time to insure it is charged.

**Higgins BBQ:** This event was not held as planned, but may be held later, possibly in July. Stay tuned.

See you at the next meeting, the day after the Fourth.

"When sharpening woodworking tools, good enough,...isn't"

Gary Foster



## Happy Anniversary SAW Members!

The year 2012 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SAW. In celebration of three decades of woodworking excellence, our club is hosting a 30<sup>th</sup> year logo contest. It can be a modification of our current logo above, or something entirely new.

Draw up a design and submit your entry for a 30<sup>th</sup> year SAW logo. If your design is selected by our esteemed panel of judges, you can take home a new Epson All-in-One Printer\*!

E-mail your designs or mail your submission to SAW, PO Box 661121, Sacramento, CA 95866

Deadline for submissions is 12:00 midnight, September 15, 2011.

\*print/copy/scan/fax.



## July 2011 Calendar

7/2	Sat. 10 - 1 (Cancelled)	<b>Wood Projects SIG</b> Cancelled due to July 4th holiday weekend.
7/5	Tue. 7 - 9	<b>General Meeting</b> Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento, CA
7/9	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Scroll Saw SIG</b> Bob Schieck
7/14	Thur. 7 - 9	<b>Board Meeting</b>
7/16	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Furniture Projects SIG</b> Paul Jacobs
7/23	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Small Lathe Turning SIG</b> Andrew Santos
7/24	Sun. 2 - 5	<b>Novice SIG</b> Rob Drown

## 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!

## Current Bylaws

### Section 4 Election of officers

- Nomination for officers shall be held in October.
- Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- Election shall be held in November. The general membership shall elect the officers by ballot.
- Officers shall serve for one year (1) year beginning in January.

## 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

In the June SIG, Don Robinson showed how to make duplicate parts with Pin Routers, such as small parts for toys etc., and also gave some tips for making segmented turnings.

The July SIG is cancelled as it falls on the July 4th holiday weekend. The next meeting will be in August.

### **Scroll Saw SIG** Contact person: Holly Lovvo

The scroll saw SIG will be held at Bob Schieck's house this month and we will be cutting out fretwork fans. I will also have other pattern's available to use if anyone would like to make something different.

### **Furniture Projects SIG** Contact Person: Paul Jacobs

The June Furniture SIG was a great success thanks to Ron Ashby of [Shellac.net](http://Shellac.net). Ron is an expert finisher and provided everyone that attended the SIG with the formula for the “perfect finish.”

Unfortunately, you're stuck with me (Paul) again in July. The topic will be hand tool tuning and techniques. We will discuss and demonstrate the various tunings, types, use and finer points of planes, chisels and saws. This will be a hands on SIG. Please bring a sharp tool or three of your choosing.

### **Small Lathe Turning SIG** Contact Person: TBD

"Explain to me" the beauty you see. Some persons look at a piece of wood and know what they will make. Share the talent/knowledge. Pieces of walnut will be available. Bring your lathe, chuck, tools, or just join us for the fellowship.

### **Novice SIG** Contact persons: Rob Drown

The July SIG will cover router safety, dado wiz use, router table, bearing guides, and making dovetails with a router



## July Large Raffle Prize

### Standard Lie-Nielsen 103 Bronze Block Plane

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## WOW PRIZE



Wixey Digital Angle Gauge

## July Small Raffle Prizes



Total Tool Care Kit



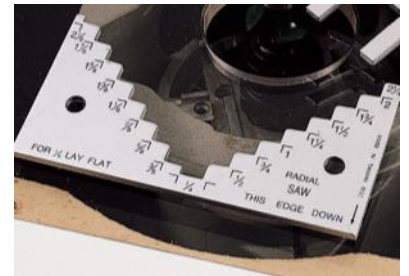
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From the General Meeting — June 7<sup>th</sup>



**June Speaker: Max Hunter, owner of Western Dovetail**

He has mastered some of the hardest items to build: curved drawers. His shop is in the old Navy wood shop on Mare Island, Vallejo, CA. His has offered to host a field trip to his very big shop. If you would like to go see it, contact Gary Thatcher.

See his website at: <http://www.drawer.com/>



**First Place Expert:**  
Bob Waters

Claro Walnut table top with curved quilted Maple legs and apron

**Furniture Contest**



**Second Place Expert:**  
Tom Jennings  
Cherry Night Stand with Colobolo handles



**Third Place Expert:**  
Gary Thatcher  
Walnut table with Asian accents



**First Place Novice:**  
Edward Gieselmann  
Oak-trimmed Corner Desk and Drawer tower

**Other excellent Furniture contest entrants:**



Andrew Silvester  
Nesting Walnut tables with marching tops



Bob Buckwalter  
Turned bowl with pedestal



Bob Scheick  
Fretwork doll's bench



Abe Low  
Mini-armoire of Cherry and walnut with door carvings

**Show and Tell**



Bernard Orman and his B.S. Grinder



Floyd Gibson shows another of his fishing nets



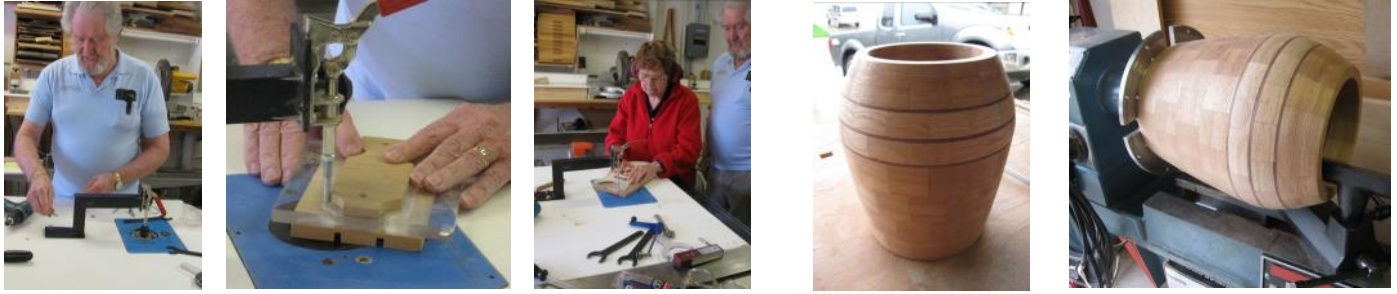
Gary Thatcher shows a jig to cut a Greene & Greene style "knuckle" in a table leg



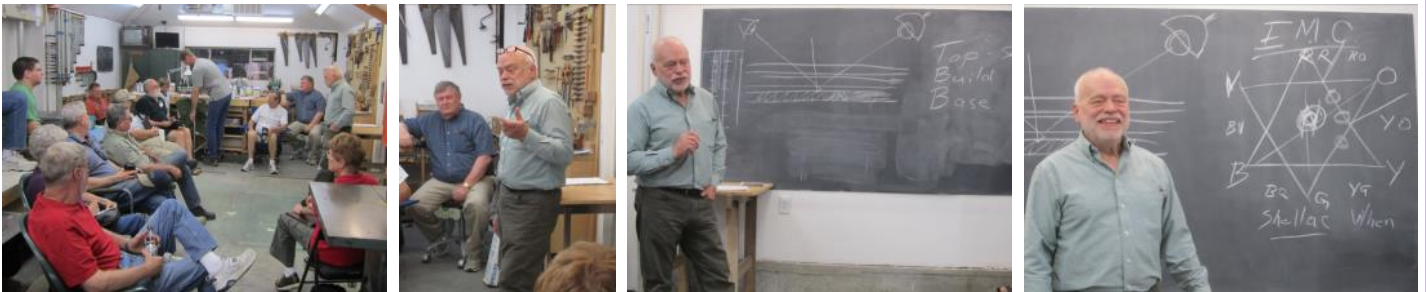
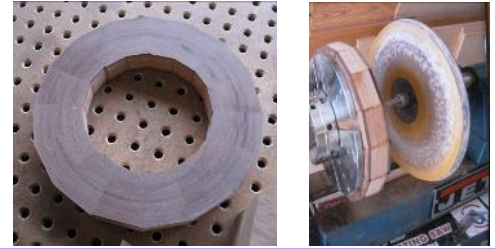
Henry Castañeda shows an amazing variety of boxes including the inset above with a wavy maple design



Paul Verlinde shows a shop made saw handle



The June **Wood Projects SIG** was hosted by Don Robinson. He showed how to use a pin router to make small parts for toys, inlay miters, etc. He also showed some tricks for doing segmented turnings.



At the June **Furniture SIG**, Paul got a special speaker: Ron Ashby of [www.shellac.net](http://www.shellac.net). He gave a great talk on finishing wood including building the proper finish and color correction of the finish. While there may be no "perfect finish" for all projects, Ron found that good old shellac was among the best. He has a lot of good information on his website, as well as selling Behlen products and all forms of flake, seed and button shellacs. Shellac is also a great finish for our toys!

## Toy Time!

OK – do you need wheels, wood, patterns? Give me a call or send an email to the address below.

We will be scheduling a meeting of the toy committee in the near future to discuss progressive ways to provide toys for the Salvation Army (friends and family are always in line for the prototypes too!) and the toy contest. A couple of thoughts:

- What to build or accomplish
- Woodcraft workshops
- Co-operative build – Work with your friends and combine your talents
- Kits – This would be wood, pattern, wheels, dowels etc necessary to put together a designated project.

Something new this year for November! We will be having a toy contest. The purpose is to promote toys for the Salvation Army Toy drive but there will also be an opportunity for you to let us see the toys you have made for your children, grand children, great grandchildren (do I need to go on?). This is just early notice to give you plenty of time to make a toy to enter, more information will follow after the toy committee meeting.

Judy



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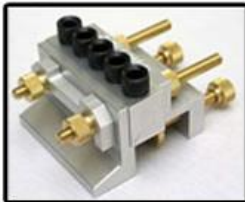
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