Our March 6th general meeting will be jam-packed with lots of exciting information that every woodworker would want to know. Aura Hardwoods has offered to host a special presentation and program on getting your best deal and opportunity from a lumber supplier. Examples of topics to be covered are: hardwood and lumber terminology, different wood species and other products, how to shop for best deals, find the bargains, and explanations about general concepts such as calculating board feet, etc.

Mr. Robert “Bob” Beckert has been our official (and unofficial!) club librarian for many years. Bob and his staff of SAW assistant librarians have contributed greatly to the success of our SAW club—even hauling out the bins of books at club meetings. Thank you Bob and everyone in the back corner who welcome guests and set up the library at each general meeting!

Yes, it’s that time of the year for Spring Shop Tours on the first weekend of May! We are looking for only three or four members to open their shop. If you can spare only about an hour and half on that day, it would be an opportunity for club members to see how you operate your workshop or space. We hope to show a variety of shops, from the Norm Abram’s dream shop to the rest of us who have to share our workspace with a car or washing machine. The goal is to let club members see that woodworking is possible in any workplace—even outdoors. And yes, you can leave the sawdust on the floor if you wish. To show your shop, please contact our SAW past president, Gary Foster.

Are you an IT or someone who likes to work with websites? Richard Lovvo has graciously volunteered to help run our SAW website. If you would like to help SAW on our club website, please let me or our club vice president know.

This will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your membership by the March general meeting! SAW membership dues can be paid at the meetings on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month. (see Tom Harrington, our club treasurer) or you can pay by mail. Have you turned in your old membership card? We will pick the winner from last year’s (2011) SAW membership cards submitted to receive a free $30.00 membership for this year.

Check the SAW club calendar in this newsletter for all important current club events and activities. If you read this and come to the March general meeting, come see me at the meeting. I’ll provide you a special raffle ticket. Enter to win a special president’s prize that night!
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.

**2012 SAW BOARD** (Pending approval of members)
All listed are voting members of the Board. All Phone numbers are in 916 area code.

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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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**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.

New Books this month (with thanks to the Donors):
- **How to Build Wooden Boats**, by Edwin Monk
- **The Kayak Shop**, by Chris Kulczycki
- **Tool-Making Projects for Joinery and Woodworking**, by Steve A. Olesin

**MEMBERSHIP**
Last Month to Renew before Newsletter stops! Renewal forms are included in this newsletter.

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 Tom Harrington 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!

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**General Meeting Program Schedule**

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| **Apr:** Speaker TBD  
  “Put a Lid on it...Or Not,” anything made to hold things in contest |
| **May:** Speaker on Turning Things on a Lathe (tentative)  
  “To Everything; Turn, Turn, Turn,” Turning contest |
| **Jun:** Speaker TBD  
  “Furniture,” Tables, shelves, chairs, step-stools, etc. contest |
At our club general meetings, we post a SAW meeting bulletin board. If you have a suggestion or idea to improve our club, feel free to post a comment or suggestion, or give it to any blue-badged Board Member. Board reports will be posted on the SAW bulletin board set up in the back of the meeting room.

March 3rd is the last day to get a raffle ticket at Woodcraft for the “Pen Drive” to help our SAW toy committee get more supplies. Thanks to Michael Bush for making the wood ink pen and making this happen. Stop by Woodcraft!

Have a happy green month! Or any color you want!

### March 2012 Calendar

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### Stay Safe!

KNOW SAFETY because accidents hurt.

A SAW Board Member was attending SIGs this month and noticed that proper safety measures were not always being followed. Remember:

1. Use protective eye wear and hearing protection aids.
2. Keep a fire extinguisher by all shop exits
3. Thoroughly read and understand the equipment and tool safety instructions and use appropriate safety equipment such as guards, guides, hold-downs, and push blocks.

There is a lot of good information on the web. For more information, check out [WOODWORKING.ABOUT.COM/...SAFETYFIRST/](WOODWORKING.ABOUT.COM/...SAFETYFIRST/)

### 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!

An interesting view of our last General Meeting, thanks to John Chapman:
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.

Wood Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Steven Hitchens

The Wood Projects SIG is being held the first Saturday of March at Paul Verlinde’s shop. They will continue demonstrating the construction of small boxes - a perfect way to prepare for April's contest.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

February's SIG was a continuation of January's intarsia project of a bear. Members brought their pieces from January, and using sanders and Dremel tools, shaped the pieces. Two members finished the day very close to being able to stain and do final assembly! We also had a new member show up, and Bob Beckert volunteered his time to go over the basics and be a guide during the day. Thanks, Bob!

March’s theme has not been decided yet, but will be announced during the General meeting. It will be held on March 10 at Bill Proctor's shop.

If you have an idea for a future theme, or would like to volunteer your place, please contact me at the number above. We always welcome new and experienced members and have patterns and wood available for those who would like to do something different. Happy scrolling, and stay safe!

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person for March:  Craig Blankenship

The February.SIG was at Andy Volk’s shop and about 15 people showed up for his demonstration on making wooden hand planes by the Krenov method. Andy can send you an instruction sheet if you send him an e-mail.

The March SIG will be at Craig Blankenship’s shop and will be on considerations for building a workshop bench. He would like participants to look at books and articles in past woodworking magazines for plans. Try to figure out what kind of bench you think that you are looking for and its characteristics. Bring that plan to the SIG. Think about:

- Cost of materials for bench structure and alternative materials.
- For what are you going to use your bench? How sturdy and heavy do you need?
- Size of bench? How much space do you have in shop?
- What kind and how many vises and holding mechanisms are needed?
- Do you need a bench that you can easily move?
- Dog holes? Square vs. round?

Also be covering:

- Surfacing the top to get a flat surface. Do it yourself or have cabinet shop sand the top to your specifications. What is the surface smoothness you are going for?
- How to glue top and support structure together; how many clamps, what type and how much adhesive to buy.
- Where to get plans and pictures of various types of benches.
- Make the bench fit you.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person:  Ed Gieszelmann

The first meeting will be on Feb 26th from 2PM to 5 PM. We will start out with Lathe 101. The topic for the March SIG will be established at the meeting this Sunday. The March SIG meeting will be at Ed’s shop.

Novice SIG  Contact persons:  Rob Drown

The February Novice SIG is on hand saws: panel saws, rip saws cross cut dovetail and tenon saws. Also pull and flush cut saws. We will discuss work holding and saw benches.

The March SIG will cover planers and jointers: their use for making wood flat and square, set up and safety tips. Both SIGs will be at Rob Drown’s shop.
March Large Raffle Prize
Porter-Cable 557 Deluxe Biscuit Joiner Kit
- 7.5 Amps, 120 VAC only, 10,000 RPM
- 1-in O.D. dust port accepts standard bag or can be connected to a vacuum
- Fence tilts from 0° to 135° with positive adjustable stop at 90°
- Precise micro height-adjustment knob, height scale accurate at any angle
- Includes 4-in diameter blade for standard and face-frame biscuits
- Includes plate for centering stock to the 2-in blade
- Seven-position depth stop for FF, #0, #10, #20, Simplex, Duplex, and Max biscuits
- Spindle lock for easy blade changes
- Bale handle attached to fence, not motor, for greater stability and control during cuts

March Small Raffle Prizes

**WOW PRIZE!**
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- Eight (8) spring clamps

**March Large Raffle Prize**
Porter-Cable 557 Deluxe Biscuit Joiner Kit

**March Small Raffle Prizes**

- **Badge Raffle Prize**
  EVEREADY Shop Readiness Light Kit with American Red Cross Emergency Safety Brochure
- **Flexcut Cutting Knife**
- **Lee Valley Fifteen foot, 12-Gauge Extension Cord**
- **Kobalt ANSI Z87.1 PolyCarb UVA Safety Glasses**
- **Hitachi 71pc Drill & Drive Accessory set**
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By Appointment
Our Speaker was Darin Moore (www.darinmoorewoodworking.com). Darin designs and builds a variety of custom yard furniture, wine cellars, and many other fine woodworking products. He demonstrated how he assembles X-shaped wine racks he uses in his wine cellars.

Clocks and Musical Things Contest

First Place: Norm Steinbach shows the fretwork clock by Bob Beckert

Second Place: Fred Adams shows his "wristwatch" clock

Third Place: Paul Verlinde shows his xylophone

Bill Peterson shows a clock built from cherry cut offs

Chris Smith and his spalted maple turned clock

Chuck Renda shows a "tiny" Art Deco clock

Show and Tell

Joe Orbeck built two wooden boat models: a skiff and a Jon Boat

Don Robinson shows a segmented clock with pocket jig fillers at the hours

Chris Smith shows a pendant watch

Jim Meek shows his new rolling bench.

Joe Schuchmann shows some resonance boxes he made for harmonicas and even treated us to a concert of tunes.

David Chin shows some new toy planes, and a doll bed made for Barbie-style dolls

New Member wins Badge Raffle!

Judy Wavers shows a pull-toy giraffe puzzle

Robert Twiss was the lucky winner of a SAW shop apon
The February **Wood Projects SIG** was on building small boxes. Examples are shown above. This topic will be continued at the next SIG at Paul Verlinde’s shop. It will be a great starting point for the April Contest “Put a Lid on It...Or Not.”

The February **Furniture SIG** was held at Andy Volk’s shop where he demonstrated how to make wooden planes by the “Krenov Method.” Two planes were shown, a standard smoother and a shoulder plane. Also, Paul Verlinde brought a set of planes he built at the College of the Redwoods.

**Toy Time**

OK, now it is time to march into the shop and get busy having fun making toys. Do you have a new toy you are going to try this year? That's great! Then again, there is always the "tried and true" because they will be totally new to the child that receives them.

The toy workshop in February was a great success. Everyone worked together to accomplish at parts for 30 beds and 15 airplanes. The treats sent by Judy S. were enjoyed by all. Woodcraft continues to support our efforts by furnishing the equipment and class room for working. THANK YOU WOODCRAFT!

Hurry, only a few days left to purchase raffle tickets on the pen being raffled at Woodcraft, sales are going well and all proceeds go to our toy project.

Do you need wheels, axels or dowels? Call me or send an e-mail. – I'll be placing an order mid-March. I need the sizes and how many.

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