President’s Message

Our April 3rd general meeting speakers will be Gary Foster and Paul Jacobs. They will demonstrate their preferred sharpening method, sharing their knowledge and styles, while creating some very sharp edges.

Also at this meeting, we will also have a contest entitled “Put a Lid on It...Or Not.” (In other words, anything made to hold things.) Bring your handmade wooden creations (made within the last year, and constructed of at least 50% wood). Enter and you may win a cash prize!

We will also be drawing a name from all the renewing members who presented their old membership cards. That person gets a free membership!

If you have one of the wood puzzles that were distributed by Bob Schieck at the February SAW meeting, please bring them back at the April SAW general meeting.

I would like to thank Holly Lovvo and Nell Williams, our club refreshment specialists for all the great beverages and munchies provided at our monthly SAW meetings. Thank you for all your hard work and planning, set up and take-down - even recycling the aluminum cans so that the money comes back to the club treasury. It is appreciated.

The SAW Spring Shop Tour will be on May 6th! We already have two shops already, one in Granite Bay, and the other in Newcastle. We need one more shop in the Northwest-I-80 area. Please contact Gary Foster if you would be willing to open your shop.

Are you an IT or someone who likes to works with websites? Would you like to work with other the members on our website? If so, we need you! If you would like to help SAW on our club website, please let Richard Lovvo, club vice president.

The SAW/Woodcraft pen drive was a tremendous success! Thank you Michael Bush (pen maker) and Woodcraft store #312 for helping raise the $252 for our club’s toy project fund--$60 of which was donated by the Gold Country.

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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 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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**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.

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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.

**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:
"Old Ways of Working Wood," by Alex W. Bealer
"Creative Wooden Boxes from the Scroll Saw," by Carole Rothman
"Make a Chair from a Tree: An Introduction to Working Green Wood," by John D. Alexander

**General Meeting Program Schedule**

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**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!
Woodcrafters. Thank you everyone who purchased a raffle ticket.

To keep this president’s newsletter short, check the SAW club calendar in this newsletter (immediately to the right) for all important club events and activities. Also mark your calendar for the upcoming Capital Woodcarving Show - May 5 & 6, 2012 - their 40th Anniversary Show. The “WONDERS IN WOOD” will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. This event lasts for the weekend. Admission is $5, good for both days, which includes free parking. Hourly door prizes are included with your admission.

After many hours of work by the Library team, we now have a complete listing of our SAW Library. Your library staff spent many hours inventorying the Library and Norm Steinbach spent even more hours entering our information into a Saw Books data base. Thank You, Norm, for your many hours dedicated to the project. The Library shelf list will be on the bulletin board. Take a look, and let the Library Team know what you think. They always welcome your ideas.

If you have a suggestion or idea to improve our club, feel free to post a comment or suggestion. At our club general meetings we post a SAW meeting bulletin board. Board reports will be posted on the SAW bulletin board set up in the back of the meeting room.

April showers will bring May flowers.

Charles

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| **4/3** | Tue. 7 - 9 | General Meeting  
Ethyl Hart Senior Center  
915 27th Street  
Sacramento, CA |
| **4/7** | Sat. 10 - 1 | Wood Projects SIG  
Steven Hitchens |
| **4/12** | Thur. 6 - 9 (Note starting time) | Board Meeting |
| **4/14** | Sat. 10 - 1 | Scroll Saw SIG  
Bill Proctor |
| **4/18** | Wed. 10 - 1 | Toy Workshop  
Woodcraft  
9523 Folsom Blvd.  
Sacramento, 95827 916-362-9664 |
| **4/21** | Sat. 10 - 1 | Furniture SIG  
Clayton Nye |
| **4/22** | Sun. 2 - 5 | Lathe Turning SIG  
Ed Gieszelmann |
| **4/28** | Sat. 10 - 1 | Novice SIG  
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!

Cool Websites to check out:

Safety is something we cannot take for granted! Watch the video at the bottom of this webpage to see just how fast things can happen:

http://www.newwoodworker.com/basic/kickback2012.html
**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 March SIG was very well attended at Paul Verlinde’s shop where he and others showed off their box construction techniques.

The Wood projects SIG will continue it focus on boxes with examples of Treasure Boxes showing router table techniques for inlay and detail construction.

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

We had a great time at Bill Proctor’s workshop. About 8 people showed up, and 2 of them were new to the SIG. We cut out some Silhouettes and Bob was showing a new member how to cut some fretwork.

We will have the next meeting at my shop in April. I will have some bowl patterns to saw, and I will also have some different patterns as well. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or would like to try something new.

**Furniture Projects SIG**  Contact person for April:  Clayton Nye

A Workbench SIG was hosted by Craig Blankenship in March (see below). Fine Woodworking has just come out with a new publication called “Workbenches” for just $10 that covers several designs as well as many accessories such as vices. An inexpensive read for people looking to build a bench.

The Furniture SIG in April covers water based finishes.

**Lathe Turning SIG**  Contact person:  Ed Gieszelmann

The March meeting covered sharpening lathe tools, using a roughing gouge and a skew, and demos of turning a top, a pen, and the initial steps for a natural edge bowl. Fourteen people attended and we had three lathes going.

Due to a conflict in Ed’s schedule, future meeting of the SIG will be on the fourth Sunday of the month. The next meeting on April 22 will include turning bottle stoppers and more on turning bowls.

**Novice SIG**  Contact persons:  Rob Drown, Gary Foster

The March SIG will cover planers and jointers: their use for making wood flat and square, set up and safety tips.

The April Novice SIG will cover the same general topic using hand tools. He will show how to use bench planes and to true and square stock. Both SIGs will be at Rob Drown’s shop.

The Craig Blankenship hosted a WorkbenchSIG and had a good turnout. He covered a great many aspects of workbench ergonomics, building materials and accessories. Other members chipped in with their experiences.
**April Large Raffle Prize**

Craftsman Compact Lithium-ion 3-Piece Tool Combo Kit

NEXTEC Quick Boost 12 volt, Drill/Driver, Multi-Tool with 15 Accessories, and a Work Light. Comes with two 12V batteries and a Quick Boost 3-Minute Charger.

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Aura Hardwoods Gives SAW the Low-Down on Lumber

Mark Buchanan (http://www.aurahardwoods.com/joomla, Phone: 916-638-7800) told the members about the kinds of lumber that Aura Hardwoods carries, the rating system for lumber, and the kinds of lumber that may not break the bank. He also discussed the meaning of board feet and how it applied to pricing.

Remember, SAW members get a 10% discount on lumber purchases.

Show and Tell

Due to technical difficulties with a camera, there are no photos of Bob Beckert’s fretsaw cart for potted plants or his book stand. Also missing is Abe Low’s wooden hygrometer.

Tom Nelson shows a scroll saw puzzle he picked up in Italy

Jeff Burr shows burls he got at a garage sale

Richard Verwoest shows his panel gauge

The Lathe SIG has been restarted by Ed Gieszelmann at his shop. In the February meeting, he covered tools and safety, and started people on roughing out and cutting coves and beads. In the March meeting, he showed tool sharpening, and demonstrated starting a bowl and turning a top.

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Toy Time

Thanks to all those who braved the weather and came to the workshop at Woodcraft in March. We made parts and pieces for beds, airplanes and trucks. In addition to that, a group worked on 16 airplanes, gave them tender loving care and their final sanding – they are ready for paint! We also enjoyed good cookies. Sally Green will be coordinating the workshop in April. The project will be to start on the dominoes and wagons. Of course, we’ll be working on cradles and beds, too.

The pen Michael Bush made and raffled at Woodcraft added $252.00 to available the funds for our toy projects. We have wood, 1x 12 and 2 x 12 available. If you have a special project in mind, please contact me. Also, wheels and axles have been ordered so let me know what you need and I’ll bring it to the April meeting.

Bob Curnow volunteered to coordinate painting in the summer time. His suggestion is that we have everything coated with dewaxed shellac before painting. When the weather gets nice and hot, we will organize a painting day.

Thanks to all for working on the toys and supporting the toy project in many different ways. It makes it fun making smiles.

Judy