Our May 1st general meeting speaker will be woodworking professional Michael Cullen. He builds custom furniture in a one-man shop in Petaluma, California, 40 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Cullen grew up in California and studied engineering and sculpture there in the early 1980s. Shortly after landing his first job as an engineer, he quit to follow an urge to work with his hands. He moved to Massachusetts and studied traditional European craftsmanship under English furniture maker David Powell at Leeds Design Workshops.

Cullen's range as a designer is extremely broad. His work ranges from exquisitely detailed and elegantly veneered formal furniture to monolithic pieces hewn from giant hunks of wood. In between, are many pieces patterned with distinctive surface carvings and colored with milk paint. Cullen also builds what he calls fantasy pieces, which can range from whimsical furniture to pure sculpture. Whichever mode he happens to be working in, Cullen produces pieces displaying sound proportions, intriguing textures, and superb craftsmanship.

Michael will be showing some of his work and giving a demonstration on some of his woodcarving talents for club members to learn at our May 1st club meeting. You can also see the September/October 2011 issue of Fine Woodworking magazine, which showcases some of his woodworking and other truly creative skills.

I would like to thank Hank and Judy Wavers, our club merchandise salespeople. Judy also serves as our SAW toy chairperson - sort of like the head Santa for our club. Each month, Hank and Judy staff and stock our general meeting club table with all sorts of items for sale - from tee shirts to wood glue - and other items. Judy has worked tirelessly to do so much to help make sure there are plenty of toys arriving this coming winter holiday season. Thank you both Hank and Judy for all of your helpfulness to the club!

The SAW Spring Shop Tour will be on Sunday May 6th! We have three woodshops on the tour this Spring: Ed Gieszelmann’s shop is first at 1:30 until 2:30pm, then Andy Volk's shop at 3:00 until 4:00pm, and finish up at Joe Orbeck's shop from 4:30 until 5:30pm. All three are great shops. A map is included in the Newsletter, or contact Gary Foster if you have any questions.

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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)
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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.

General Meeting Program Schedule
May: Michael Cullen a demonstration/lecture on different texturing techniques on wood.
Jun: Speaker in process...
    "Furniture," Tables, shelves, chairs, step-stools, etc. contest
Jul: Speaker: Pyrography—burning patterns on wood
Aug: Speaker TBD
    "Things for the Shop," Tools, Jigs, and Fixtures 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.

No new books this month:

Newsletter Items
Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. Andy Volk, 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!
Far West Forest Products is having an Open House on May 19 at 1:00 PM. Wood will be for sale. Demonstrations of the Wood-Mizer wood cutting machinery will also be offered. Check their advertisement in the SAW newsletter if you need their address or other information.

Get ready now for the June SAW general meeting wood contest! The theme will be “wood furniture” - anything that meets that description. The furniture must have been built by a SAW member within the last year. If you haven’t built a piece of furniture, here is your opportunity!

Are you interested learning more about computers or websites? SAW needs you! If you would like to help SAW on our club website, please let Richard Lovvo, club vice president.

The Capital Woodcarving Show is May 5 from 9:00 to 5:00 & May 6, 2012 from 9:00 to 4:00 - a 40th Anniversary Show! The "WONDERS IN WOOD" will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Admission is $5, good for both days, which includes free parking. Hourly door prizes are included with your admission.

To keep this president’s newsletter short, check the SAW club calendar immediately to the right for all important club events and activities.

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

Let’s enjoy the May flowers - and woodworking, too!

### May 2012 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!

### Cool Websites to check out:

Don’t try this with your saw unless it is a SawStop:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiYoBbEZwlk&feature=player_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiYoBbEZwlk&feature=player_embedded)
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 will be May 5th. This meeting, we will start a new project on building a wall mounted clock. I will have open discussion on construction, and types and styles of clocks. If you have examples of clocks you have built in the past, please bring these examples to the SIG.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

We had several people show for the April SIG. We cut out a basket weave pattern that makes a bowl. We will have the May SIG at Andi Brewer's house, where we will be cutting out puzzles. I will also have other patterns to make other objects. If you would like to make a project or have suggestions for future SIGs please let me know.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person for May:  Paul Verlinde

The May Furniture Projects SIG will be on veneering with clamps. It will be on May 19th at Paul Verlinde’s shop. It will be about ways of clamping up veneer using both commercial and shop-sawn veneers. I hope to have some samples made. I can also talk about vacuum bags if some people want that, too.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person:  Ed Gieszelmann

The next Lathe Turning SIG will be at Thom Taylor's shop on May 27, 2-5 pm. Topics to be covered are making pens, stabilizing soft materials like spalted wood, turning characteristics of various woods and acrylics, and finishing.

Novice SIG  Contact persons:  Rob Drown, Gary Foster

The April Novice SIG will cover how to use bench planes and to true and square stock.

May Novice Sig will be on sharpening chisels and plane irons using 3M Microfinishing film, water stones and the Tormec low speed grinding wheel for hollow grinds. Other topics are flattening backs, bevels, micro-bevels and putting a radius on a plane iron.

Both SIGs will be at Rob Drown's shop.

For Sale:  Scroll Saw, Dado Blade Set, and Ten Self Supports

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Asking $30

Contact Andy Volk
May Large Raffle Prize
A Carving Kit
In honor of our speaker this month, we are offering a kit of items to do your own carving:
- Set of 6 pfeil Swiss made Intermediate Size Carving Tools
- pfeil Swiss made 2pc Chip Carving Set
- Flexcut Slipstrop Sharpening Kit
- Hard Maple Carvers mallet made and donated by Andy Volk

May Small Raffle Prizes

16-Piece Forstner Bit Set with wooden case

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- Badge Raffle: MagBox Magnetizer - Demagnetizer
- 24" Flexible Curve Measuring Tape
- 9-ft., Three-Outlet, 14 Ga., Cord with Light
- 3M Sanding Sponge Assortment - 3 pack
- Auto Emergency Tool: Tire gauge, Seat belt cutter & Glass hammer
From the General Meeting — April 3rd

Gary Foster and Paul Jacobs demonstrated their tool sharpening methods. Both use sandpaper to flatten and polish the back of the chisel or iron. Their techniques differ on the method of sharpening the bevel. Gary uses a bevel guide and 3M Microfinishing film on granite slabs (a progression from 60 to 3 micron). Paul hollow grinds his tool irons on a circular wheel, then uses touch to sharpen on Japanese waterstones (from 1000 to 8000 grit).

Thanks, Gary and Paul, for the demonstration.

“Put a Lid on It … Or Not Contest”

First Place: Richard Verwoest A Tool Chest
Second Place: Joe Schuchmann Multi-Wood Jewelry Box
Third Place: Jack Stellman Turned Segmented Bowl
Honorable Mention: David Chin Coopered-top box
Glenn Small Hand-fitted Tool Box

Other Entries:
Ed Gieszelmann Turned Box with lid
Randy Owen Polished Burl Cut-off
Tom Harrington Box joint box with Redwood
Andy Volk with “Mailbox” from Blue’s Clues

Gary Thatcher talks of working with Waterfall Mahogany

Show and Tell

Joe Schuchmann built a Coved Jewelry Box with the cove cut on a table saw

Bob Schieck shows some Music Boxes he made awhile back
The April Wood Projects SIG continued its focus on boxes with examples of Treasure Boxes showing router table techniques for inlay and detail construction.

The April Furniture SIG was at Bruce King’s workshop where Clayton Nye lead a discussion on Water-Based Finishes, including general tips on finishing. We covered paints, dyes versus pigments, undercoats, and a bit on using an HPLV gun.

Toy Time

The Sun is Out!!! What a great time to work on new toys and those already in progress.

Thank you Sally and all of those who participated in the April workshop at Woodcraft. Great things were accomplished. Sally said there were 16 people at the workshop and everyone worked very hard. They worked on preparing the wood for dominoes, cut out push toys and beds and then took the wood home to finish processing. Thank you to everyone! The May 9th workshop will be to make airplanes. Bruce King will be directing the activities. We always work on beds and other items at the workshop too. Marietta and Margarita are busy working on the assembly, painting and filling the cradles and doll beds. They have exciting plans for this year. Many Thanks!

Paula has supplied us with “How to make and paint” for the duck push toy. If you would like to make some ducks just let me know. I'll get a copy of the instructions and stencils to you.

Remember, if you need supplies please contact me and I'll bring them to the May meeting. We have assorted wheels, axels, dowels and wood available to support the toy project.

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