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NEXT MEETING:

7:00 pm

August 7, 2012

HART SENIOR CENTER

915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)

President's Message



Our August 7th general meeting will focus on the theme of woodturning. Nick Todd from Nor Cal Woodturners, Inc., is an award-winning expert in woodturning (see his website at www.turningnick.com). He has offered to do a woodturning

demonstration at our August SAW general meeting. Nick will present some techniques and materials that should be of special interest to many club members. Nick has been turning since 1996, incorporating wood into his work that has been recycled or destined for a landfill. He teaches and demonstrates locally and in his studio in Citrus Heights. He is a regular attendee at local & national symposia. Nick has had the honor of being the woodturning judge for the Redwood Empire Fair (Mendocino County) for the past seven years. He works with local agencies and AAW (American Association of Woodturners) chapters to promote exhibiting events in and around central California. Attend and learn how to customize your woodturning creations!

The August SAW Club Contest is "To Everything, Turn, Turn, Turn" - woodturning contest. Now is the time to make a turned object on a lathe (or even a drill press or hand drill!) of wood. Build it now so that your turned object is ready for the August SAW general meeting.

A \$400 wood lathe is to be raffled off at the August meeting! Our large raffle item at the August general meeting is a Penn State Industries digital-readout, variable-speed, multi-purpose wood lathe. Here's your chance to win a beautiful piece of ma-

chinery.

Aura Hardwoods Barbecue: Aura Lumber has graciously agreed to host a SAW club wood sale and barbecue social at their Rancho Cordova warehouse facility *Aura Hardwood Lumber, Inc 2477 Mercantile Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742-6218* Tel: (916) 638-7800 on Saturday August 18th, 2012. The time will be from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Stop on in and get a great deal on some wood and other SAW specials. Also enjoy a meal and drink, too.

Don't forget to bring your badge to buy wood!

SAW general officer elections will be held in October 2012. Ask not what SAW can do for you, but what you can do for SAW! Think about it. Serving on the SAW Board is the best way to influence the direction of the club. If anyone has any questions regarding any of the Board positions, please see me or any other current SAW officer with a **blue badge**.

The SAW merchandising table (the table at the club monthly general meetings where SAW club members can purchase items like glue, dowels, hats, tee shirts, and other merchandise at special discounts) needs a salesperson to staff the table. Do you like money (at least to handle money)? We need you! Please let me or any other SAW board member know if you are interested in helping.

The SAW Fall Shop Tour will be on Saturday

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Welcome New Members

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.

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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Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

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Large Raffle	Tom and Roberta Taylor
Merchandise	Judy Wavers
Badges	Clayton Nye
Refreshments	Holly Lovvo, Nell Williams
Web Master	Richard Lovvo

General Meeting Program Schedule

- Aug:** Speaker: Nick Todd on Wood Turning
"To Everything; Turn, Turn, Turn" - Turning contest
- Sep:** "Things for the Shop," Tools, Jigs, and Fixtures contest
- Oct:** SAW Board Elections. Consider running!
"Anything Goes" contest. Any item not previously entered and made in the last year.

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.

The new books this month are donations from members:

"*Scroll Saw for the first time*," by Dirk Boelman

"*Dick Sing Turns Miniature Birdhouses*," by Dick Sing

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.

Individual

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 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!

September 29th! Yes, it's that time of the year again! 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.

Refreshments! Our club needs some helpers in the kitchen at the SAW general meetings to help set out the food and drinks, and/or help cleanup/put away things afterwards. If you would be willing to spare a few minutes of your time to be a refreshment helper, please let me know! And "thank you" to those SAW members (and nonmembers) currently helping with the club refreshments!

The SAW Toy Committee would like to thank the many SAW club members that volunteered and/or signed up to lead/supervise at the monthly toy building workshop program held at the Woodcraft store #320 in Sacramento. Your SAW club thanks you for your participation.

The California State Fair was a great success! Our SAW booth at the fair was well visited (110 sign-ups for a Newsletter). We heard a lot of good comments. Thank you club members for loaning your projects, your time, your skills, and your tools!

Have something you want to sell or donate to other club members? We have tables set up in the back of our monthly SAW meeting spot for club members to bring in tools, wood, books, magazines, machines, or other items to sell or give away. You must be a current member to have use of the tables. Club members can also advertise for free in the SAW Classified Ads section of the monthly club newsletter.

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

Have a great August with SAW!

August 2012 Calendar

8/4	Sat. 10 - 1	Wood Projects SIG Floyd Gibson
8/7	Tue. 7 - 9	General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento, CA
8/9	Thur. 6:15 - 9	Board Meeting
8/11	Sat. 10 - 1	Scroll Saw SIG Canceled
8/15	Wed. 10 - 1	Toy Workshop Woodcraft 9523 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento, CA 916-362-9664
8/18	Sat. 9 - 1	SAW Barbeque Aura Hardwoods 2477 Mercantile Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 916-638-7800
8/18	Sat. 2 - 5 (This month only)	Furniture SIG Tom Nelson
8/25	Sat. 10 - 1	Novice SIG Andrew Santos
8/26	Sun. 2 - 5	Lathe Turning SIG Ed Gieselmann

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:

Share some of your favorite woodworking related websites here! Contact Andy Volk.

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 Aug 4th Wood Projects SIG will be at Floyd Gibson's shop. Floyd is going to talk about computer numerically controlled "CNC" machining. Also I will have a "Woodworkers Journal" Video on shop made jigs. This video shows how to build a small bandsaw crosscut sled for cutting pen blanks, etc.

Scroll Saw SIG Contact person: Holly Lovvo

We had the July SIG at Jerry Engell's house. We had 16 people show. Thanks to David Chen who showed us how to make his cute rocking horses, and also to Bob Beckert who showed us the secrets to sawing out our names in wood and still be legible. We also cut out some more puzzles for the Salvation Army. We will not have the August SIG, but I will be in my workshop on that day if anyone would like to visit. I may put you to work sawing something ☺.

Furniture Projects SIG Contact person for August: Tom Nelson

Art Hawkins had 17 members over to his shop to see three ways of bending wood. Art had a steam bending set up made of 4½" ABS pipe with a propane heated turkey fryer filled with water as a steam source. While this can work well, the wood has to be set on the form quickly. Art is now using an ABS pipe filled with water to thoroughly soak his 6 foot wood strips and heat from a steam iron to assist with the tighter bends. He demonstrated this while making a laminated fishing net. Finally, he how to bend plywood by sawing multiple kerfs in the backside of the wood.

For the August Furniture Projects SIG, Gary Thatcher, Tom Jennings, Herb Fuller, and Tom Nelson are going to talk about design and techniques for doing Arts and Crafts/Stickley/Greene and Greene furniture. We will be showing jigs we use to make various arts and crafts elements. We will also show various pieces we have made in these styles. A discussion of techniques will be part of the SIG. The SIG will follow the SAW BBQ at Aura from 2 PM to 5 PM.

Lathe Turning SIG Contact person: Ed Gieselmann

Ed demonstrated how to use various chucks to hold turned material in the July Lathe SIG. He built two jam chucks to hold a bowl and an egg he was turning. He also used a collet chuck to hold his work while turning a bottle stopper.

The August Lathe Turning SIG will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on August 25. Topics will include a pepper grinder, finishes, and the Beall Buffing System for polishing.

Novice SIG Contact persons: Rob Drown, Gary Foster

The July Novice SIG will be on Power Sharpening using tools like the Tormek low speed grinding wheel, standard low speed grinders and the WorkSharp grinder.

The August Novice Sig will be at Andy Santos' shop. He will talk about routers, both table and hand held types.

Both SIGs will be at Rob Drown's shop.

August Large Raffle Prize



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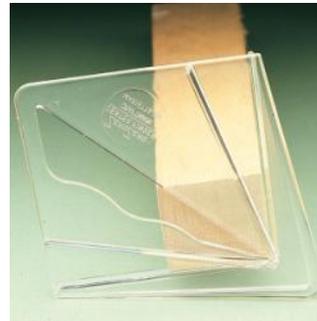
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From the General Meeting — June 5th



Our July speaker was Sylvia Nelson, the President of the California Gourd Society and award winning gourd artist. She demonstrated pyrography or the art of burning patterns on to a surface. She uses gourds, but the techniques and tools can be transferred to wood as well. She had many examples of her work at the meeting and provided information on how to get patterns on to the surface to be decorated and the types of hot pens that can be used, and where to get them.



Show and Tell



Gary Thatcher shows a Pelican carving



James Meek had several canes, plus some wood turning tools he made - a shaper holder and a three wheel steady rest



Jim Cauley shows a patterned serving tray he made with three types of wood.



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July Lathe Turning SIG demonstrated the use of various work holding chucks and jaws. He had what are known as Cole jaws for holding the edge of a bowl. Ed then made a jam chuck for his bowl using stacked pieces of MDF. He also made a jam chuck for holding a turned egg. Finally, a collet chuck was used to turn a bottle stopper.

Toy Time

Here we are, more than half way through the year.

Thanks to all for your kind thoughts and support for our family. The toy project was Hank's main focus as far as the woodworking. He enjoyed the people and loved having toys to give for the children.

Joe Orbeck was the leader for the July workshop, there were better than 15 people there working on the toys. Parts for 28 cradles were completed and the small airplanes from the previous workshop are now beautifully sanded and glued together.

The next Toy Workshop will be August 15. Bob Foiles will be the leader, and there will be fun projects to work on. Thanks to the Sacramento Woodcraft for furnishing the room for all the elves to work.

Remember, by newsletter time, you may still have an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket, \$1.00 each, at Woodcraft. They are offering a DeWalt 12 Volt Drill/Driver & Impact Driver kit, retail value \$199. This item was provide by Stanley Tool. You have until July 28 at 2 PM to purchase tickets. Thanks again to Woodcraft Store 320 and Stanley Tools for actively supporting our toy project.

As always, if you need wood, patterns or wheels please contact me.

Judy





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