Our December 5th SAW general meeting presentation is our club’s annual presentation of toys to the Salvation Army! The Ethyl Hart Center doors will open at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5th for anyone who would like to have some set-up time to display toys that you or your friends have made. Also, our December general club meeting, will officially begin at 7:00 PM sharp. We will have refreshments, and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Bring as many children, family members, friends, and even your neighbors as you would like to join us for some holiday cheer! Come see all the toys our club members have produced this year! (Finish your toys now so that kids can celebrate with their SAW toy presents this winter holiday season!)

Time to Renew Annual Dues for our club’s 36th year! See the club treasurer at the general meeting (or pay by mail). Remember: Your 2018 dues and any donations are now tax deductible! Not only is your 2018 SAW club membership/renewal dues tax deductible, but by having your 2018 SAW club card you get special and exclusive discounts and deals on wood, tools, machinery, books, clothing, and other products! 2018 SAW club dues are now being collected! Look inside this newsletter for further information on how to save by joining or renewing your membership with SAW!

New SAW contests, speakers, programs, and events are coming next year! Many items were a topic of discussion at our annual board retreat in order to make the club
The **Sacramento Area Woodworkers**, also known as SAW, is an 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is:

*To provide the community an enriched educational and charitable experience through woodworking.*

We also share woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

**2017 SAW BOARD**

All listed are voting members of the Board.

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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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**General Meeting Program Schedule**

- **Dec:** Presentation of Toys to the Salvation Army
- **Jan:** Speaker: Jim Cauley on Shop Safety Topic: What I got or Made for the Holidays

**Current Contest Schedule for 2018:**

- **Feb:** Contest: “Put a Lid in It”
- **Apr:** Contest: “Something in the Round”
- **Jun:** Contest: “Toys and Models”
- **Aug:** Contest: “2 x 4”
- **Oct:** Contest: “Something for the Kitchen”

**Librarians**

- 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.
- Your Library will be closed in December as we will be helping to bring some cheer to those who have less than we have. Return your books at the January meeting.
- Your Librarians wish You and Yours a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

**Membership**

It is that time of year again to renew your membership for 2018!

For all renewing members, the dues for SAW are $30 per calendar year (no prorated renewal). Any and all dependent family members, residing in the same address of a fully paid member, can join for an additional 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 for the year:

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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 by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Send to Andy Volk at newsletter@sacramentoareawoodworkers.com

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 Steven your thanks!
more fun for all. We discussed number of ideas and I think you will like the additions and changes we came up with. While no one likes change we will still make sure we take care of our members needs and make SAW a club that serves the membership the way it was intended to initially. As always, if you have suggestions you want to pass to the board members, we are open to listen to what you have to offer.

Help with some SIGs Needed!  Novice SIG & Furniture SIG.  We are still looking for someone to help Clayton Nye in case he cannot make a SIG due to job requirements.  Current SIG attendees should let Clayton know if you can assist.  Also, the venue so generously given by Paul Verlinde will not be available next year, so we are also looking for shops to host these SIGs.  Holly Lovvo is looking for someone to take up the mantle of Scroll Saw SIG coordinator.  We need a volunteer if we are to keep this SIG going on a regular basis.  Holly will be happy to assist.

This completes the 35th year of SAW! Thank you to everyone for helping to make this an exceptional year for SAW, and for all of the good cheer and camaraderie we shared too! It truly was another outstanding year for SAW! A special thanks as well to the volunteers that assist at every meeting with our library, raffles, meeting setup, refreshments, and other tasks as needed.

If I do not see you again before this year ends, I wish you a joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year in 2018! Happy Holidays!

### December 2017 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:

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

### Tip Corner:

If you have an interesting tip or “trick-of-the-trade” to share with the membership, contact Andy Volk. Published tips will earn a small raffle ticket.
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. Times and locations for each SIG is given in the Calendar on page 3.

Novice SIG  Contact persons: Clayton Nye

In the November Novice SIG, each member who wanted to, built a handmade serving tray. All tools and materials were be provided and several members left with glued up lamination for the tray. Hopefully, these will turn into Show and Tell items in the near future. (See photos below.)

Note: Because of the holidays, we will not be having a Novice SIG in December. We will return in January!

Also, we will be needing another workshop starting in January to continue the SAW Novice SIG and Furniture SIG tradition! If you can help, please call or email me.

CNC SIG  Contact person: Bob Prichard

This was the first SIG on this topic and we had a fairly large turnout of people interested in CNC. We had a long discussion about what we want this SIG to provide for each person. This SIG is not aimed an any particular vendor’s machine. We will have many discussions about CNC software as designing is about 90% of the project. The other 10% is just letting the machine run (hopefully properly). At the SIG, we demonstrated V-carving of pictures on a cradle that Floyd designed for the upcoming Salvation Army Toy giveaway. We also cutout the cradle ends so everyone could see how this was done. The SIG will be taking a holiday in December. The next meeting will be in January at Floyd Gibson’s shop and more info will follow as far as the agenda. Hope everyone is having a good holiday season.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person: Holly Lovvo

There will not be a Scroll Saw SIG every month in 2018. If anyone would like to take over the SIG, please let me know and I can make arrangements to transfer the saws and supplies to you. If someone else does take over, we can volunteer our shop to help out. If nobody takes over, then I may hold a scroll saw SIG a couple of times during the year. Thank you all for the support of the scroll saw group!

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person: Clayton Nye

In our November Furniture SIG, the group shared ideas on fixing and repairing furniture mistakes, and avoiding them in the first place. It was a good round table discussion.

Note: Because of the holidays we will not be having a Furniture SIG in December. We will return in January!

Also, see the notice under the Novice SIG about needing another workshop starting in January.

Memory Box Workshop  Contact person: Tom Harrington

Several SAW members went to the Lovvo’s workshop and finished the Memory Boxes started earlier this year.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person: Jack Stellman

The Lathe SIG will not be held in December because of the Holiday Season. The SIG will return in January with a class on stave-style segmented turnings.

In the November Novice SIG members got tips on building a laminated serving tray and then proceeded to do just that. Clayton Nye (above left) brought scraps of various wood types which were then sized and glued. Gerry Holmquist (above right) also demonstrated using a sharpening steel to quickly touch up carving tools to so you can keep working with sharp tools.
Our November speaker was Kevin Akin (left) a violin maker that studied for four years at the Violin Making School of America in Salt Lake City, Utah. He spent 4½ years learning the craft in which he had to complete 5 violins and a cello in school and two more with his own tools and in his own shop within 3 months of leaving school to in order to graduate. The top of the violin is spruce while maple is used in the back, sides, and neck. Ebony or some similarly dense wood is used for the finger board and other bits. He brought several completed and a couple of mostly completed instruments (upper right), plus several pieces showing the construction process along the way. The work is meticulous and painstaking with every part having to fitting exactly to the companion parts and all parts affecting the sound and quality of the instrument. Minor changes in thickness, finish, etc., change the sound to some extent. You don’t know how it sounds until it is completed! It was a fascinating talk!
The first **CNC SIG** was held in November and we had a fairly large turnout of people interested in CNC. We had a long discussion about what we want this SIG to provide for each person. This SIG is not aimed at any particular vendor’s machine. We demonstrated V-carving of pictures on a cradle (bottom right) that Floyd designed for the upcoming Salvation Army Toy Giveaway. We also cutout the cradle ends so everyone could see how this was done. One member brought items he had made on his Shark CNC (top right).

The **November Furniture SIG** was a discussion on fixing and avoiding mistakes. The group shared ideas on fixing and repairing furniture and methods to avoid the problems in the first place. It was a good round table discussion.

The **November Memory Box Workshop** got members out to finish up the boxes not completed in the earlier meeting. An official count was not provided, but there are 25 memory boxes on the table in front of this dedicated crew - a nice number to restock the Club’s inventory for future requests. Thanks to all that participated in either workshop and thanks to the Lovvos for making their shop available.
Power Tools for Sale

Jet JWS-18HO Open Stand Spindle Shaper
With manual and original accessories
Size 18 1/4W x 22 3/8"D x 40"H
1 HP motor; ½" and 3/4" spindles and collets
Asking Price: $50

DeWalt 770 Deluxe Powershop 10" Radial Arm Saw
Includes rolling cabinet base, some accessory parts
Wired for 220VAC but can be rewired for 120V
Overall height 63"
Asking price: $20

Wisco KTF-25 Floor Drill Press
3/4 HP motor, 11A, two belt drive
Spindle travel lock in calibrated in mm, spindle travel 3 5/8"
3/8" chuck w/ key
Five feet tall, bolted to 1 foot tall base (total 6 feet)
Table can be tilted left/right, has long vertical travel
for tall projects
Asking price: $20

Grizzly 6" Jointer Model G1182
With manual, 47"L x 20"W x 30.5"H
Cutter head speed 5000 RPM, 3 knives, 1HP motor, 110V
Fence has positive stops at 45 and 90 degrees
Table, fence and body are cast iron, base is steel
Wood magazine Sept 2001 rated #1 in review of 6" jointers
～$275 on eBay, asking price $150

Delta Hollow Chisel Mortiser model 14-650 Type 2
In original box, never unpacked
Bench mount design, for non-through mortises
Motor speed 1,725 RPM
On eBay for $250-$500; Asking price: $100

Contact Gary Sandler – garysandler42@gmail.com – 530-306-3457
Membership Renewal Drive

It is that time again! Renewals are due in January 2018. Please help by mailing in the form early. This will save you time waiting in long lines, and ease our new Treasurer’s stress! A win-win all the way around! And consider e-mail delivery of the newsletter to get everything in color, get the web links at a click of a mouse, save paper, and save the club over $15.50 in printing and postage.

If you renew at the General Meeting, go to the Treasurer’s table at the right side of the room and check your information on the members list there. If the information is correct, initial the line, inform the Treasurer that it is correct and pay your dues. No paperwork. If the information is not correct, please fill in the EZ Renewal form below and turn that in with your dues. Remember, your dues are tax deductible!

Note: There is now an option to have only your name published in the membership list that is available to other members on request.

All renewals will be issued a new membership card. All renewing members are encouraged to turn in their old cards for a chance to win a free membership in the March 2018 General Meeting! The winner will be refunded their dues for the 2018 calendar year!
Toy Time

The last Toy Workshop of 2017 was held in November. The last bits and pieces of several projects were done and some toys that were made by members at home were brought to be distributed in December. Andy had a crew of four helpers finishing up the hooks for the Fishing Game. Others cut out more puzzles.

The Workshop will return on the third Wednesday in January 2018 with our annual planning meeting for next year’s projects. Hope to see you there!

Thanks as always to the Sacramento Woodcraft for hosting our workshop.

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