President’s Message

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year’s celebration! Happy New Year to you all to ring in 2020. I wish you all continued health and great prosperity for the New Year! Can you believe this is our 38th Year of SAW?

Our last meeting involved the presentation of hand-crafted toys to the Salvation Army. What an event! An assemblage of fine crafted toys were presented along with delicious cake to commemorate the holiday celebration and donation event. Based on the last toy count tally we had approximately 920 toys loaded up in the Salvation Army Sleigh!! A big thanks goes out again to our Toy Chairperson/Member-At-Large: Andi Brewer and all of her woodcrafting elves for making these wonderful toys for our 2019 contribution to this great program. I know we changed many a child’s life by creating a hand-crafted toy that they can keep for a lifetime!

Our first meeting for 2020 meeting is on January 7th. Hopefully everyone has been enjoying their new tools and shop creations so that they can show some of their projects in our Show-n-Tell showcase of “What I got (or made) for the Holidays.” Plus, we will be discussing some Safety guidelines via a “Safety in the Shop” segment presented by our very own Member-at-Large: Jim Cauley! His professional background along with all other club member experiences will allow us to all share our breadth of knowledge. Of course, any information shared by our membership and knowledgeable woodworking group will enhance, and reinforce, a proactively safe working environment for your workshop.

The SAW board had our yearly retreat meeting, and I believe you will be happy with what our Board Members & Members-at-Large roles have planned for this upcoming year. We have, of course, some returning favorites along with some new topic ideas for everyone’s enjoyment. The list of upcoming contests for 2020 is on page 7.

Other upcoming plans for our SIGs will be discussed during our future upcoming meetings and within our future newsletters on a regular basis. At this time, our current Instructors will be teaching the following monthly SIGs. Herb Fuller will be presenting our Furniture SIG; Gerry Holmquist will be presenting our Novice SIG; Holly Lovvo will be presenting our Scroll Saw SIG; and Jim Cauley our Lath SIG. Please note there is a potential reorganization of schedule timeframes and possibly locale’s for you to note in the future based on the input of our instructors and their planned SIGs.

There is always a multitude of great opportunities to promote our group internally and externally. So do not be shy! If anyone wants to get more involved with our club, please let any board member know so we can continue supporting you and your active interest in our collective organization. Any help will always be appreciated! We cannot con-
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.

2020 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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MEMBERSHIP

It is RENEWAL time again! 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.

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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 the SAW Treasurer (See SAW Board listing above left) 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 all items checked out in 2019 at the next meeting.

Happy New Years from your SAW Librarians.

The new books this month are:

"Great Folk Instruments To Make & Play," by Dennis Waring
"Scroll Saw Baby Animals," by Judy and Dave Peterson

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!

General Meeting Program Schedule

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continue to support the club without everyone’s interest and involvement in all that we do.

Another great example of stimulating a new idea for local involvement in our community is being illustrated by our very own Don Brice who is leading a new program with WEAVE’s, Philanthropy Assistant Supervisor - Ms. Jordyn Pruitt. Please come to our next meeting so he can share with you his future plans and ideas for the upcoming year to promote items for this new outreach opportunity within our local community.

As a reminder, if you have not done so, it is that time of year to renew your membership to SAW and dues can be paid at the meeting by talking to our Treasurer - Kathy Braun or mailing your check to our PO Box along with the renewal form that is available in this newsletter.

Lastly, as a reminder you need to also get yourself ready now for the February SAW general meeting club contest on Tuesday, February 4, 2020: “Toys and Models.” We hope that this project will stimulate all of you to think out of the box and let your vivid imagination run wild to fabricate a Toy or Model. We hope this will also instill some great new thoughts for future Toys that may be possibilities for our upcoming Toy Workshop or your own personal contribution to our yearly Salvation Army Toy Drive!

### January 2020 Calendar

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**Cool Websites to check out:**

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

**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!

**HELPING HANDS**

SAW has a mentor program. This is how it works:

- If you need help with woodworking tools or a project - call ANDI Brewer
- If you have woodworking skills and knowledge to share - call ANDI Brewer

The mentor program has been successful this year. A number members have been helped. So if you need assistance with your equipment or project please consider calling Andi Brewer to be connected someone who can lend a helping hand.

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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.

Lathe SIG  Contact person: Jim Cauley
There will be no Lathe SIG in January. In February, I plan on turning a goblet. I have never turned one before, so it will be a learning experience for all of us.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person: Holly Lovvo
Happy New Year, everyone! Since we are now in the rainy season, we are not going to hold a formal SIG. Instead, we are going to open our shop for anything that anyone would like to do. Call ahead to check road conditions, or come on in via the Pleasant Grove Road side, as the Elverta approach has been flooded for the last two weeks.
We do have plenty of patterns and saws, and can get together any time - doesn't have to be on Sunday if another day is more convenient. See y'all soon!

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person: Richard and Herb Fuller
The December Furniture SIG is described below. In January, the construction of the Shaker stand will continue with making the top. We will be using a router surfacing jig to flatten the table top.

Novice SIG  Contact person: Gerry Holmquist
The January SIG will be a return to hand routers. Bring you routers. I will demonstrate the flattening of a board with a router. NOTE: The Novice SIG is now being held on the 2rd Saturday of the month.

In the December Furniture SIG, Herb finished up the pedestal and legs for the Shaker table he is building. The legs are cut out with the grain going through as much of the length of the leg as possible. A dove tail is cut into the end of the leg and a dovetail socket is cut into the bottom of the pedestal. Herb hand cut these dovetails, but one could also use a router using a jig like is shown in the top left photo. After the dry fit of the dovetail is confirmed, the leg is planed down to be thinner at the bottom (tapered) to give it more lightness (top row right). The surfaces are scraped and sanded to a smooth finish (bottom row left). After gluing the leg into the pedestal, Herb noted some gaps in the joint that he wanted to fill. His method is to take some very fine sawdust from the same wood as he is using and carefully filling the gap with it. He fixes it in place with shellac, which dries quickly and does not interfere with final finishing.
November Large Drawing Prize
Shop-Vac 12-Gallon 6-HP Shop Vacuum

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WOW Prize
First Alert Heavy Duty Fire Extinguisher

Badges Drawing
Craftsman 16’ Tape Measure

SpeedOut Double-Ended Screw Extractor

Bosch Daredevil 12-piece Spade Bit Set

Craftsman 12’ and 25’ Tape Measure

$25 Gift Card
The annual presentation of Toys made by SAW members (and others) was this month. First up was Andi Brewer (left) who presented toys made in the monthly SAW Toy Workshop and then painted by others. She also had many of the puzzles she makes as giveaways. Next, Patricia Fuller and Carmen Mitchell (center) show some of the more than thirty cloth books they made for toddlers. They are chewable and washable. On the right, Andy Volk shows the twenty fishing games assembled at the Toy Workshop and that he finished, painted, and boxed.

Bob Beckert (left) had a table full of toys, many made on his scroll saw: cars, boats, walking ducks, spinner tops, and more. Kathy Braun (center) finished the tongue drums started in the Toy Workshop that she directed. Finally, Carmen Mitchell (right) shows the doll beds which she organized and participated in the painting and making of mattresses and blankets.

Dan Burgess (left) made a bunch of baby rattles in the shapes of hippos and owls for the youngest of the kids we serve. Peter Noeth (center) made a baker’s dozen jump ropes. Steven Hitchen (right) made several toys on his CNC: helicopters, a castle, race cars, and two fire engines.
Floyd Gibson (above left) made a bunch of doll cradles on his CNC which were then filled with bedding and dolls from Carmen Mitchell and crew. From the scraps of the cradles, he cut out small “pocket cars.” Last Thanksgiving, he and his extended family all took several of these cars each and painted them. No two are alike. This will be a new tradition for them. Steve Bochman (above center) showed his cars he makes each year. He does a fantastic job of painting. Finally, Judy Wavers (above right) shows several bags of building blocks she made. An example set is shown on the table. After Salvation Army Lt. Larry Carmichael (left) addressed the group and thanked SAW for its contributions, cake was served, and our toys were loaded on the Salvation Army truck (below).

Contests for 2020

Feb: Toys and Models
Apr: Something for the Kitchen
Jun: Something for the Home or Shop
Aug: Wooden Art
Oct: Fall Holiday Extravaganza
Toy Time

I am proud and happy to announce that SAW gave 920 wrapped and labeled toys to the Salvation Army on December 3rd. We learned much this year from continued communication with Salvation Army staff, and the pictures below show some of those benefits. The pictures show that the bags are twice the size as before and all items can be placed inside.

We will have a fun filled year ahead of us as we gather at the Woodcraft store on Folsom Blvd. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. January 15th will be our planning meeting, and I hope to see many of you there with ideas for this coming year at the toy workshop.

Our workshops are your opportunity to learn new skills on machines and tools you may not have access to in your shop or workspace. There are plans and instructions provided with wood, to build toys, as well as many skilled woodworkers present to help you along the way. It’s a fun filled gathering with like-minded woodworkers. So join us on January 15 at 10 AM for the exciting beginning of a new year.

ANDI Brewer

The photos here are of toys not well shown in other photos: 1. CNC toys made by Steven Hitchens, 2. Baby rattles by Dan Burgess, 3. Doll cradles and pocket cars by Floyd Gibson, 4: Boxes of over 150 cars, trucks, and pull dogs and ducks by Dave Hudson, 5. Cloth books by Patricia Fuller and Carmen Mitchell, and 6. A variety of toys by Bob Beckert.
Membership Renewal Drive

It is that time again! Renewals are due now. 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 almost $20.00 per year** 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!

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 2020 General Meeting! The winner will be refunded their dues for the 2020 calendar year!

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

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**Membership Application**

**January to December  
EZ Renewal**

Make your check payable to: “SAW” or Sacramento Area Woodworkers

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**Member Information**

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SAW Use only:

- New Card Number: ____________________
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**Do we need to update your Information? If so please let us know what is new:**

- Address: ______________________________________________________
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- Phone Number ☑: (_____ ______________________________
- E-mail ☑: ____________________________
- Check box to withhold publishing Address, Phone and E-mail in membership list: [ ]

**Note:** Necessary to receive electronic SAW Newsletter, updates and other notices.

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