I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year and getting off to a running start on all of your projects for both for yourselves and others.

At the January meeting, we kicked off our New Year with a discussion about “What I got or made during the Holiday’s” and “Safety in the Shop.”

Our Contest this month is to encourage you all to creatively think out of the box with Model and Toy Design ideas. We also figured that if you did not want to try a Model. A Toy was another choice. A Toy design would also be a great opportunity to get possible new ideas for Toys that may be good models for our future end-of-the-year Salvation Army contribution.

Our February 4th meeting will be a discussion of DeWalt tools, to provide us some insight on their tools to enhance the woodworking experience.

As a reminder Andi Brewer, our Toy Chairperson/Member at Large is working on fabricating “Caterpillars on Wheels” for the next Toy Workshop. Andi, will also be placing a future order for materials by 2/21/20. Therefore, make sure you provide her some input if there is something you need for a planned toy design project.

In addition, Don Brice our lead WEAVE Coordinator will also be sharing with us some potential ideas for his upcoming plans for the WEAVE program. He is currently working on with our Local Sacramento Chapter.

As previously mentioned, we are always looking for people to volunteer their time to assist with some of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). We have some great SIGs currently happening and being coordinated for this month and into the immediate future, that will be hosted by our skilled instructors: Gerry Holmquist, (Novice); Holly Lovvo, (Scroll Saw); Herb Fuller, (Furniture); and Jim Cauley (Lathe - on temporary hiatus).

As everyone knows, each year we have two shop tours. The Spring tour will be coming up in April so we need you to be a Host. No shop is considered too small or too big! If you are willing to show your shop this coming Spring, please contact Jim Cauley and let him know. He will coordinate the destination plans for this wonderful event.
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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Librarians: Bob Beckert, Norm Steinbach, Dick Grant, Joe Trevino

Toy Chairperson: Andi Brewer

Weave: Don Brice

Small Drawing: Holly Lovvo

Large Drawing: Jack Read

Badges: Kathy Braun

Refreshments: Don and Maria Brice

Web Master: Matthew Burlingame

S A W Staff Members: Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

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.

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 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.

The new books this month are:

"Making Wooden Jigsaw Puzzles," by Evan J. Kern
"Veneering: A Complete Course," by Ian Hosker
"Making Wooden Mechanical Models," by Alan and Gill Bridgewater

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

Feb: Speaker: DeWalt Tools
| Contest: “Toys and Models” |
Mar: Speaker: TBA
| Activity: TBA |
Apr: Speaker: TBA
| Contest: “Anything for the Kitchen” |
As a follow-up reminder, it is the time to renew your membership to SAW. Dues can be paid at the meeting by talking to Kathy Braun or mailed in. A renewal form is available at the meeting or contact any board member and we will assist you.

Don’t forget to read your newsletter for all the important pieces of information associated with your SAW Membership. The first person to come up to me at the meeting to discuss a bit of trivia related to our current Newsletter will receive something special! Be there or be square!!

Mark Mason

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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 in the last 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.

WEAVE Support Workshop

WEAVE provides support, counseling and housing to women and men escaping abuse, violence and trafficking. SAW members can use their woodworking skills to support WEAVE’s mission and the crucial healing process.

If you are interested in learning how you can help, please attend a meeting at Woodcraft Sacramento on Tuesday, February 25th starting at 3:00 PM. You can also contact Don Brice at a SAW meeting. He and his wife, Maria, are providing the meeting snacks.

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!
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 February as Jim was injured in a fall. He will return to the shop in the future. Stay tuned.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo
Happy February! This month, we will be creating a fretwork bird on a wooden stand. I saw the pattern on Scroll Saw Workshop (Steve Good) and think it will be a fun project to make. As usual, I will supply all the materials and saws. Come on out and enjoy the rural peace and quiet. See you soon!

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person:  Richard and Herb Fuller
The January Furniture SIG is described below. In February, the construction of the Shaker stand will conclude with the attachment of the top and the finishing. Herb will also discuss the next project for the Furniture SIG.

Novice SIG  Contact person:  Gerry Holmquist
For Feb 8, We will use the 1/4-1/4-1/4 dado-rabbit joinery and the jig that we used on Jan 11 to make a drawer, and then make a larger box. Rather than using the classical Hitchens’ method wherein one starts with an accurate, detailed drawing, we will start with a bottom rectangle of plywood and, by the seats of our pants, build the box around it with 1/2” plywood. This is a different modus operandi from the usual that uses exact drawings. Wood will be provided. Bring your router with a 1/4” diameter bit. Two routers will be provided. People without jigs can make a quick one at the beginning of the class.

NOTE: The Novice SIG is now being held on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

In the January Furniture SIG, Herb and Richard demonstrated the preparation of the Shaker stand top. Prior to the meeting, Herb built a big jig he used to flatten the burl top (top row left). A special surfacing bit (top center) was used in his 3¼ HP router. He then used a circle cutting jig on his bandsaw to cut out the top (top right). The top will be attached to the pedestal through a plate (bottom row left). The plate has a hole that mates to a peg that is slotted for a wedge. The plate is glued on and the wedge is glued and driven in. The shape of the top is refined with a chamfer on the bottom edge which is cut in with a spokeshave and plane (bottom center). Richard also used the flattening jig to start flattening a large burl slab he will use as a coffee table (bottom right).
February Large Drawing Prize
Skill 30-piece Router Bit Set
- Includes several edge-forming, surface-forming, straight and joinery bits
- Carbide tips provide long-lasting cutting edges for durability
- Control cut design helps minimize kick-back to prevent injuries during operation

WOW Prize
Milwaukee Folding Convertible Hand Truck

Badges Drawing
Kobalt Precision Screwdriver Set

Crown Tools
135 Marking Gauge

Milwaukee 2pc. 6 in. Jab Saw

Irwin Speedbor Max Tri-flute Drill Bit

Bunch of Towels & Bucket
White terry cloth & Yellow microfiber

Contests for 2020
Feb: Toys and Models (This Month!)
Apr: Something for the Kitchen
Jun: Something for the Home or Shop
Aug: Wooden Art
Oct: Fall Holiday Extravaganza
We kicked off the new year with our usual “What I got or made for the Holidays” and a safety talk. Ironically, our scheduled speaker was not available because he suffered a fall from a ladder and injured a hip. Mark Mason and the membership took over by discussing safety in the shop with a concentration on fire hazards (Mark’s expertise). Among other items, Mark warned against over-charging tool lithium batteries as even new ones have started fires. Oily rags (motor or finishing oils) can cause spontaneous combustion if not allowed to dry out and kept in covered metal container. Stay Safe out there!

**January Show and Tell with “What I Got or Made for the Holidays”**

**Kathy Braun** (above)
made an intarsia moose from walnut, Chechen, rosewood, red oak, blue pine, and mahogany.

**John Vester** (above)
made an “I’m This Big” wall plaque to track his grandchildren’s growth.

**Rick McLeod** (above) made box to hold his stepson’s watch collection from maple with a walnut and birds-eye maple top. He had only photos as the box had already been given as a gift.

**Don Smith** (above) turned a bowl from spalted gray poplar. He accidentally chipped a scallop from the edge and decided to turn it into a feature by adding more scallops.

**Dan Burgess** (above) made a pen with colored pencils embedded crosswise in it. It was an impressive design effect.

**Andy Volk** (above) made a cheese cutting board for his wife, inspired by Chuck Eiferle’s contest entry last year. For Christmas, he also got two of the newest Veritas miniature tools: a honing guide and a low-angle bench plane.

**Don King** (above) made a few cell phone passive speaker amplifiers for his family. Don demonstrated it and the amplification was impressive.
Toy Time

Hello SAW enthusiasts and hard-working toy building members. In January we had a planning meeting at Woodcraft Sacramento on Folsom Blvd with 16 members attending (bottom photo). The meeting covered much information that was gathered from the Salvation Army toy distribution. We are planning to make toys that fit into larger bags this year, as well as continuing to package and wrap the toys that we turn over to the Salvation Army. There will be a meeting on March 11th @ 11 AM with the Salvation Army to learn additional ways we can assist their program. Anyone who might be interested in attending with me, please give me a call.

Our next meeting will be on February 19th from 10 AM to 1 PM, and we will be making caterpillars on wheels (photo at right). This was inspired by a Pinterest listing (below right).

Each month we are going to enlist help from our members and bring a new flavor to the workshop as different individuals will be leading the lessons. So please come and join us as we work together and have fun learning how to use the tools and make wonderful toys.

The toy workshop is held at Woodcraft and those who participate get a discount on their purchases in the store. Looking forward to seeing you!

ANDI Brewer

In the January Novice SIG, Gerry demonstrated how to make a joint (e.g. for a drawer) with a ¼” router bit. The trick is most easily done with 1/2” material. A ¼” thick rabbet is cut on the ends of the drawer front and back that is cut ¼” deep from the end. Next, a dado is cut ¼” wide, ¼” deep, and ¼” from the end of the sides. The tongue of the rabbet then fits nicely into the dado to form the joint. To facilitate this, Gerry showed how to make a guide for the router (above center).

At this point, the SIG was turned over to the attendees to make their own guides for their routers and then make an example joint (above right). There was a great turnout for the Novice SIG (right).
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 (which went up in January 2019).

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.

Membership Application

January to December

EZ Renewal

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

SAW Use Only: Membership: [ ] Individual [ ] Family

Amount Paid [ ] $30 [ ] $45 [ ] Check [ ] Cash

Member Information

Please Print Clearly

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