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**SAW Newsletter**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**HART SENIOR CENTER**

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April Meeting is Cancelled

915 27th St, Sacramento, CA

April 2020

(Between I & J Streets)

**President's Message**



Well I thought spring was on its way last month, but we have received a significant dumping of snow in the Sierra Mountains. I am not sure what the weather will bring over the next

month—rain, snow, or sun. However, one thing for sure is a constant: woodworking projects still exist for us to do.

At the March meeting, we had a great presentation put on by our very own Vice President, Richard Fuller, related to how to "Design and Build a Functional Workbench." This was a great presentation related to the importance of having a well-designed workbench in your shop.

Unfortunately, since our last meeting, the Governor has mandated a Shelter-In-Place for the area. To stop the spread of the virus, the E. M. Hart Senior Center

has been largely closed, stopping us using the Center for our General Meetings in April and the foreseeable future.

Given all the pandemic concerns with the recent schools, meetings, and event closures in in the region related to COVID-19, the decision to cancel was probably for the best. There is definitely lots of uncertainty in the world as we know it. Per the CDC, this appears to be the best way to stop the spread of risk to our general population. Regardless of circumstances specified above, I do believe it would have been very difficult to have "social distancing" of six feet at our General Meeting.

Please keep your April Contest projects along with your Show and Tell projects for a future meeting yet to be determined.

In conjunction, our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) related to Lathe, Scroll Saw, Furniture, and the Toy and WEAVE workshops have also been currently postponed.

Finally, the Spring Shop Tour scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, has also been cancelled.

**Welcome New Members**

Justin Koenigshof

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.

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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.

President	Mark Mason	
Vice President	Richard Fuller	
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Member-at-Large	Jim Cauley	
Member-at-Large	Charles Linn	
Member-at-Large	Richard Lovvo	

**SAW Staff Members:** Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

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

**General Meeting Program Schedule**

- Apr: **Meeting Canceled**
- May: Speaker: TBA  
Activity: TBA
- Jun: Speaker: TBA  
Contest: "Something for the Home or Shop"
- Jul: Speaker: Kathy Braun – Intarsia  
Activity: TBA

**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 added to the library this month are:**

- ""Tops: Making the Universal Toy," by Michael Cullen
- "Puzzle Projects for Woodworkers," by Allan J Boardman
- "Making Heirloom Boxes," by Peter Lloyd

(All these books are donations from the estate of former SAW member Harold Hubbard.)

**MEMBERSHIP**

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:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Jan - Mar (or renewing member)	\$30.00	\$45.00
Apr - Jun	\$22.50	\$33.75
Jul - Sept	\$15.00	\$22.50
Oct - Dec	\$ 7.50	\$11.25

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.

**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](mailto: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!

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I would encourage everyone to take this opportunity to spend some quality time with your families and friends at home or via phone or video chat, so you can stay connected during this time.

Regardless of any mandate set forth by government, you can still work in your shop to your heart's content. However, just be safe given that the hospital is not where you want to be now.

Take care of yourselves and family!  
Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

Mark Mason

**April 2020 Calendar**

4/07	Tue. 7 - 9	<b>General Meeting</b> Ethyl Hart Senior Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
4/04	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Lathe Turning SIG</b> Jim Cauley No SIG in April.
4/15	Wed. 6:30 to 9 PM	<b>SAW Board Meeting</b> Woodcraft <b>CANCELLED</b>
4/11	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Novice SIG</b> Gerry Holmquist
4/12	Sun. 10 - 2	<b>Scroll Saw SIG</b> Holly Lovvo No SIG in April.
4/15	Wed. 10 - 1	<b>Toy Workshop</b> Woodcraft No Workshop in April
4/16	Thur. 1 - 4	<b>WEAVE Workshop</b> Woodcraft No Workshop in April
4/18	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Furniture SIG</b> Herb Fuller No SIG in April.
4/19	Sun. 1-5	<b>SAW Spring Shop Tour</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>

**WEAVE News**

On February 25<sup>th</sup> 10 SAW members met at Woodcraft to determine how to best support WEAVE. The group decided that we would start by making pens, which will be paired with diaries, and jewelry boxes. WEAVE will distribute these items to the residents of their safe houses. Survivor boxes, which WEAVE gives to victims of sex trafficking, will be made in upcoming months.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> at Woodcraft Michael Jay Bush led a pen turning session. Michael Jay provided the needed material so all the members had to do was focus on turning. The Maple blanks he provided made beautiful pens. Each pen will be paired with a diary and given to the adult residents of WEAVE's safe house. The members who participated are Bill Watts, Kathy Brown, Holly Lovvo, Neysa Bush and Don Brice.

Further workshops are planned but are on hold pending availability of Woodcraft's shop during the shutdown.

Please contact Don Brice.

**HELPING HANDS**

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



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

So call Andi to get HELPING HANDS.

**Cool Websites to check out:**

Share your favorite woodworking related websites here! Contact [Andy Volk](#).

Dan Burgess is always looking for new and neat ways to make pens:

I saw this on a blog I follow. It seemed pretty neat, so I wanted to share. I'd need to get a few things to make the blank, but the concept seems like a cool up-cycle project.

Watch "Beginner's Guide to Melting HDPE - How to Make a Recycled Plastic Pen" on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/-igxhoGEQFU>

**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

If it is not one thing, it is another. Due to the current coronavirus issues, Jim is postponing his SIG until further notice.

**Scroll Saw SIG** Contact person: Holly Lovvo

The weather did not cooperate well for March’s SIG, but we did have Don Brice drop in requesting help in a future SIG. Don would like to put inspirational words on the lids of the boxes made for WEAVE and asked for our input. We looked at various designs, and will be selecting the ones Don likes in the near future. We will spend the next SIG cutting out the patterns for the WEAVE effort.

With current events changing so rapidly, we will err on the side of caution and cancel the SIG in April, and plan on holding the next SIG in May. However, if anyone would like to drop on by and work on the patterns for WEAVE (or any other project), give us a call and we will be happy to open up the shop and spend some good quality time together.

**Furniture Projects SIG** Contact person: Richard and Herb Fuller

Again, due to the virus health directives, Herb is postponing his SIG until further notice.

**Novice SIG** Contact person: Gerry Holmquist

At the march novice SIG, we made a face frame for the cabinet using half laps and hidden half laps. No novices were in attendance. But we had the greatest time making this thing by committee. Generally, I don’t like being told what to do but these SIGS are just another cooperative joy of innumerable interruptions by people who know more than I do.

Next month, we glue on the face-frame and the hardwood top.

## Dust Collector For Sale

I would like to sell my Delta dust collector model 50-760, shown at right. The Delta document indicates 1½ hp and a 1 micron filter bag, wired for 110V. I think I purchased it in 2007. It is in good condition.

Asking \$125.

Read Harrison

[rrharri@pacbell.net](mailto:rrharri@pacbell.net)



From the General Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>



Our own SAW Vice President, **Richard Fuller**, gave a nice talk on the topic of “The Most Important Tool in the Shop,” the Workbench. He covered the history of western workbenches from Roman through medieval times when they were low (knee height) and were sat on to work. The “saw bench” sitting on the table in the photo at left is an example of one, still used today. Sometime in the 15th to 17th century, workpieces became too bit to fit on that style and benches be came larger and something about waist height, as we generally know today. He covered the French (Roubo), English (i.e.: Nicholson), and Germanic styles (with end vices). The presentation he gave has been posted on the SAW Website.

March Show and Tell



**Bob Beckert** (above) made a fretwork box (left) lined in blue cloth that better shows the handiwork. He also made a table lamp with fretwork design (right) with a rice paper shade.

**Andy Volk** (above) made a bead holder for his sister who is a lampworker (she makes glass beads). She will use this when she goes to bead shows to display her beads for sale.



**Jim Cauley** (above) shows the goblet he turned from a lamination of various woods. He will eventually be demonstrating how to make one when his Lathe SIG resumes.

**David Chin** (above) made a fleet of helicopters, labelled with “CHP” and the call signs of a few local news channels. All four helicopters come apart and fit into a purpose-built box (right).

## Toy Time

OK, Spring 2020 is here, and unfortunately, so is the coronavirus. We did hold the Toy Workshop in March on the 19th. We had a very small crowd, three (see photo at left). Many of our member made the smart decision with their choice to stay sheltered at home. Please know that my concern is always for the health and safety of our members.

The sad thing is that the coronavirus is causing the cancellation of most activities at Woodcraft for the foreseeable future. This means that the April Toy Workshop is also likely cancelled. Please stay tuned for announcements of future activities.

When we resume, Steve Bockman will again give us instructions and materials on building the cars (shown at left). He has a number of jigs for making this wooden car process simple. His jigs will expedite the workmanship skills we will be using.

Finally, I want to remind SAW Members that I have lots of wood available (see below) to build toys. Most of it is 1/2" pine, but I have made many things out of it by laminating the wood together. My contact information is given below.

ANDI Brewer



## Oneida Dust Deputy For Sale

A used Oneida Dust Deputy cyclone dust separator is for sale. It has been well-used for the past 3 years, but it's free of any dents/or other defects that would make it unusable. It's plastic with no moving parts so what can really go wrong with it? It retails for about \$100. This is the deluxe model and while I don't have the original hose, I do have a 4-foot section of hose from my shop vac that I will include. I'm also pretty sure I have all of the parts for the wheels. I didn't attach them.

Email me if you are interested.

Justin Koenigshof

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