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**SAW Newsletter**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**HART SENIOR CENTER**

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September Meeting is Can-  
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915 27th St, Sacramento, CA  
(Between I & J Streets)

**President's Message**



The heat of summer was quite prevalent in August. Hopefully, September will not be so extreme. In addition, who would have thought we would have had lightning trigger such widespread catastrophic fires affecting the entire State of California. Unfortunately,

this dynamic did not help us work in our shops. Hopefully, we will have a nicer work environment this month for heat and breathing conditions to get us back to normal woodworking.

My newest project has been for my 12 year-old girl who wants her bedroom closet to have a makeover with new drawers and shelves with school starting up again. Even if it is only on-line, every teenager needs a makeover. Shoe shelves are also the topic of discussion. Where to put them up high or low. Maybe this new project will make me assess my own clothing organization plans given that I am also a clothes horse, and I need to re-do my closet.

Turning to SAW business, **Officer Elections are coming up for our SAW board** and we will have nominations that need to take place in

September for our upcoming election in October.

The positions open are **President and Secretary**. These are two year terms. The other positions that are 1 year positions are **Program Chair and Editor**. We could use a Program Chair this year to consider speakers possibly for a future virtual program that is in an experimental stage. That could help us share information via a computer given that COVID-19 is restricting our ability to meet as a group. I believe that Andy may still have plans to stay on as the Editor given that he has done such a great job for many years and is one of the key players in keeping everyone informed and on track in this new electronic reality.

Regardless, of any one current role. All the positions specified above are available for anyone that has an interest or ambition to make their mark by throwing their name into the hat. Volunteers allow us to continue keeping our great organization active in woodworking while stimulating new opportunities for people to lead and to be involved with new ideas. **Do not be shy**. Let anyone on the SAW Board know if you have an interest in these roles so we can establish a list of potential candidates.

Our **SAW 2020 Toy Virtual Contest** is coming to a conclusion (see Calendar on page 3). I would like to thank everyone who is participating and acknowledge all of their fine woodworking entries. This has been a great opportunity to stimulate some additional ideas for the end of the year Salvation Army Toy Drive, that is still on-going in individual shops

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**Welcome New Members**

Matt Muirhead

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.

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	
Secretary	Dan Burgess	
Treasurer	Kathy Braun	
Program Chairman	<b>Open</b>	
Editor	Andy Volk	
Member-at-Large	Andi Brewer	
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

Sept: Meetings on hold for duration  
Nominations for SAW Board positions of:  
President, Secretary, Program Chair, and Editor

Oct: SAW Board Elections

#### 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 at the next meeting, whenever that is.

**With General SAW Meetings suspended, the Library is closed until we resume meetings.**

#### 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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through-out our membership.

Lastly, if any member wants to present on a subject via the virtual environment, let any board member know or our Facebook Leader/ Secretary - Dan Burgess and we will try to put something together that may be opportunity to share as a collective topic for the general membership on our SAW Facebook Group site. See bottom of page 5.

Enjoy the final days of summer this September by getting back into the woodworking groove. Talk to you all in October!

Take care and be safe!

Mark Mason

## Joining SAW Facebook

The SAW Facebook page is a great way to exchange ideas, interact, and stay connected with the SAW group. You can share your projects with other members, ask questions, and share tips, tricks, fun videos, and even participate in our virtual contests.

As a reminder, this is a private Facebook group, so you will need to request to join. One of our Facebook moderators will approve the request. Once approved, you will be able to share with other members.

To join the group, it is as simple as:

Go to the SAW Facebook group URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sawmembers>

Click the "+ Join Group" blue button

That's it!!!

### Cool Websites to check out:

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

### September 2020 Calendar

9/01	Tue.	<b>SAW Virtual Toy Contest Entries Due</b> (see page 4)
9/01	Tue. 7 - 9	<b>General Meeting</b> Ethyl Hart Senior Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
9/05	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Lathe Turning SIG</b> Jim Cauley No SIG in September.
9/09	Wed.	<b>SAW Virtual Toy Contest Votes Due</b>
9/09	Wed. 6:30 to 9 PM	<b>SAW Board Meeting</b> Phone Conference
9/12	Sat.	<b>SAW Virtual Raffle Entries Due</b> (see page 5)
9/12	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Novice SIG</b> Gerry Holmquist No SIG in September.
9/13	Sun. 10 - 2	<b>Scroll Saw SIG</b> Holly Lovvo No SIG in September.
9/16	Wed. 10 - 1	<b>Toy Workshop</b> Woodcraft No Workshop in September
9/17	Thur. 1 - 4	<b>WEAVE Workshop</b> Woodcraft No Workshop in September
9/19	Sat. 10 - 1	<b>Furniture SIG</b> Herb Fuller No SIG in September.

## 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.

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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.

All SAW SIGs are also on Hiatus until further notice.

**Lathe SIG** Contact person: Jim Cauley

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

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

**Novice SIG** Contact person: Gerry Holmquist

## SAW 2020 Toy Virtual Contest

Since the first-ever SAW Summer 2020 Virtual Contest had such great participation, we would like to do another virtual contest. This contest will target the main goal of our club: the Toy building and the Toy giveaway to the Salvation Army. Here’s how it will work:

- Submissions will be done via the SAW Facebook group. If you do not have access to Facebook, you can contact a board member to submit on your behalf.
- Dan Burgess has created a new Facebook group 'topic' called, "Toy 2020 Virtual Contest". When you submit your entry, you will tag it with this topic. This will allow other members to quickly filter and see all entries. If you have questions or issues tagging, a board member can help adding the topic tag.
- Entries are due by end of day, Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan will create a way to anonymously a vote for your favorite item. If you cannot get online, contact Dan to cast a vote by proxy. Votes are due by the end of September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Rules are in the August Newsletter, which can also be found on the SAW page on-line.

## Select Projects From the SAW Facebook Page



Matt Muirhead



Kevin Akin



William Watts



Rolf Bell



Justin Koenigshof



Kathy Braun



Jon Hollingsworth

## SAW Virtual Raffle

SAW has Virtual Show-n-Tell via its Facebook page and has launched two Virtual Contests. Now it is time for a Virtual Raffle. A few members are holding donations from various people and it is time to clear shop.

A gentleman in Carmichael has given up woodworking and has donated some tools and hardware to SAW. The smaller items will be available later, but the larger items are eager to get settled in a new home now:

1. Hitachi 8.5" sliding compound saw (Model C 8FB2) - Photo below left
2. Craftsman 1 hp, 24,000 rpm router (Model 315.25031) - Second photo below from left
3. Craftsman 3hp Wet/Dry shop vac, with two hoses and multiple attachments - Second from right
4. Homemade drop leaf work table. Height: 34"; Depth: 36"; Width: 16" folded, 59" expanded - Two photos below at right

The Raffle is **open only to SAW Members**. You can express interest in more than one item, but can win only one item. Please email Mark Mapes & Dan Burgess indicating which item(s) you're interested in. The deadline to enter your name is Friday, September 12. If an item has more than one interested party, the winner will be determined by random draw.



## Call for SAW Facebook/YouTube Video Content

Hello SAW members. Since we are unable to meet in person during the pandemic, the SAW board is looking to create and post some video content on the SAW Facebook group to share with our members. Our goal is to create SIG like videos to share. We are currently researching the use of Facebook Live and/or YouTube videos, but are open to any technology that seems viable. If any SAW members would like to help with this process, please reach out to **Dan Burgess**. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Toy Time

SAW woodworkers unite! I am putting out the call. We've been cooped up in our homes long enough and sick of watching television, so get out to your shops and make some toys for Salvation Army December's toy drive. As was stated last month in our newsletter, the goal is 1500 toys. I'm proud to say we are getting closer to that goal!

Since my last message, I have spoken with Samantha, our PR contact with the Salvation Army. She is so looking forward to receiving our wooden toys. She shared that this year there has been many more challenges, as one can imagine. First with the virus, then the businesses being shut down, more children in need, and at present, the wild fires. So we want to help in anyway we can with as many toys as possible.

We are changing the location and date for the **DROP OFF OF OUR TOYS to DECEMBER 8th**, (the second Tuesday of December) at 5:30PM at the back of **WOODCRAFT SACRAMENTO STORE** on Folsom Blvd. The Salvation Army truck will be there between 6:00PM and 6:30PM.

That date will be here before you know it. So many of our members like Dave Hudson, Michael Bush, Floyd Gibson, Dan Burgess, Andy Volk, Steve Bockman, Bob Beckert, Kathy Braun, and many more are hard at work building toys for December. How about you? Are you ready to add your name to those making toys? I'm telling you it is such a heart felt pleasure one gets by giving our beautiful wooden toys to children at Christmas?

Remember, Gerry Holmquist has volunteered to open his shop on a one to one basis for members to come to his shop to work on projects. He wants to share his knowledge as the novice SIG leader. I am also opening my shop on the same basis. Members simply need to call Gerry or me, then make arrangements to come over and work in our shops. I have plans, supplies and anything you might need for your wooden creation.

Additionally remember there is a VIRTUAL TOY CONTEST on SAW's Facebook page. So put on your thinking caps and submit your toy for the contest.

ANDI Brewer

## Note from Judy Wavers

Hi to all! In the perfect world, I would have been at a meeting and saying see you soon. Since that is not the case, I am leaving you all this note. I have moved to Redding and in the process of getting settled. I know I'm going to miss the SAW meetings and activities, and most of all, contact with each of you. If you are in Redding, I would always welcome coming by or meeting for a chat. My phone and cell number are the same as always. When there is a real live meeting, I hope to be there.

Wishing everyone well,  
Judy

## Safety Tip

Be sure to use hearing protection when you use your router!



## WEAVE News

It is great to be able to welcome Bob Beckert to the group of individuals making gifts for WEAVE. Please see the picture of the boxes he made. Bill Watts and Don Brice also found time to create gifts for WEAVE. As noted in last month's Newsletter all of these gifts will be given to WEAVE in November for distribution to the adult residents of WEAVE's safe house.

WEAVE publishes a Stewardship Report detailing their ever expanding efforts to help victims of violence and sex trafficking. Of particular note in the Spring 2020 Update are the following: WEAVE Learn is an online training program that helps participants recognize the signs of sexual exploitation of children, the completion of two new Transitional Housing cottages on WEAVE's residential campus and WEAVE has adopted the Strengths Model which builds on the assets of the survivors.

As you can see WEAVE's efforts are both far ranging and expanding. Additional help in making gifts is certainly needed. If you have the time and interest in helping please do. Contact Don Brice with any questions or comments.

Boxes from Bill Watts



Boxes from Bob Beckert



Bowls from Don Brice



## From Capital Woodcarver's Association Newsletter

*Diana Kwan is a exceptionally talented chip woodcarver who is inviting the members of Capital Woodcarver's Association (CWA) to join with SAW in making items for the Salvation Army Toy Giveaway:*

Hi Carving Friends,

I was chatting recently with Andi Brewer, who is from the Sacramento Area Woodworkers (SAW) group. They have been working with the Salvation Army in making and donating wooden toys for children for a number of years. You may recall that similarly many CWA members have been donating their carvings for kids at the UC Davis Medical Center for years during the holiday season. We haven't participated as a club in doing this for a while, but this may be a good time to restart.

The Salvation Army would greatly appreciate toys for their annual gift giving to kids 1-7 years of age. Subjects could be of anything such as, figures, animals, puzzles, boxes, etc., wherever your imagination takes you. Just be aware of safety measures such as, size, no removable parts, toxicity of the finish, etc.

Andi has graciously offered to be the coordinator and collector, and contact her if you want further information. She said the deadline for collecting the donated items is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This way they can be quarantined for a couple of weeks for safety reasons before each item is packaged and labeled for the appropriate age group.

During this time when many of us are homebound, this could be an opportunity and stimulus to get creative. It doesn't matter your level of expertise, you know your donation will be appreciated. By the way, you are welcome to donate as many items as you like.

I hope you will consider to participate. Not only will you be sharpening your skills, but your donation will be gratefully received.

Take care and Thank you,

Diana Kwan



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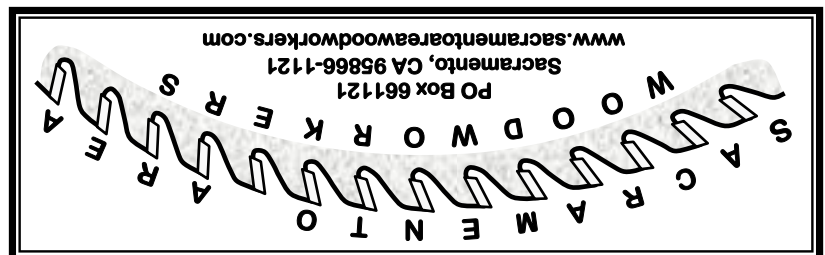
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