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SAW Newsletter

NEXT MEETING:

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December Meeting is Cancelled

915 27th St, Sacramento, CA

December 2020

(Between I & J Streets)

President's Message



Well it has been a unique year to say the least, from COVID-19 to wildfires in multiple States. But as time marches on, we continue to adapt in our shops for a safe place to create things for ourselves, family members, friends, and our local community.

Unfortunately, The Ethyl Hart Center doors are still closed for future Club General Meetings, but this coming year of 2021 we are considering options using the Zoom Platform along with our Facebook Platform to continue providing our Membership a way to interact with each other.

Our current **SAW Facebook On-line Virtual Contest** is called "Something for the Holidays." This is the last opportunity for your creative contributions in 2020. Rules are given in the last two Newsletters. As a reminder, all entries are due by December 1, 2020 at midnight.

I would like to extend a big thank you to both **Andi Brewer, our Toy Workshop Leader and Don Brice, our WEAVE Leader** for their active involvement and leadership skills in helping both of these local community programs be success-

ful and to allow our General SAW Membership to contribute their love for helping people in need with toys and basic necessity items fabricated out of wood.

Please remember that Tuesday, December 8th, 2020, any toys that you made for the **Salvation Army Toy Drive** will be picked up at the Woodcraft in Rancho Cordova between 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM. See Toy Time on page 6.

As a reminder, it is time to **Renew Annual Dues for our SAW club** for 2021. Please send your membership form and check to our Treasurer, Kathy Braun, via US Mail payable to Sacramento Area Woodworkers at PO Box 661121 Sacramento, CA 95816. Your 2021 dues will be reduced by \$5 as a COVID 19 discount, as long if you get them in early - before January 1, 2021. (Individuals \$25 Families \$40 before 1/1/21 and Individuals \$30 Families \$45 after 1/1/21).

Remember that your SAW club card will give you special discounts and deals on wood, tools, machinery, books, clothing, and other products.

Our annual SAW Board retreat was held in November to discuss key issues to make the club better. We have plans to implement some new ideas for more virtual activities in the coming year, even to put the general meeting live on-line as a couple of other clubs are doing. We also be continuing our wonderful programs that provided for our community contributions to The Salvation Army Toy Pro-

Welcome New Members

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.

2020-21 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	Open	
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

Dec: Salvation Army Toy Drive Drop-off
(See Toy Time article on Page 6)

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

If SAW had a position for official photographer, the position would be assigned to Steven Hitchens. During normal meeting times, Stephen takes many of the photos appearing in the newsletter. If you like the pictures, be sure to give Steven your thanks!

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gram, the WEAVE Program and more Virtual Contests for the year to come.

Our goal will still be to make sure we take care of our members needs and make SAW a wonderful opportunity to continue with a means to socially interact, while exchanging ideas, and skills in woodworking. If you have any suggestions you want to pass to the board members, we are always open to listen to what you have to share.

On a personal note, I have been trying to meet my 2020 New Year's Resolution of finishing my Family Room, It has been slow my time has been limited to weekend work over the last year. I built my fireplace surround earlier in the summer and finished one of my lower cabinets with my Circular Saw, Table Saw, and Kreg Jig. My project is coming along, but not yet finished. Hopefully by the end of the year I will be on the home stretch and maybe sometime next year I will be able to showcase the finished product. Instead, I have attached a work in progress photo for your enjoyment.



In closing, this has definitely has been an outstanding year for sticking together as a group. I am very pleased and blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization that helps one another and our community with the pleasures of woodworking. A special thanks to my SAW board, and all the volunteers that have assisted our collective organization. All the best to you and you families for a happy, safe, holiday and wonderful new year celebration bringing the unique year of 2020 to a conclusion!

December 2020 Calendar

12/01	Tue. 7 - 9	General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center CANCELLED
12/05	Sat. 10 - 1	Lathe Turning SIG Jim Cauley No SIG in December.
12/08	Tue. 5:30 to 6PM	Toys to SalvationArmy Woodcraft Sacramento 9523 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento
12/09	Wed. 6:30 to 9 PM	SAW Board Meeting No Board Meeting in December
12/12	Sat. 10 - 1	Novice SIG Gerry Holmquist No SIG in December.
12/13	Sun. 10 - 2	Scroll Saw SIG Holly Lovvo No SIG in December.
12/16	Wed. 10 - 1	Toy Workshop Woodcraft No Workshop in December
12/17	Thur. 1 - 4	WEAVE Workshop Woodcraft No Workshop in December
12/19	Sat. 10 - 1	Furniture SIG Herb Fuller No SIG in December.

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

Selected SAW Member Projects From our Facebook Page



Dan Burgess Pens



Kathy Braun Intarsia



Floyd Gibson teaching boys 3rd thru 5th grade to make Mallets



Rolf Bell’s Mallet from scraps



Matt Muirhead is making Boxes and a Mallet
(November must have been Mallet Month)

Entries for Winter/Holiday 2020 Virtual Contest

(As of time of Newsletter publication)



Bob Beckert Scroll Saw Basket



Kathy Braun Intarsia Christmas Ornament

Looking for used Floor Drill Press

I am looking for a used Floor Drill Press. Is anyone out there that might be interested in parting with one? If anyone does have one to offer, call Mike Dominique at 916-204-5151.

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.

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

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

Toy Time

Our handover of our beautiful wooden toys to the Salvation Army is just days away. I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all of you who have helped in reaching our goal of toys this year. So many of you are working hard behind the scenes to create these great toys. I already have a large number of donations crowding my home (photos below). I'd like to personally thank Bob Beckert, Steve Bockman, Dan Burgess, Michael Bush, Pat Fuller, Floyd Gibson, Dave Hudson, Steve Moser, Andy Volk, and Judy Wavers, as those members who got back to me with their toy count.

- Please remember that the delivery of your toys is on Tuesday, December 8, between 5:30 and 6:00 PM.
- Toys are to be delivered to Woodcraft store, 9523 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, around the back of the building.
- Please wrap your toys so the item can be seen through the wrapping or use a picture on the individual packages.
- Please put a label with a picture on the outside of the boxes of the toys that are inside, including the appropriate age range of 6 months to 7 years.

ANDI Brewer



WEAVE News

The second collection of gifts made by SAW members for the residents of WEAVE's domestic violence and sex trafficking programs was brought to the WEAVE administrative office earlier this month. The person responsible for accepting those gifts, Ms. Julie Bornhoeft, is WEAVE's Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer. She gave the following statement:

"The survivors we serve often have left everything behind including items of deep sentimental value. To be able to provide them with heirloom quality gifts is transformational to their time at WEAVE. As they move on with their lives, they have a tangible reminder of a time when in the moment they felt uncertain but with time, healing, and reflection can realize it was when they found the greatest strengths. We deeply appreciate Sacramento Area Woodworkers for creating these gifts."

SAW's efforts to provide these gifts will continue. Details concerning the specifics of that effort will be detailed in a future newsletter. In the meantime if you have questions please contact Don Brice.

Membership Renewal Drive

It is that time again! Renewals are due now. Please help by mailing in the form early. Please 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.

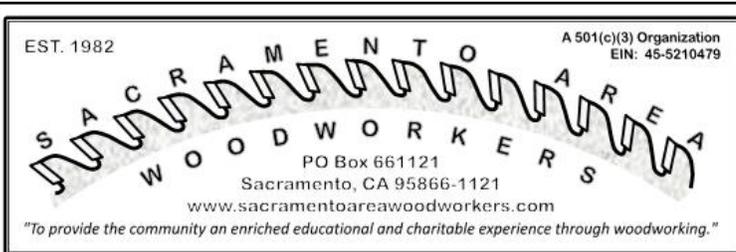
This year our Treasurer will be sending Electronic Membership Cards. These can be easily downloaded to your cell phone or printed, and can be presented to the merchants that offer discounts to our members.

December is the last month that Members get a \$5 discount if they renew by Jan 01, 2021.

Remember, your dues are tax deductible!

All renewing members will automatically be entered for a chance to win a free membership. No need to return your 2020 membership card. The winner will be announced in the April newsletter! The winner will be refunded their dues for the 2021 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
Renewal

Mail to:

Sacramento Area Woodworkers
P.O. Box 661121
Sacramento, CA 95866-1121

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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Do we need to update your information? If so please let us know what is new:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number ☎: (____) _____

E-mail ✉: _____
(Necessary to receive electronic SAW Newsletter, updates and other notices)

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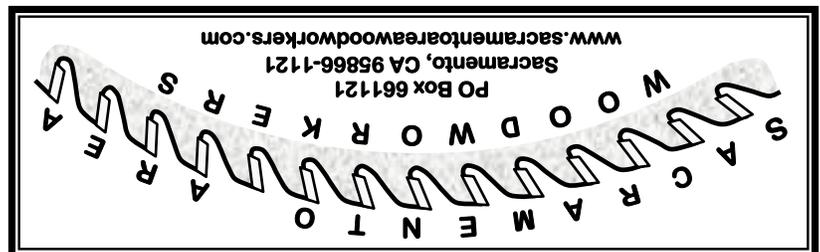
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