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SAW Newsletter

NEXT MEETING:

HART SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, December 7, 2021

915 27th St, Sacramento, CA

December 2021

7:00 to 9:00 PM

(Between I & J Streets)

President's Message



The Holiday Season is definitely upon us. They say you need to shop earlier this year given that it may be stuck on a ship or out of stock. If all else fails, you can make gifts with your own hands instead of buying it.

Well, I must say that it has been so nice to return to the Ethyl Hart Center, to see familiar faces, and to share our creations with our membership and of course our local community.

Our local community is such an integral part of our existence and our non-profit purpose. Therefore, please mark your calendar to come to the **Hart Center on Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at 7:00PM** to see all of the wonderful toy creations that our group will be presenting to the Salvation Army for our **SAW Club's Annual Presentation of Toys**.

Please come at least 15 minutes early if you need to unload your creations at the door. The Salvation Army truck that takes our donations will be at the back door after that.

I would like to extend a big thank you to our Toy Workshop Contributors and our fearless Leader - **Steve Bockman** for coordinating the collective Toy Team though-out the year. All members who were a part of this program on behalf of our General SAW Membership have made wonderful contributions towards helping people in need with their creations made and fabricated out of love and devotion to our community partners.

As a reminder, **it is time to Renew Annual Dues** for our SAW club for next year. If you are not aware, your SAW club card will give you special and exclusive discounts and deals on wood, tools, machinery, books, clothing, and other products.

Please come in-person to provide your due payment to our Treasurer, or you may send your check to via US Mail payable to Sacramento Area Woodworkers via our PO Box 661121 Sacramento, CA 95816.

Welcome New Members

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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.

2021 SAW BOARD

All listed are voting members of the Board.

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| President | Mark Mason | |
| Vice President | Richard Fuller | |
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| Treasurer | Kathy Braun | |
| Program Chairman | Open | |
| Editor | Andy Volk | |
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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.

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| Librarians | Bob Beckert, Norm Steinbach, Dick Grant, Joe Trevino |
| Toy Chairperson | Steve Bockman |
| Small Drawing | |
| Large Drawing | Jack Read |
| Badges | Kathy Braun |
| Refreshments | |
| Web Master | Matthew Burlingame |

General Meeting Program Schedule

Dec: Toy Presentation to the Salvation Army
 Jan: TBD
 Feb: TBD
 Mar: TBD

If YOU have any ideas for speaker topics and/or for Contests in 2022, contact Andy Volk at the address at the right or any SAW Board Member.

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.

There are no new books this month.

As usual the Library will not be open in December. I will send out past due reminders in December so those members with checked out books can return them in January.

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:

| <u>Term</u> | <u>Individual</u> | <u>Family</u> |
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| 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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The SAW Board is planning for next year now, so if you have any suggestions, you should pass these ideas on to any member of the board (see page 2). We are always open to listen to what you have to share for our up-coming year! Our collective goal will still be to make sure we take care of our members needs and make SAW a wonderful opportunity to continue to interact socially, while exchanging ideas, and skills in woodworking.

In closing, this has definitely has been an outstanding year for sticking together as a group back from our past COVID Shutdown. 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 prior to bringing in 2022!



Mark leading the November SAW General Meeting,

December 2021 Calendar

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| 12/04 | Sat. 10 - 1 | Lathe Turning SIG Jim Cauley No SIG in December |
| 12/07 | Tue. 7 - 9 | General Meeting Ethyl Hart Senior Center 915 27th St. Sacramento, CA |
| 12/11 | Sat. 10 - 1 | Novice SIG Gerry Holmquist No SIG in December |
| 12/12 | Sun. 10 - 2 | Scroll Saw SIG Holly Lovvo No SIG in December |
| 12/15 | Wed. 9:30AM to Noon | Toy Workshop No Workshop in December |
| 12/18 | 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 - Contact a Board Member
- if you have woodworking skills and knowledge to share - Contact a Board Member



Joining SAW Facebook

The SAW Facebook page is a great place to share with other members, ask questions, and share tips, tricks, and fun videos.

This is a private Facebook group, so one of our Facebook moderators will have to approve the request. Once approved, you will be able to share with other members.

To join the group, it is as simple as going to the SAW Facebook group URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sawmembers>

Click the "+ Join Group" blue button

That's it!!!

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 are no Lathe SIGs for the remainder of the year. Stay tuned.

Scroll Saw SIG Contact person: Holly Lovvo

There are no Scroll Saw SIGs for the remainder of the year. I am asking for a new coordinator to take over the Scroll Saw SIG. We have club saws that can be used, and can help the new leader with plenty of resource data. If interested, please contact me or any Board member for more information.

Furniture Projects SIG Contact person: Richard and Herb Fuller

In the November Furniture SIG, Herb talked the above-the-refrigerator cabinet that has heavy-duty slide trays. They will be loaded down with dishes and platters. Richard talked demonstrated cutting the over-sized dovetails that make up the tail vise. See pictures on page 6.

NOTE: There will not be a Furniture SIG in December. We will resume in January to continue with these topics and to ask the attending members what they would like to see and do.

Novice SIG Contact person: Gerry Holmquist

There are no Novice SIGs announced for the remainder of the year.

Membership Renewal Drive

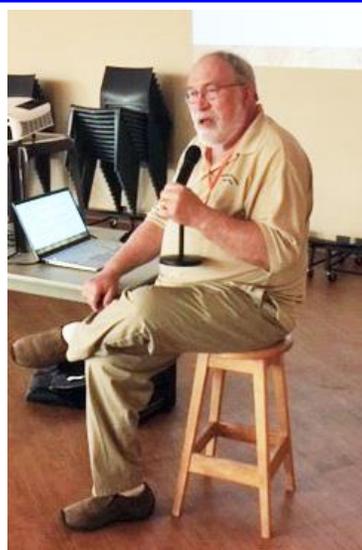
It is that time again! You can renew at the general meeting. Renewals are due no later than March 1, 2022. Please help by stopping by the Treasurer’s table in the General Meeting or mailing it in early. The mailing address is on the front and back pages of the newsletter in the club banner. This will 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 in printing and postage.

If you renew at the General Meeting, go to the Treasurer’s table at the 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 that the Treasurer will provide and turn that in with your dues. All renewals will be sent a new membership card by e-mail. Remember, your dues are tax deductible!

All members registered by March will get a chance to win back their 2022 membership dues in a drawing at the April 2022 General Meeting!

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

From the General Meeting - November 2nd



Our speaker for the October General Meeting was SAW Editor, **Andy Volk**. He gave a talk on butt joint strength based on an analysis and YouTube video by Patrick Sullivan. The results were surprising. The joint that everyone thought was weakest, end-grain to end-grain, was in fact the strongest butt joint in his tests. It was stronger than side-to-side joints. He demonstrated that the glue is stronger than the wood lignin (much as Titebond claims). However, this is not quite the message woodworkers should take away. Wood fiber is much stronger than lignin or glue, 3 to 8 times stronger. The key takeaway is that long fibers should be used in a joint to make it strong. Joints like half-lap, mortise and tendon, and dowels are still needed in woodworking. Links to key YouTube videos is in Andy's presentation which has been uploaded to the SAW website under ["Projects."](#)

November Show and Tell



John Ebersberger made a stand to hold classes and a wine bottle from his stash of olive wood.



Read Harrison recycled wood from more than 25 year old garden bench to make this small Shaker-style footstool. (A piece of the original bench is seen stuck through the braces.)



Bruce King made a Chess board with veneer squares. The knob in front goes to one of two drawers for pieces.



Kathy Braun made a wine rack from a cutting board that was planed too thin. SAW Facebook page has full story.



Dan Burgess' friend 3-D printed a miter box for cutting small parts. He also made a Celtic knot pen with walnut inlay and acrylic ends.



Winter/Holiday Contest

Unfortunately, there was only one entry in the Winter/Holiday Contest. (Some of us got too tied up making toys.)

Kathy Braun showed the Christmas spirit with a lovely intarsia cat with holly, bow, and an ornament. The wood grain suggests the cat's fur, and clever inlays highlight the paws and ears. Great job, Kathy!



For the **November Furniture SIG**, Herb Fuller talked the above-the-refrigerator cabinet he was installing. It has heavy-duty slide-out trays for shelves. They have to be heavy-duty as they will be loaded down with dishes and platters. Richard Fuller demonstrated cutting the over-sized dovetails that make up the tail vise. A few pictures show the process he used on the table saw. Steve Bockman got a chance to help clear out the waste with a square topped blade from a Dado set,

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!

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Toy Time

We had a few members drop in to the November Toy Workshop to finish work on their toys. Also, a huge number of toys (right) were dropped off by Steven Moser and Ray Frink for the Salvation Army.

Don't forget about the Toy Presentation to the Salvation Army in at the Hart Center on December 7th at 7 o'clock. Get your toys inside at least 15 minutes early, as the Salvation Army Truck will be in the circle after that point to load the toys.

If you cannot make it to the December General Meeting and have some toys to give, contact me.

Best Regards,
Steve Bockman



Cool Websites

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

Here are some website references for the “**Myth of End Grain Glue Joints**” talk that **Andy Volk** will be giving at December’s General Meeting. A controversy about end grain glue joints was started by some tests done by Patrick Sullivan on YouTube. Immediately people started commenting on his work. Several bloggers also gave their analysis of the tests. I am including two here.

Glue Myths: End grain by Patrick Sullivan(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7HxBa9WVIs>)

End Grain Glue Myths: You May Have Misunderstood, by The Wood Whisperer - Marc Spagnuolo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fuvq0FDsUC0>)

A misunderstanding of the end-grain glue "myth" video?, by Stumpy Nubs (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwLWmoGh59g>)

Also, look for the Jan/Feb 2009 issue of Fine woodworking Magazine (#203). They have an excellent analysis of various glue joints.

From **Steven Moser** comes two suggestions:

I found a tip from Woodsmith on time saving finishing he thought he would share. Here's an easy set up that the helps speed up the finishing process:

<https://www.woodsmith.com/article/standoffs-for-finishing/>

Also, for those who make toy vehicles and use washers for spaces and to help stop binding, Steve found a source that is 20% of big box prices for 1/4” washers (\$1.20 / 100) at:

<https://nationalboltkits.com/>



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