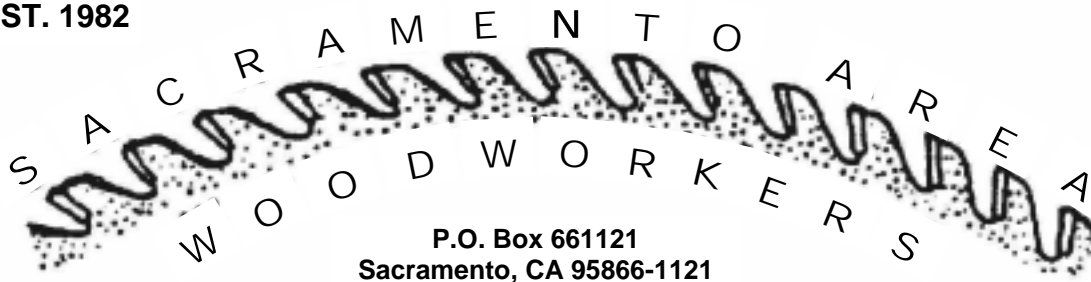


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## SAW NEWSLETTER

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(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)  
March 7, 2006 7:00 pm

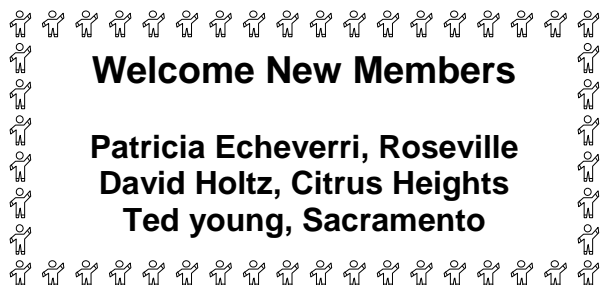
### *President's notes:*

When I was a public school woodshop teacher, I saw various ways students would try to build projects. Some students were very apprehensive of woodworking tools, supplies, and machinery. These more apprehensive woodworkers respected the power and capability of woodworking equipment and materials—and sensed that without the proper care and control, an accident could easily happen to them or others. Other students in my woodshop classes—usually the more advanced woodworkers—seemed to adopt a different perspective on shop safety. Like great experimenters, these woodworkers saw their mission in life as something humanly extraordinary, including testing the yet-unrealized capabilities of woodworking tools, supplies, and machinery. I can remember how one day during a woodshop clean-up time, a group of students decided to test the suction power of our woodshop's dust collection equipment. Starting with a small piece of wood, the students laughed as the block of wood could be heard to bounce through the collection duct-work overhead. Soon, bigger and bigger chunks of wood were flying and banging through the shop's metal dust-collection ductwork. Hearing the noise, I knew that somebody was up to trouble. But with more than 40 students, it was hard to immediately find the culprits blending in with the crowd. Then, I saw one of the troublemakers. In fact, it wasn't difficult to spot. This apprentice student apparently bored or tired with his already attempted wood scrap dust-collection experiments--decided to see just what would happen if he stuck his head into the opening of a massive wood duct. With his arms flailing and feet kicking, I knew this student had quickly found out some potential capabilities of this woodshop's industrial-grade collection system. I quickly hurried over and hit the dust collector emergency stop button. With his hair now looking like Don King, and his face puffed up like a marshmallow, I did not have to tell this experimenting student what he had done wrong. The now-freed student began to hold his head, like he had to screw it back on his shoulders. Soon, everyone in the classroom was laughing hysterically. Luckily, the student suffered no injuries, other than to his reputation. As a previous school shop teacher, I am grateful that no student I taught ever ended up having to go to a hospital, or have to live with a major or permanent injury. Besides the occasional splinter in the finger, or the minor band-aided cut, I am fortunate that the students I taught typically accepted the potential dangers of woodworking. Woodworking can be harmful to one's health—if safety is not paramount.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 our SAW general meeting will include a special presentation on woodshop safety. Our invited guest speakers will go way-beyond the "wear ear and eye protection" routine. We will find out from woodworking industry safety experts what we can cost-effectively do to make our woodshops healthier and better. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will also learn some techniques that make our woodworking practices safer.

There are all sorts of things happening with our club. Be sure to schedule some time in March for your participation. This March safety symposium March 7<sup>th</sup> is just one thing happening soon.

The Woodworker's Show—including an expanded number of classes and presentations--will take place on April 7 through 9<sup>th</sup> at Cal Expo. The April SAW "Shop Tour" is still in the works (including requests for members to share their workshops to be visited by other club members). Our club's March Special Interest Group meetings will give everyone an opportunity to try new woodworking skills—and practice things in a safe and supportive environment. Take some time for SAW this month. Enjoy your woodworking with the Sacramento Area Woodworker's!


  
**Welcome New Members**
  
**Patricia Echeverri, Roseville**
  
**David Holtz, Citrus Heights**
  
**Ted young, Sacramento**

The SACRAMENTO AREA WOODWORKERS, also known as SAW, is an organization formed for the purpose of:

Sharing woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, ideas in producing supplement income and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

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## MEMBERSHIP

For all new members the dues for SAW are \$30 per calendar year. Additional dependent family members, residing in the same household of a fully paid member, shall pay 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. 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 Treasurer Jason Beam for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor Jerrold Braunstein, email [jbbraunstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbbraunstein@sbcglobal.net), by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

## CLASSIFIED

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**\$1050 contact Marty Martin (916) 927-1110**

**Powermatic # 90 wood lathe,** older gap bed, 36" between centers, 12" dia. \$1,200.

**call Gary at 530-889-9361**

**2 HP Dust Collector, Reliant brand,** new condition. Asking \$100.00.

Contact **Marirose @ 448-1358.**

Near-new **18Volt Makita drill/driver,** including the case, 2 batteries, the charger, auxiliary handle and depth stop. The tool can be purchased for as low as \$240 online; I will sell the set for \$160. **Porter Cable 333VSK 5" Variable Speed Random Orbital Sander.** This is a great little sander (but I bought a Festool sander that connects to their dust vacuum), so I don't need a redundant tool. Brand new, never used **Inkra Ultra Jig** (the 16" model), complete with all the instructions, templates, and their extra base. I paid around \$250 for this, and will sell it for \$150. Bruce Weitzman, [wmb123@pacbell.net](mailto:wmb123@pacbell.net) (916) 635-4446 Daytime (916) 635-8444 Evenings & Weekends

**Used 63A table saw for sale.** This is a contractor type saw, not a cabinet saw but it has cast iron trunnions and is a heavy duty saw. It is now sold as a model 64. It has no motor but the spindle feels like it is fine but I haven't put a motor on it. I had a windfall of money and bought a brand new 64 and so I need to get rid of this one. Price is \$150 for SAW club members. Call **Michael at 916-832-8225** if you are interested.

**Help!** I have more tools than space. For sale: **Craftsman 10" radial arm saw with 3 carbide blades,** updated blade guard, dust collector hood, and six drawer stand on casters. This isn't the "cheap" one. First \$250 take it. Abe Low, 528 Woodlake Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815, tel. 916-359-5287

RBI Hawk variable speed 220 precision scroll saw. Never used foot control. Reduced from \$1,050.00 to \$800.00. Contact Marty Martin 916-927-1110.

# THE WINNER



Marion Gribskov

# BIRDHOUSE CONTEST 2006

## Other Entries



# Show and Tell February



Judy Wavers's new pet Ico. She cut it out from Marion's plan



Peter Noeth's pens from different materials



Corwin Jones' goblet from mystery wood



Roberta Taylor's scroll saw trivet & letter opener



Neil Knutson shows off a couple of projects



Sally Green shows off three turned vases from aspen



Abe Low's saw test strips.



Tell us Marion was not happy to win the birdhouse contest. He even had an offer to buy the house after the meeting



This one deserved a few pictures. Look at this beautiful workmanship.



**Novice SIG****Contact person: Floyd Gibson**

The group met at Joe Schumann's in Loomis, there were 22 members in attendance. The normal format of this SIG is a demo of some woodworking techniques, but this time it was decided to hold a open question and answer session. A lot of discussions were held in small groups. Questions on buying routers, scrollsaws, table saws was a big topic. Of course the answers varied depending on what someone has used in their shops. One good answer was to check the recommendations of Wood magazine in their tests. Bob Schieck is working on a miniature

"Queen Anne Chest". He wanted suggestion from Members on how to assemble the drawers. The response from the group was "Hand cut dovetails". Okay! We'll see about that.

Joe's present project (in the picture at the right) is a tall cabinet, which will have doors with rise panels and old style iron hinges. It is done in a old European style right down to the way the shelves are mounted in it. Using a notch cut into the back of the cabinet, to adjust them, instead of holes for shelf pins.



We want to thank Joe and Judy for hosting the meeting and especially for all the great refreshments.

Next months Novice SIG will be March 18th 10-1, at Don Robinson's Shop.

There will be a demo on making picture frames.

**Pen SIG****Contact Person: Tom Taylor**

The group met at Bob Schieck's shop, with 16 members attending. The topic was bowl turning which will carry over into the March meeting. You will have the opportunity to make pens or bottle stoppers or small bowls /plates. Pen kits and wood will be available for purchase from Tom Taylor. Those of you who have a small face plate (with a 1x8 tpi ) mount the wood to be turned and bring the assembly to the sig. The lathe is a Jet mini , so be sure the item is less than 8 inches in diameter.



As you can see the chips were flying (note Tom at the right), thanks to Nancy. There was a lot of activity at the three lathes Bob had set up. Each also had an instructor that kept the members on the right track. Most had never carve out the inside of a bowl. I over heard one member saying, "It never fails I learn something every time at these SIG'S". That is what we want to accomplish, so when we do it is great.

Thanks to Bob for hosting the SIG, and supplying the coffee and cakes.

Next months meeting March 25, will be at Andy Santos Shop.



### Furniture/Finishing SIG

**Contact Person: Dick Wampach**

Twelve members of the Furniture/Finishing SIG met in Dave Wilson's shop for a very interesting session on sharpening tools. Dave had a variety of sharpening wheels and stones available for members to try. We discussed the value of getting the tool sharp, hollow grinding, burrs on edges, and polishing the grind. The Scary Sharp (TM) system was discussed, but not shown. Some of the tools we used were a sanding wheel and fibre and leather lapping wheel to polish the blade, the



Tormek for slow speed grinding, and belt sanding. Some members brought their own tools and spent time with the sharpening process. Members then broke into smaller groups to discuss various woodworking aspects. Gary passed out a charts of Abrasive Grade Comparison for us to keep in our shops. Thank you, Dave, for another well presented session.



The Tuesday, March 18, SIG will be hosted by Gary Foster. The topic for the evening will be Power and Hand Tool Sculpturing of wood; such as, chair seat and chair arms. If you have some power

sculpting tools, bring them along. This should be a very interesting meeting. Time of meeting is 7:00 p.m.

### Tole Painting SIG

**Contact Person: Rogette Sommers**

This SIG doesn't make a lot of press for the newsletter, but you can be assured that there is a lot going on at their meetings. Rogette saves her talking for the group at the meeting. She doesn't just teach the techniques of tole painting, she put it all together in the projects they do. The cost of lessons at some of the crafts stores are rather expensive, so take advantage of this learning for only the cost of supplies and your membership in the club. They meet 7-9pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Hart senior center.

### Scrollsaw SIG

**Contact person: Bob Schieck**

The meeting was held at Roberta and Tom Taylor shop with twelve members attending. With the coming Valentine's day holiday in mind, Tom had applied a few heart shaped patterns to 1/2"plywood pieces, ready for the members to cut out.

The completed pieces were trivets. There was a number of different scrollsaws available for members to try out, but by far the most sot after was Roberta's

Excalibur scroll saw. Roberta gave one on one tips on how the machine worked for each member. David Holtz brought his wife Heidi and she test drove a scroll saw for the first time. I think we have a new (scrolling) member in the making.

Buzz Arnould and Neil Knutsen were there helping others with the machines.

These SIG's always produce a few different discussions and help with something, not just the topic of the day. Neil brought along his lathe tools needing some help with sharpening. We discussed installing Tom's new dust collector and the construction of a small machine work area. Plan on attending next months meeting at Bob Schieck's shop on March 11, 10—1. Everyone enjoyed the coffee, donuts and cookies.

Thanks to Roberta and Tom for hosting this meeting.



**LIBRARY**

Books, videos, and magazines are available to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

Making Timeless Toys in Wood                      Strombeck

**Dovetail Jig????**

Are there any club members that have an interest in using the new Leigh D1600 dovetail jig? It retails for \$299.00 and accepts work pieces from 7/8" to "16". Also, has anyone had experience with this tool? Anyone interested, please contact Bruce King by email or phone. He will summarize club interest and report back to club members.

<b>March Calendar</b>		
7	Tue 7-9 pm	General Meeting, Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th street Sacramento
9	Thurs 7-9 pm	Board meeting & Tole painting SIG Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th St Sac.
11	Sat 10-1	Scrollsaw SIG, Bob Schieck's Shop
18	Sat. 10-1	Novice SIG, Don Robinson 's Shop,
21	Tues 7-9 PM	Furniture/Finishing SIG Gary Foster's Sho
23	Thurs 7-9 pm	Tole painting SIG Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th St Sac.
25	Sat. 10- 1	Pen SIG, Andy Santos, Shop

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