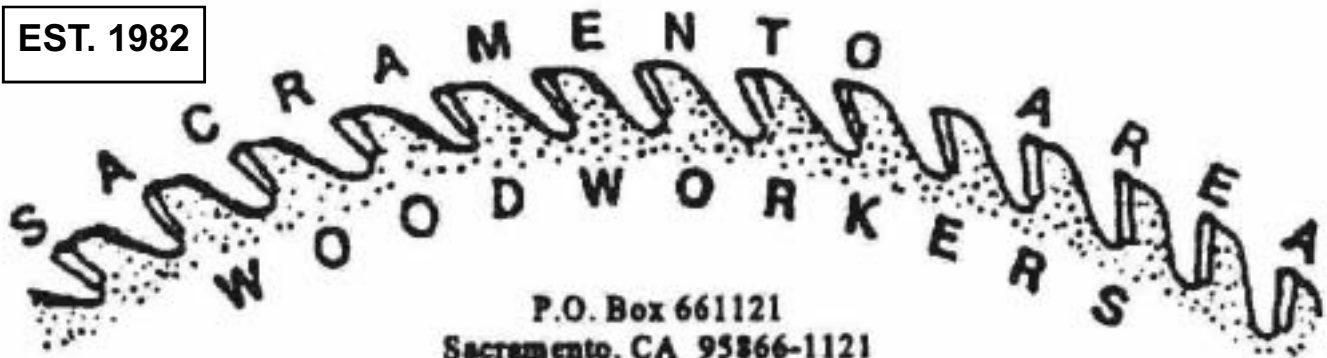


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MEETING

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915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA  
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)  
December 5, 2006 7:00 pm

President's Message:

On Tuesday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 SAW celebrates our Spirit of Giving! Starting at 7:00 p.m. our club will honor the energy and devotion of SAW members' service to others—particularly those in our club who this year made toys and other gifts for needy children in our community.

Please invite your friends and family (including children!) to this special once-a-year SAW event held at the Hart Center! While not certain, do not be surprised to see a few very-special guests in the audience!

Cake and other refreshments will be available. (You are similarly invited--and encouraged--to bring a Christmas plate of treats to share with club members and attendees too.)

Also very important: Bring any toys or presents you would like to donate to the Salvation Army Toy program! Tables will be arranged so that members wanting to briefly "show-and-tell" toy and gift items they have constructed can also be showcased.

(Because the December club meeting is a bit different from other monthly meetings there will be no library or raffles. The SAW library and club raffles will once-again be offered in January.)

Since this SAW event will focus upon the contributions of club members, we are especially asking all SAW members who built, painted, or participated in the construction of any children's toys or gifts this year to attend this December 5<sup>th</sup> SAW meeting-extravaganza. It will be an occasion of good times and enjoyment for everyone who attends!

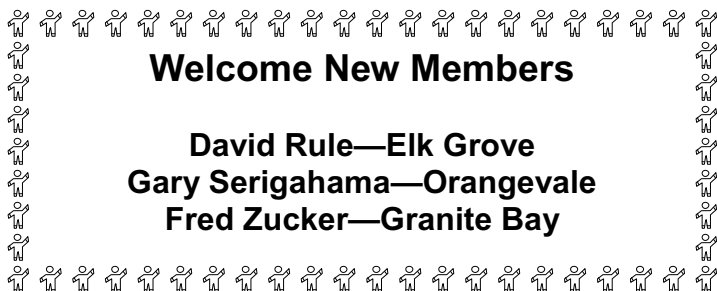
At our November SAW meeting, our club elected officers for 2007:

President:	Clayton Nye
Vice President:	Gary Foster
Secretary:	Tom Taylor
Treasurer:	Sally Green
Member-at-Large:	Rick McCusker
Member-at-Large:	Tom Nelson

A couple of important notes about our leadership team for 2007. Due to a parliamentary rules-of-order glitch committed by me (sorry!), our SAW newsletter editor, club librarian, and toy project must still be approved by the general membership during the December general meeting. Please note that Jerry Braunstein, 2006 newsletter editor, Bob Beckert, 2006 librarian, and Bob Scheick, 2006 toy project chairperson, have willingly agreed (with only a minimal amount of arm-twisting!) to serve again in their respective positions for 2007.

Jason Beam, club treasurer for 2006, has kindly offered to handle our club's website in 2007. Thank you Jason, current club treasurer, for keeping the books in great order!

As you might tell by reviewing the SAW membership filling 2006 board positions, we have a lot of club members coming back for additional terms in 2007. Thank you all board members--including Sally Green--our newest SAW board addition--for serving in 2007!


  
**Welcome New Members**
  
  
**David Rule—Elk Grove**
  
**Gary Serigahama—Orangevale**
  
**Fred Zucker—Granite Bay**

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

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**2006 SAW BOARD**

- President Clayton Nye \*
- Vice Pres Gary Foster \*
- Secretary Tom Taylor \*
- Treasurer Jason Beam \*
- Mbr at Large Tom Nelson \*
- Mbr at Large Rick McCusker \*
- Editor Jerrold Braunstein \*
- Past Pres. Allan Laudenslayer \*
- Librarian Bob Beckert \*
- Toy Project Bob Schieck \*

\*Voting board member

**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 jbraunstein@sbcglobal.net, by the **20th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

**CLASSIFIED**

Do you have woodworking related items to sell? Are you looking for something special for your shop? Advertise here.

**FOR SALE**

I will have a yard/tool sale at my house on December 16, From 9-2. This sale will be pending weather. The sale will include more of Len's Tool's & Wood. All sales from Len's stuff goes to Len. There will be three items up for sale from now until 2pm on December 16th.  
 Len's Carving Tools - Best Offer or First \$100  
 Len's Wood Files - Best Offer or First \$75  
 Len's Collection of color's, filler's & Such. This is the contents of his blue file cabinet. Best Offer or \$100.

These items can be view by appointment. Nick Todd, 7245 Parkvale Way, Citrus Heights CA 95621 916-726-5138

President's Message Continued:

If anyone is willing to serve as a member-at-large for our club in 2007—essentially an “eyes and ears” position to offer advice and input to the other SAW elected officers, please let me know. Tom Nelson has mentioned that it might be nice to have someone help cover his position. Please contact me if you think you could serve as a member-at-large for 2007.

Several SAW members came forward at the November club meeting, and offered to help in various club duties. Thank you for helping our club!

Club members also deserve praise and recognition for giving their time, talents, and resources at recent club Toy Workshops, and at the Woodcraft-sponsored pen-making program in November. Thank you Woodcraft for hosting these special events!

Finally, in the true spirit of this holiday season, thank you many club members who generously donated wood, toy assembly items, and even wood magazines for other club members to take home recently. Your actions demonstrate why our club carries a spirit of friendship and caring extending beyond just the “show-up-once-a-month-for-a-meeting-sort-of-club!

Have a joyous holiday season—and don't let the winter season—or maybe even a little snow—slow down your woodworking pursuits! Have a great December!



### ROBERT ERICKSON

The craftsmanship of our November speaker, chair builder Robert Erickson, really shows what can be achieved with careful and considerate work. Although Robert does use power tools, most of the finish work is done by hand and the end product speaks for itself.

Mr. Erickson's work has been shown at such institutions as the Yale University Art Gallery; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Minnesota Museum of Art--Cray Research Collection; Renwick Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. He operates a small shop with production limited to 75 pieces a year.



# Show and Tell

## November



Bob Schiek always wanted a Trawler so he built one for Toys on Parade



Bob Beckert says everyone should make their own Christmas Cards

Buzz Arnold presented a box of hand cut puzzles for Toys on Parade



Tom Taylor tells what is going on at the Pen SIG



New Member Garn Sekigahama always wanted to know how to make a pen. Great job.



Dan Moening presented a spice cabinet as a work in progress. It even has a secret compartment



Dave Holtz brought a nut cracker made out of a solid piece of English walnut.



Bert Fortier made these fire trucks for Toys for Tots.



Jack Van Keuren made a truck and chair for the grand-kids.



Ralph Desmond was too late for the Clock Contest but this one might have been a winner. He did it all including the face.

*Novice SIG*

**Contact person: Floyd Gibson,**

The Novice SIG met on Saturday, November 18, at Andrew Santos's Shop and eight members attended. Andy wanted to demonstrate installing a new replacement rubber tire on top wheel of his SuperShop Bandsaw. Unfortunately, the rubber tire he had was too small so this will have to be put off until another rubber tire is purchased. The rest of the meeting was taken up as a continued toy workshop. Members finished installing wheels on cars and approximately 100 cars were completed. A new member, Doug Griebner, came to meeting and he was shown the proper procedure on using a router table with a round over bit installed. He then completed about 20 cars. At the end of the meeting, members took home some of toys to be completed at their home shops. Members also got to see Andy's buffet that he recently built. Than you Andrew for a great meeting.

The next meeting of the Novice SIG will be Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 10am to 1pm at Joe Schuchmann's shop,

*Tole Painting SIG*

**Contact Person: Rogette Sommers,**

Tole painting met in November to finish its Toys for Tots work and will not meet in December. Check out the January newsletter for news on 2007 projects. Remember, Tole Painting meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Ethel Hart Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All are welcome to come out and try this different aspect of woodworking. Come even if you can't draw a straight line with a ruler. Its easy and lots of fun.

*Furniture/Finishing SIG*

**Contact Person: Sonja Lemon**

The Furniture SIG met on Sunday November 12th at Dave Wilson's shop. Four members attended. Dave was showing how to bend "Solid Wood" with steam. Also he showed how to bend wood by stacking thin strips (approx 1/8" thick) together with glue and clamps only. (no steam is used in this laminate method). This bending method is usually used to make chairs. Dave has many forms for bending the wood as well as a metal bending fixture. He uses the metal fixture to bend steamed wood around a form. Also a special table is used with pegs & wedges. Dave has made many chairs and had pictures of these to show. The meeting ended at 3 p.m. and all members had a great time. Thank you Dave Wilson.

The next Furniture SIG will be on Sunday, January 7, 2007 from 2 pm to 5 pm at Floyd Gibson's shop, .

*Skills Classes*

**Contact Person: Gary Foster**

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of Gary's classes, we can only say that you have missed a unique experience. Not only is Gary an excellent woodworker but he is also a great teacher. You would pay hundreds of dollars to take a class of this quality elsewhere and, as a SAW member, you can have it for the cost of materials. Gary has some plans for 2007 classes that will challenge you to bring your work to new levels. These classes fill up as soon as they are announced so, when you see one CALL NOW to reserve your spot. .

**Scrollsaw SIG**

**Contact person: Bob Schieck,**

The Scroll saw SIG met on Saturday, Nov 11 at Bob Schieck's shop/garage. Seven members attended.. Bob had four scrollsaws available for use, an RBI 20 Hawk, Hagner 14, Delta 16, & a Dremel Pin Blade . Bob had many projects available for members to cut out. Steve Hitchens used the RBI 20 to cut out a shelf bracket that Bob needed for a display shelf. Andrew used the Dremel to cut out a bevel project. Sam used the Hagner to cut out a rat and cat project. Jack used the Delta 16 to cut out a Fat Frog. The rest of members were watching and assisting the scrollers. Jack needed some help as the blade was being changed on the Delta. All the projects were completed and the members took additional projects home with them. Bob also had toy kits available and the members took these home. Andrew took the Dremel scroll saw to his home for some projects he was working on. The meeting ended at 1 pm Thank you Bob Schieck.

The next Scroll saw SIG will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 10am to 1pm at Bob Schieck's shop/garage

**Pen SIG**

**Contact Person: Tom Taylor,**

No Pen SIG in November due to Thanksgiving nor will there be one in December because of the Christmas holidays. Check the January newsletter for information on where and when this great SIG will be meeting in 2007.

**Toy Project**

The 2006 Toy Workshops at Woodcraft completed approximately 448 toys this year. There were three workshops and each of the workshops had between ten and twenty members/elves working on the toys. This year the elves completed 370 cars, 22 doll beds, 44 ducks with flappy feet, and twelve Stick Horses. The workshops this year were very good and I wish to thank all the members who worked on these toys. Bob Schieck

**INTERESTING PROJECT**

Would someone be interested in assisting us? We are restoring a 1905 Holt Harvester. From our research we believe it is the third oldest remaining harvester in North America. We hope to have the restoration complete by June 2008 and harvest grain, pulling the harvester with a 26 Mule Hitch. We are looking for someone to reproduce a small amount; 9 pieces of 3/4" x 5 5/8" x 48" T&G Doug Fir paneling. It has an edge bead and a center bead. We need to match the existing paneling on the harvester. Possibly someone with a Shaper or Mill in the area could be recommended to us. We are a nonprofit organization with limited resources. Your assistance would be appreciated!!

Lorry Dunning, Golden State Farm Education Center, Davis, CA

**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.

The Library will not be open in December. Have a great Holiday season.

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**Calendar**

5 Tu. 7--9 p.m. **General Meeting and Annual SAW Christmas Event.**  
Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento

**Very Special Guests may be in attendance**

9 Woodcraft 10% off Sale. 9523 Folsom Blvd. Sacrameto

10 Annual Board Pot Luck Meeting.

**There will be no SIG meetings in December due to the holidays. Watch for SIG news in the January Newsletter.**

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