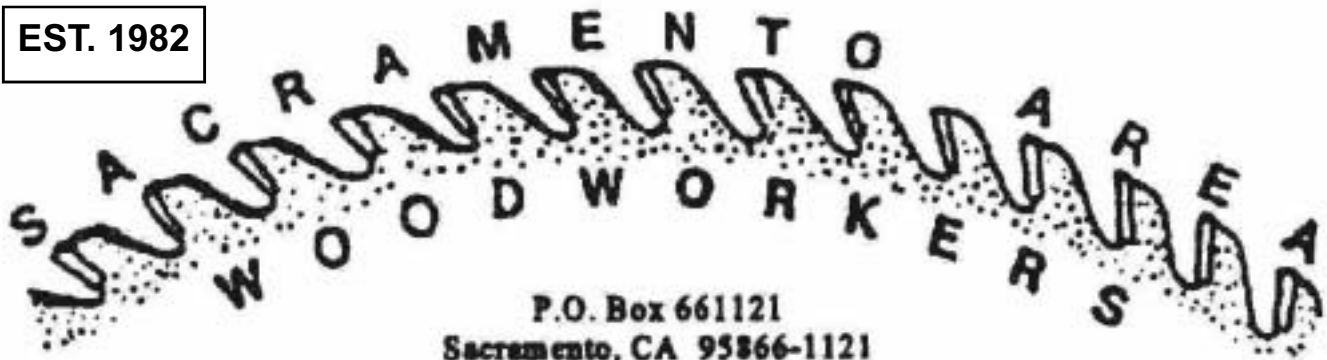


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### MEETING

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915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA  
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)  
January 2, 2007 7:00 pm

#### President's Message:

Do you have a favorite woodworking tool? Not sure what woodworking tool or machine to buy? Or, did Santa bring you a new woodworking present for Christmas?

Come to the January 2007 general meeting where we participate in a fun-filled occasion to learn about the finest of woodworking tools!

We are inviting all SAW club members and guests to bring a tool or two (or three!) that you feel other club members might enjoy learning more about.

With literally tens of thousands of tool products in this world, this SAW meeting shines a spotlight on tools that woodworkers should especially consider--and fully appreciate.

Instead of catalogs and sales brochures, come hear and see from real tool users directly. Find out from other woodworkers some reasons why one particular tool beats out the competition--and

save yourself thousands of dollars in heartaches--and many regrets.

This annual tool-sharing extravaganza gives club members the chance to share their tool-hunting and learning experiences with others. Discover what tools are real bargains--and hold up to the demands of serious woodworkers. Learn what tools offer a lot more than advertised--and perform better than promised. Even find out some ways to use tools in ways you never realized. From the everyday tool to the unusual, this annual club event is sure to be both interesting and useful! Bring some tools, meet some woodworking buddies, and discover how woodworking does not have to clean out your checkbook to be an enjoyable pastime!

With the start of another year, it is also time to renew SAW club memberships. Year 2007 SAW club cards will be available at the next general meeting. You can also drop a check in the mail via our SAW club post office address.

Buy your 2007 SAW membership soon so that you can save at Post Tool, Higgins, and other places where club membership qualifies for special pricing and discounts! Get access to the club library and other club perks too.

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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 Sally Green for more membership information.

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor Jerrold Braunstein,

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President's Message Cont.:

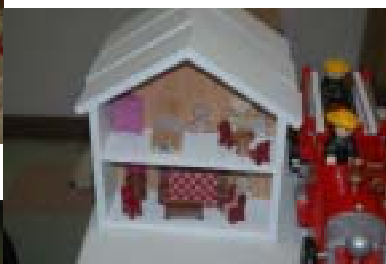
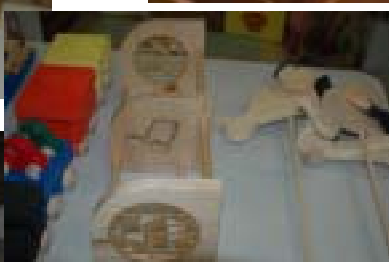
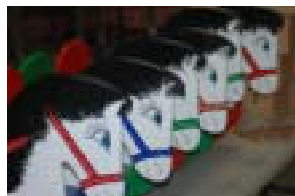
A skill-building class on tool sharpening--taught by SAW's own vice president Gary Foster--is scheduled for January 6th. Participants are asked to bring their current sharpening systems. Gary will teach you faster and easier ways to sharpen your tools-and with finer accuracy. Contact Gary if you would like to attend this or any other very popular skills-building courses Gary has been teaching. Slots fill up quickly!

SAW club members Jason Beam and Gary Foster have both graciously agreed to provide mentoring and woodworking tutoring for children and grandchildren seeking to learn woodworking skills.

With a parent or other adult caregiver participating too, it is hoped that many members of the SAW club can individually offer their time and woodshops to younger people seeking to learn woodworking skills. Since local schools offer few woodshop or other industrial arts courses anymore, it is difficult for children to truly get hands-on woodworking experience. Please call Gary or Jason if you would like to support their efforts.

In a similar note, SAW member Floyd Gibson is looking for some tools and machines to help teach teenagers woodworking. Please call Floyd if you can thin out some tools or materials collecting dust and filling up your workshop. Make it a win-win situation for you and some needy novice young woodworkers.

# Toys for Tots - 2006



# Santa's Elves



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

As is the Club custom, there were no SIG meetings in December. The Novice SIG will meet on Saturday, January 20th from 10 am to 1 pm at Joe Schuchmann's shop. Projects to be discussed will be gluing up the top for an end table, turning a leg (offset turning) and other projects. This may dovetail into a class that Gary Foster will be teaching later this year so everyone who is interested should attend. Bring your own ideas and try something new.

**Tole Painting SIG****Contact Person: Rogette Sommers**

The Tole Painters are finished for 2006 and are ready to start again for 2007.. They always need more help and new painters and novices welcome. The next meetings of Tole painters will be Thursday, January 11 and 25 at the Ethel Hart Center from 7 to 9 p.m.. Any & all members and guests are invited to the Tole Painters SIG. This is a fun outing and you should come and give it a try.

Thank you Rogette Sommers for all of your efforts in the past years and your continuing service in host this great SIG.

**Furniture/Finishing SIG****Contact Person: Sonja Lemon**

As is the Club custom, there were no SIG meetings in December. The Furniture SIG will meet on Sunday, January 7th from 2 pm to 5 pm at Floyd Gibson's shop, Project will include making of taper legs on the Jointer and table saw and also using a router fixture. The taper legs are for a future project that members will be encouraged to make at a future SIG or on their own. .

**President's Message Cont:**

Now is also the occasion to build your birdhouse for next-month's SAW club birdhouse contest. Make a house-good for any bird or birds-and bring it to February's SAW club meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the finest in avian domiciles!

Children, birds, or whoever we help, SAW is devoted to making this world a better place. Thank you to every club member who helped with the 2006 Salvation Army Toys for Tots program. SAW members made 1748 toys in 2006-resulting in 28,262 toys since the SAW club officially started counting toys! That is a lot of joy and happiness for many youngsters-and potential future woodworkers!

Thank you everyone who helped make our club run so efficiently. With so much to note, I still have not mentioned the many great Special Interest Group meetings our club is hosting in January! Check the schedule, grab some tools, and be off to a great 2007 year with SAW! I hope to see you at a club gathering this month!

**Scrollsaw SIG****Contact person: Bob Schieck**

As is the Club custom, there were no SIG meetings in December. The Scrollsaw SIG will meet on Saturday, January 13th 10 am to 1 pm at Bob Schieck's shop/garage, The projects to be made by attendees include a Scrollsaw CD holder and shelf brackets. Stack cutting, fretwork and other projects will be discussed as well as anything the members want to bring up.

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

The Pen SIG will meet on Saturday, January 27th from 10 am to 1 pm at Gary Foster's shop, The February Pen SIG will meet at Craig Blankenship's shop on February 24th 2007. Turning of pens and other small items is the focus of this SIG and the products they turn out are really great.



Thanks to the efforts of Tom & Roberta Taylor, with a little help from the Governor's office, SAW returned to the California State Fair in September of 2006. The Fair gives our club exposure to the public and also lets us showcase our work. Here, SAW's work and activities are being explained to a guest and Tom is showing how much sawdust can be produced when doing even a small tuning project.

**2007 BIRDHOUSE CONTEST**

Do those birds outside your house have to stay out in the rain? Build a house for them, bring it to the February meeting and win a prize, then put your creation outside to keep our feathered friends warm and cozy during these winter months. More news in the February Newsletter

**Skills Class Notes:**

Have you ever been frustrated by using dull tools. Is your work not up to par because you just can't get the right edge on that tool. Have you bought that sharpening tool at the wood show after the vendor showed you how easy it was to get a razor sharp edge with only a few minutes work then come home and tried out your purchase and realize how "easy" it really was????

On January 6, Gary Foster, who really knows how to sharpen tools, will spend a day giving us the real low down on how to get it done. Gary says he has drawn blood many times because his tools are just too sharp (if that's possible). If you are signed up, come and learn his secrets. If not, keep an eye open for his next sharpening class. It promises to be a highlight of the SAW year and an experience that will give you knowledge that will last a lifetime.

**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.

**NEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY**

**Fireplace & Mantel Ideas** Lewman.

**Calendar**

2	Tu. 7--9 p.m.	<b>General Meeting</b> Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento <b>Box Contest</b>
6	Sat. 10am -1	<b>Skills Class</b> Gary Foster's shop. Sharpening. You must have signed up to come.
7	Sun 1-4 pm	<b>Furniture/Finishing SIG</b> Floyd Gibson's shop,
11	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
11	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	<b>Tole Painting</b> Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
13	Sat. 10am-1 pm	<b>SCROLLSAW SIG</b> "Bob Schieck's shop,
20	Sat. 10-1 p.m.	<b>Novice SIG.</b> Joe Schuchmann's shop,
25	Thu. 7-9 p.m.	<b>Tole Painting</b> Ethel Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street, Sacramento
27	Sat. 10-1 p.m.	<b>Pen SIG.</b> Gary Foster's shop,

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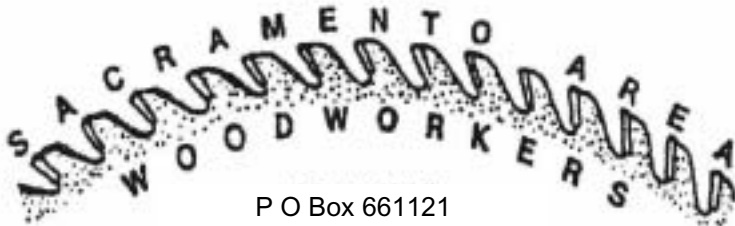
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