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If you've considered writing an article, we encourage you to contact the editor and the following paragraphs explain the process of turning your idea into an article. Something you would like to read, or would have wanted to read early in your furniture making journey will help our readers and add to our collective body of knowledge.

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Publication timetable. The journal is published in December, but the production of the journal is ongoing. We produce a blend of content that reflects the wide range of interests and skills of SAPFM members and we appreciate submissions as early in the year as possible. That gives everyone time to get things right. Manuscripts not selected for publication may be considered for the following year or for the SAPFM quarterly newsletter.

How to get started. Send the editor a brief query that describes your proposed article in three to five paragraphs and include a few photographs. The simple way to do this is by email or in a letter. You don't need to use a specific format, just tell us about a project you've built (or plan to build), or any other topic you think fellow SAPFM members would want to read.

I'm not a writer, I don't know where to start. *APF* is written by its readers, not by professional writers. If you can explain how and why you did something to another woodworker, you can write an article for the journal. The editor is here to make the process as easy for you as possible, and your knowledge and experience are more important than your writing ability. Good furniture and good techniques almost always have a good story behind them and *APF* is interested in your story.

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Acknowledging proposals. The editor will contact you as soon as possible after reviewing your proposal. If the article fits the journal's needs, he will pass your proposal along to the editorial board for acceptance. After the editorial board approves the proposal, the editor will work with you to plan and complete your article.

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