

# Our Re-Quarantine Issue

Our 39<sup>th</sup> Year of Bringing Woodworkers Together *(even while we're Apart)*

**NOVEMBER, 2020 NEWS**

**Volume 39 - Issue 7**



**What's NEW** at [SDFWA Online](#): [Member Videos](#)

## Member Videos

[View All Videos](#)



### [The Rocking Horse](#)

November 8, 2020

Click here to view the video.



[Read More »](#)



### [African Mahogany Table Restoration](#)

October 31, 2020

Click here to view the video.



[Read More »](#)

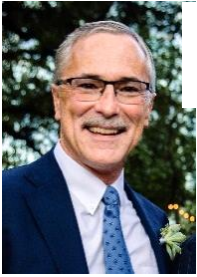
For a few more of these "COVID months", we'll be sharing **YOUR "Member Videos"**

View all of the ones that we have so far at [sdfwa.org/member-videos/](http://sdfwa.org/member-videos/)

Please **send your own** submissions for consideration to be included to: [editor@sdfwa.org](mailto:editor@sdfwa.org).

<a href="#">What's in this Issue?</a>	<a href="#">Page</a>
<a href="#">SDFWA Online: Your Videos</a>	1
<a href="#">Presidents Message</a>	2
<a href="#">Volunteerism</a>	3
<a href="#">Education Classes</a>	4
<a href="#">Next General Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup></a>	5
<a href="#">Member Shop News</a>	6
<a href="#">Wood: A Furniture Show</a>	8
<a href="#">Next Virtual Shop Tour</a>	9
<a href="#">Design In Wood Report</a>	10
<a href="#">Woodworking Articles</a>	10
<a href="#">2021 Meeting Dates</a>	10

# President's Message:



**Travis Good,  
SDFWA President**

Yesterday the San Diego Central Library called. During COVID-19, while libraries are closed, they'd like to deploy [Little Free Libraries](#) across the city. These free book exchanges would be a great initiative for them during these trying times. They were wondering if SDFWA would be interested in collaborating.

I told them, "of course we would!"

Recently, Mike McElhiney started a project for the Wellness Center of the SDPD. This was immediately on the heels of projects for the Humane Society, Fire Station #27, and the Western Division Police Department.

**There's a long history of SDFWA doing community service.**

**In 2021 I'd like us to get organized around community outreach and service.** We have 1100 talented members. We have a workshop with an abundance of tools and workspace. We have a long tradition of helping with our woodworking skills. Such efforts help others but also help us; collaborating to make things is good for the soul.

To make a difference during 2021 we need to start getting organized now.

The most important action for making this happen is **to grow a team**.

Write to me if helping others appeals to you at [president@sdfwa.org](mailto:president@sdfwa.org).



# **VOLUNTEERISM,** (for selfish reasons!)

Hello to all our members. This is Kevin Deal, the New Member Greeter. I have been a member for a few years, and yes, I volunteer for a position in our association. I have actually joined twice. The first time was in the fall of 1987. I began coming to the meetings, we used to meet in a church at the corner of Claremont and Balboa.

I had been doing furniture repair professionally for a few years and was thrilled to find a woodworking association that I could join and learn from the old timers. I knew I should try to get involved with the group so that I could soak up any information I could. I was surprised to hear them asking for volunteers. Wasn't everyone there to learn to become better woodworkers? It seemed like the people that had positions hung out longer and seemed to get more from the meetings. There was a call for a volunteer - there was a need for a scholarship chairman. A member, Jim Nations had been doing a couple of jobs and wanted to give up the scholarship position. I hurriedly raised my hand when they said the chairman would go to the fair and examine student pieces. **What a great way to learn**, examining some of the best work. Plus I was going to get into the San Diego Fair for free! And be given extra tickets!

Volunteering at the Design-in-Wood show was mentioned and that they wanted volunteers in the chair shop. I heard about the old fashioned tools I could use and the techniques I could learn. I signed up quickly, thinking it would fill up! What woodworker wouldn't want to try their hand at the old tools and chair-making? Plus more free tickets! (Being a poor woodworker, that's what I needed for my family). I helped Jim Nations that first year and did the scholarships for two more years along with working in the chair shop. (I still have my plastic laminate name badge with the scholarship badge hanging below it). Sure, most of my motives for volunteering were selfish, but I was also honored to be a part of it.

There were other perks to being a volunteer such as Christmas parties and being a dynamic part of the association!

After a couple of years I had to move suddenly to the inland empire and had to give up my membership. Many years later I was able to move back to San Diego County and joined back up right away. When I went to my first meeting back, something wasn't right. I had been member #278 I believe when I first joined and now I was member #4078. And guess what? 3800 members later and they were still asking for volunteers!

How can this be? What kind of woodworkers wouldn't want to get involved? President Dick Ugoretz was asking for a couple of volunteers and I, (still being selfish), knew I wanted to help. I volunteered to be the New Member Greeter. Its great being able to meet excited new woodworkers whenever I can. All the selfish perks are still available to me. Besides Christmas parties and being asked to help at seminars, I get to spend time more time with our long time Masters such as Bob Stevenson, Russ Filbeck, Ed Gladney and the rest. The list goes on. We're blessed with a wonderful group of expert woodworkers that like to share their knowledge.

Besides being the new member greeter, I still enjoy volunteering at the Design-in-Wood show at the Fair. I don't take a chance on missing walking the floor, examining all the wonderful pieces and working in the chair shop. I've been given a wonderful opportunity to spend many days at the Fair, doing chair seat weaving in the chair shop. Selfishly, I get tickets to the Fair for volunteering, joy and pride for being able to help both our organization and children throughout our county, and talk to hundreds of people a day! Like a kid in a candy store for a selfish guy like me!

Reach out, **look around for your niche in our association**. Most all chair-people would appreciate any help! You can see a listing of where the association needs help and who to contact at <https://sdfwa.org/volunteering/>

**Become a selfish Volunteer yourself!**

# EDUCATION

## *Winter Classes to be Announced Soon*

### **Looking to Improve Your Skills?**

Thanks to all of you who participated recently in the Education Team's Winter 2021 Education Survey! Your participation helped prioritize our Winter 2021 offerings of **15 scheduled courses** designed to advance your skills as a woodworker. Seven additional courses will be added once we've confirmed interest through the [Education website's](#) waitlists. Look for more information in early December, when scheduled courses will be posted on our website and available for sign-up in [Punchpass](#).

## *Seeking Enthusiastic Instructors!!!*

Among the classes prioritized in the aforementioned Education Survey are **four new classes** that will require a few of our members support, (perhaps you or someone you know?!), to take the lead in developing and teaching one of these courses:

- Introduction to Woodworking 2
- Wood Plus Epoxy
- Box Making
- Hand Tool Sharpening

If you have an expertise and passion for one of these topics and are interested in developing a class, or if you'd just like to learn more about what is involved in developing and/or teaching one of these courses, please email Scott Sypkens, our new Education Director, at [education@sdfwa.org](mailto:education@sdfwa.org).

As an SDFWA volunteer himself, Scott will tell you that being a volunteer makes the membership experience so much richer: You'll meet great people and gain a sense of satisfaction that comes from helping others learn and grow as woodworkers.

We hope to hear from you!

**Scott Sypkens**

**Our new Education Director**





# “November” General Meeting

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 ( on Zoom )

## “Finding the Fit”

by “*Fine Woodworking*” Contributor, Nancy Hiller



**Nancy Hiller** is a furniture and cabinet maker. What sets her work apart is her passion for “**finding the fit**”. That's Nancy's expression for understanding and interpreting her client and their space to come up with the right design.

She'll choose a variety of pieces and speak to the story associated with each. What was the environment wherein it would go? What were the clients expressing interest in? How did it come together? From her stories, we'll learn her process for fitting her furniture designs to her clients.

In addition, she writes [books for Lost Art Press](#) and contributes [articles for Fine Woodworking](#). She tells stories of woodworkers in her [Little Acorns](#) series.

[Click here](#) for much more...

**Raffle Prize:** Lie Nielsen Chisel set 3/16 1/4 3/8 1/2 3/4 7 pocket tool roll

Plan to Join us on Zoom:

By clicking on the following link  
at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>...**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81982855613?  
pwd=M21mWGpWb21JUjBhMzk1YXI3ZlZlEQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81982855613?pwd=M21mWGpWb21JUjBhMzk1YXI3ZlZlEQT09)

# Member Shop News

## **This is the WEEK!**

That's right, it's the **Holiday Gift Sale** at the Member Shop **this Friday, November 20, 9am-5pm** and **Saturday, November 21, 8am – 3pm**. The shop is at [5360 Eastgate Mall](#), (located just off I-805 and Miramar Road). If you've never been there, this is the time to go!

Many thanks to our Members who have produced **over 500 different items for this Sale!**

This will be, by far, **the largest collection of woodworking items ever offered in one place** in San Diego!

Furniture Accessories, Cutting and Charcuterie Boards, Turned Items, Toys, Christmas Decorations and Ornaments, Carvings, Wall Art, Kitchen Utensils and Serving Pieces, Computer Desks, Lamps, Golf Putters, Yarn Bowls, Jewelry, Keepsake Boxes, Wine Gift Boxes and much, much more will be available.

*Additionally, our Digital Tools Team will be personalizing Christmas ornaments and selected items.*

This is your chance to come out, support your Club, and get all your Christmas shopping done in one trip!

Everyone can help! Email [this link to our flier](#) (see next page) to everyone on your e-mail list. Or Print it and Post it on "[Next Door](#)" and everywhere you can.

We've got a ton of items to sell.... Now **we need "buyers"!**

Watch KUSI Wednesday morning as our own Jim Strawn hosts Allie Wagner on a walk through the Sale. Or for a photo preview right now, go to <https://www.instagram.com/sandiegowood/>

And yes,

we've taken every possible Covid precaution.

***Masks and Social Distancing will be required.***

Don't forget.... this weekend, **it's time to "SHOP"!**



Questions? Just [email us](#).

See you there!

**Gary Anderson,  
Member Shop Chairman**







San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association  
Member Shop  
Presents

*Over 450  
Different Items!*

# Holiday Gift Sale

**Friday, Nov 20th (9am-5pm)**  
**Saturday, Nov 21st (8am - 3pm)**

Finish your Christmas shopping in one visit. Our Members have been creating classic, heirloom quality gifts that you won't find anywhere else. And you won't believe the prices! All proceeds benefit the Member Shop, a 501(c)(3) non-profit



Serving Items  
Keepsake Boxes  
Jewelry

Ornaments  
Turned Items  
Pens  
Wall Art



**SDFWA Member Shop**  
**5360 Eastgate Mall, Suite E**  
**San Diego, CA 92121**  
[sdfwa.org](http://sdfwa.org)





# Score One for SawStop!

Our good friend and member, **Rob Sandstrom**, recently had a significant interaction with his **SawStop table saw**.

Fortunately, it **worked just as advertised** and the minor cut you see in the adjacent photo was the full extent of the damage.... to Rob.



We asked Rob, for the benefit of the rest of us, to write up an account of exactly what happened so that we can all learn from the experience. To read his story, [Click here...](#)

---

## “Wood” - A Furniture Show XII

January 8 – February 26, 2021    In Escondido



This **FREE exhibition** will feature a gathering of some of the very best furniture makers in Southern California showing their work at the Escondido Municipal Gallery. If you're someone with a project that's aching to be shown, then enter its image by December 19.

[Click here](#) for more details about this show and the above 2020 Best-in-Show Winning piece.



# Next Virtual Shop Tour

on Dec 19 at 10:00 – 11:00 via Zoom

See Mike McElhiney's shop, where **AMAZING** things are made!



Register now at <https://sdfwa.punchpass.com/classes/7086824> to get a **Zoom** link to this Virtual Tour.

## Design in Wood Report

The fairgrounds have laid off almost all employees as of October 15. They are still holding limited events but no new news on any plans for a Fair in 2021. As a result of the layoffs, the remaining staff have taken on more responsibilities. I do not have any news regarding Design in Wood currently. Hopefully, I can report something soon.

Ed Gladney

Coordinator, Design in Wood

---

## Woodworking Articles!!!

Our favorite woodworking savant, **Dick Ugoretz**, has **two** new Woodworking Articles to share with us!

They can both be found [on our website here](#):

### Glues and Adhesives:



<https://sdfwa.org/glues-and-adhesives/>

### Ebony:



<https://sdfwa.org/ebony/>

---

## SDFWA 2021 Meeting Dates

<u>General Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
<b>Wednesday:</b> January 27 March 31 May 26 July 28 September 29 December 1	<b>Wednesday:</b> January 6 March 3 May 5 July 7 September 1 November 3