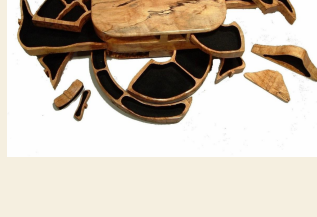


Next General Meeting



General Meeting on Zoom

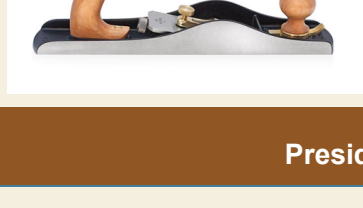
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Join us as niche, 30-year Woodworker [Jeff Vollmer](#) teaches us his passion for creating intricate band-sawed **"Puzzle Boxes"**

(often containing a hidden chamber or two).

He'll demonstrate his art on Zoom for us. [Register here to get the Zoom invite >>](#)

[READ MORE](#) about the PROGRAM here



The Raffle Prize:

[Lie-Nielsen #62 Low Angle Jack Plane](#)

President's Message

Have you heard whispers of "Classes at the Shop"? These whispers will increasingly be shouts of "Classes for ALL SDFWA Members at the Shop". Education has always been a member benefit but with more classes on more topics, it should be of interest to more people. Stay attentive, our Summer class schedule will soon be released.

Dallas, our Shop Director, summed up nice why education is key to what we do. "The mission of the Association, the Shop, and Education is to encourage, support, and enable fine woodworking as a craft. This includes woodworkers at all skill levels." Education provides the means by which we grow our members to become better woodworkers.

How did we get from a few classes of limited scope to our new broad array of classes? Leadership, team work and a willing community of members-who-teach. Under Scott Syckens' leadership a team has been built which has transformed SDFWA education. More topics of a greater variety are being offered. More sessions are being scheduled. More support is being provided to instructors. It's becoming a professionally-run operation.

So don't sit back and let this great member-opportunity pass you by. The Summer Schedule will be coming out soon with more classes on more topics than ever before. Watch our [Education Page](#) to learn about your class options. It will be posted shortly.

Oh, and a bit of advice: don't delay, as classes fill quickly!

Education

Summer Classes to be Announced Soon

Looking to Improve your Skills?

The Education Team strives to offer classes that pique your interests and enhance your skills. With that in mind, we are excited to announce that Summer classes will begin in early July. Enrollment for those classes will open in early June. The courses cover a wide range of categories: Entry-level, Turning, Digital Tools, and Skill Building.

Thank you in advance for letting the [Education Team](#) know the courses you may have a future interest in. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Member Shop News

Ever Thought That You'd Like to Teach?

One of the primary reasons SDFWA exists is to promote the perpetuation of woodworking in San Diego County. In fact, one of the main reasons we opened the Member Shop was to enable us to offer woodworking classes to San Diegans.

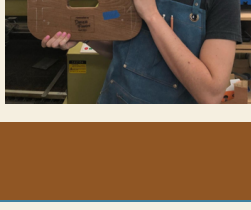
When the Member Shop opened in 2017, Bob Bostick, together with John Rieger, developed and presented the first **"Introduction to Woodworking"** Class, aimed at encouraging local citizens to take up woodworking. There was also a clear need to fill the void created by the discontinuation of woodworking offerings in local High Schools and Colleges.

Bob's efforts disclosed a seemingly unquenchable thirst for this type of offering. And the Shop has trained hundreds of men and women in the basics of woodworking. His efforts, along with the dozens of volunteer Instructors and TA's that have followed him, have made "Intro to Woodworking" the most popular Class that we offer. In fact, (as of now), **we have a waitlist for this Class that is 230 names long!!**

Our teaching staff is 100% volunteer. We continue to add more Members to this Team. But the demand continues to outstrip our ability to offer enough sections of this Class. And that brings us to you...

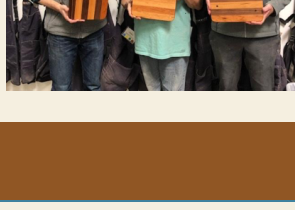
We all know how many talented woodworkers we have in our marvelous Organization. Those of us who have taught this Class also know how gratifying it is to see someone new to woodworking complete their first project.

If you've ever thought you'd enjoy helping others enjoy this wonderful skill, **now is the time to act!** We need you as a TA and/or instructor. You **DO NOT** need to be a Shop Member. We will train you to help deliver the new, exciting version of this Class. And you'll have the satisfaction of teaching others the skills that have provided you so much satisfaction throughout your woodworking experience.



To get more information, simply [email us](#). We'll answer all of your questions and together, set a plan for you to **get involved**.

Will you help?!



Community Outreach

Toy Program



Jerry's Toy Group

has completed in 2021

53 Hopping Bunnies (shown here).

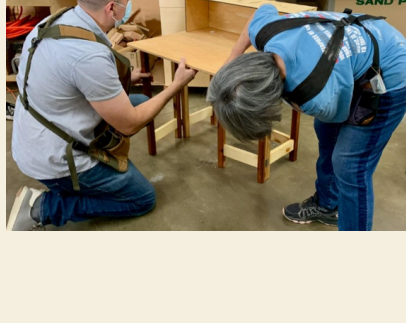
Roger Solheid -Toy Program Chairman

We need hardwood cutoffs

to make these toys.

Please contact
Steve Naiman at (619) 244-6985,
to donate.

Thanks!



Desks for At-Home Learning

In our [last Newsletter](#), we introduced one of [SDFWA's initiatives](#) to design, build and donate desks for at-home students of [O'Farrell Elementary](#) to do their school work. Kurt Krummel's team of volunteers has embarked on their first build session, in which members of all skill levels teamed together in crafting 10 desks.

[Read all about their efforts here >>](#) and how you too can participate.

Woodworking Community Articles



SDFWA's 40th Anniversary!!!

To celebrate of our Association's 40th anniversary, here is the third of Jeff Bratt's continuing series on the history of SDFWA.

Part 2 of his detailed and interesting record of the early years to the present of our Design In Wood Exhibition at the Southern California Fair in Del Mar can be [read Here >>](#)



Walnut

Claro Walnut grows Oregon and northern California, producing beautiful wood combining attractive violet and brownish black streaks with the browns of Eastern walnut. Claro walnut and English walnut are both favored for making veneer, guitars and other musical instruments, fine furniture, boxes, and high quality turnings.

Read more of this new comprehensive and fascinating [article about Walnut from Dick Ugoretz here. >>](#)

[More Articles](#)

Woodworking Community Videos



Hand Tool SIG - Paul Duffield:

[Use and Care of Band Planes](#)

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Interested in sharing your story or project? Write editor@sdfwa.org.

Member Resources

SDFWA members regularly sell and buy quality Woodworking Tools and Materials to and from each other.

See the latest offerings on [our Wants and Disposals Page](#).

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Our sponsors contribute raffle & door prizes and materials for our charity efforts to SDFWA, and they deserve your patronage. SDFWA members also receive valuable discounts when purchasing from [our Sponsors](#).

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SDFWA 2021 Meeting Dates

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