

Newsletter

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President's Message

SDFWA Accomplishments

After three years as president of SDFWA, I'm moving on ... to Austin. No, I'm not moving full time but as a newly-minted grandfather I'll be spending 50% of my time in Texas. Since I won't be around enough to do the job well, I'm stepping down as president. However, you're not quite rid of me as I'll be staying on the board.



As I make my exit, I can't help but reflect on what the SDFWA has

accomplished. Pre-pandemic, Design in Wood had a record 365 entries in the 2019 exhibit. The Shop has grown to 375 members, has a waitlist for joining, and is profitable with growing cash reserves. We grew our footprint with Shop 2.0 and I've signed the lease for Shop 3.0, (a second expansion which we're planning now). All the while we've improved our offerings, grown our education programs and enhanced the member experience. Looking back, our new efforts have centered on themes:

Year 1: Reinvigorate the SDFWA

- Deliver More Value to Members
- Added New Sponsor Discounts
- Introduced the Woodworkers Corral
- Started Marketing through Social Media
- Year 2: Adjust to the Pandemic
 - Took General Meetings and Shop Tours Online
 - Rebuilt SDFWA.org for Community communication
 - Made the Member Shop "COVID Safe"
 - Grew Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Year 3: Boost Volunteerism of Members
 - Increase Educational Opportunities
 - Offered more Introductory Classes
 - Managed Group Build Projects
 - Grew Outreach to the Community (Toys, Desks and Little Libraries)

Over the years we also pulled off major technical projects including migrating to a new website and digital newsletter. Be on the lookout for more! In support of Design in Wood returning, we'll be adding a photo gallery to SDFWA.org showing 20 years of award winning projects!

As we go forward, I hope you'll continue to support SDFWA and get increasingly involved. We've been through so much these past three years, yet we've done more good than ever before. Your participation is what makes being a part of the SDFWA community something special, thank you.

It's been an honor to have served you these past three years. Travis

Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at <u>Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church</u> 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

and also via Zoom, (register in PunchPass for a link).

Perhaps you've heard of **"Green and Green"** furniture and craftsman Architecture. These Brothers extended the Victorian era *Arts and Crafts* movement from England to America. If not, you can read a primer about that <u>here</u>.



Author and teacher Darrell Peart will give us a presentation on the design style of Green & Green, including some of his own work in their style.

READ all about our next Meeting PROGRAM here...

The Raffle Prizes!



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1. Lie Nielsen Block Plane

2. Rockler Store Gift Card

Eye Opener on Saturday, November 27

Everyone is welcome to our once-a-month social event at the shop.

This month, the Luthiers SIG (Special Interest Group) will highlight some of their projects and techniques. Even if you are not interested in making a stringed instrument, you will find their tricks and jigs fascinating. In addition, many of these skills can be applied to other woodworking challenges. Mike Davis leads the group. They are currently meeting every Wednesday evening at the shop to build acoustic guitars.

Coffee and donuts will be available at <u>8:30 AM</u>. At 9:00, there will be a few announcements followed by the Luthiers presentation. For those interested in lasers, CNC, or 3D printing, the **Digital Tools SIG will start at 10:00**.

<u>Please join us</u> for an enjoyable morning at the shop, (5360 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121)

The Holiday Gift Sale

Is Here!!

The 4th Annual SDFWA Holiday Gift Sale is finally here!

Friday and Saturday (**Nov. 19 - 20**) we will throw open the doors of the Member Shop to any and all who love wood, like shopping and/or enjoy a good time!

San Diego has never seen anything like this! We have **OVER 500 unique gifts items** made from wood, by our own Members! And it's all for sale....at great prices! We even had some items that you can have personally engraved while you're there! (<u>Click here >>></u> to see the items).



You may have seen extensive publicity we've had on several TV stations, touting this unique opportunity to do all your Christmas shopping in one place! It's also a great time to see the Shop and show it off to friends and family.

You WILL be impressed with what you see. We have far more items than we've ever had before and it's going to be a great event.

This is <u>the Association's only fundraiser</u>. Come on out, have some fun and support your Club! (And bring your friends!) Need more details? <u>Click here >>></u>

Community Outreach

Design In Wood News

I have some good news! We finally have enough information to announce that there will be a 2022 Design In Wood exhibition. There may be some operational changes in the overall fair, but the exhibit will look the same as before. By that I mean there will be 26 categories, demonstration booths, and all the things that have made DIW the fine exhibit that it is. We will be working hard to make Design In Wood the wonderful exhibit it has always been. The theme for the 2022 fair is "Heroes Re-Unite!" There are changes in admission prices and they are lowering the parking fee. I will send more information as I get it from the fairgrounds. As of now we will move forward with our planning as usual. Thank you for your patience. Ed Gladney Design In Wood Coordinator EdGladney@san.rr.com 619-251-4410 Cell 858-484-4366 Home



Education

As educational opportunities through SDFWA have increased in popularity, so has the importance of letting your preferences be known. One way to express your desire to take a class in the future is by signing up for the waitlist. There are several advantages of utilizing the waitlist; ranging from prioritized enrollment, to helping the Education team realize the class you are interested in still has demand, thus influencing scheduling decisions. Priority enrollment allows waitlisted students to sign up for a class before the course is offered to the general public when space becomes available. Simply take a minute to click the link below and browse the waiting list to sign up for any courses that pique your interest.

SDFWA Class Waiting List

Also, following the new format of releasing courses monthly, SDFWA Education Team will announce January courses during the first week of December. Turn that project you envision into reality. Sign up early to secure your spot!

Woodworking Community Articles



Shaper Origin Tool

Have you heard about our new Shaper Origin tool? It's a computer-assisted CNC plunge router. A what? It's an easy to use CNC that's really good at joinery, inlays, hardware installations, and much more. Oh, and both tool and training are available to our shop members.

<< Read more about it here

Shapley Joinery

A new tool doesn't impress until someone makes it sing. Jeff Bratt has taken our **new Shaper Origin** tool and applied it to a favorite theme: **Joinery**. See the beautiful music he makes with this wonderful tool.

Read all about it here >>





Gadgets for Turners

Each year, the "**Gizmos & Gadgets"** presentation at the *American Association of Woodturners* Symposium is among the their most interesting. Here are six ideas, (captured via screen shot), that stood out.

<< See the Gizmos & Gadgets</p>

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. 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 <u>our Sponsors</u>.

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