About SJFWA

SAN JOAQUIN FINE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION (SJFWA)

Founded in 1983, SJFWA is an association which provides social and educational opportunities for woodworkers located in the central valley of California, including Fresno, Madera, and Tulare counties.

With over 100 members, we strive to meet the needs of everyone – from beginning woodworkers through seasoned craftsmen – interested in all forms of wood craft, including turning and scrolling.

Our club has regular monthly meetings for members to meet and share their knowledge and experience. Additionally, several classes are offered each year covering a variety of topics. The club also produces and distributes several thousand toys every year for children in need.

Contact Us

For current information on our club, projects and membership, please visit our website at:

www.sjfwa.com

Inquiries may also be sent by postal mail to:

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Donations

We are a 501c(3) not for profit organization . All of our programs are made possible by the generosity of our members and the community. If you would like to show your support, donations may be made at our website or by mail.

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Club Meetings

SJFWA holds club meetings every month. Our regular meetings begin with club announcements followed by a "show and tell" session where members discuss their current projects and share tips and tricks. Presentations are scheduled for the second half of the meeting which cover a variety of topics in the area of woodworking.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month and begin at 9:00 am. Location varies with each meeting and rotates between the south and north valley. Information on upcoming meetings is available on our website and in our newsletter.

Membership

Membership dues are paid on an annual basis. Cost for one calendar year is $30 per person (or $15 for the remainder of the year after July 1st). Fees are due each year by January 1st.

The membership application is available on our website, or you can join at any of our monthly meetings. Guests are always welcome at our meetings if you would like to preview our club before joining.

Toy Program

Each year, The San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association (SJFWA) produces hand-made toys for distribution to charitable organizations. Our goal is to provide well-made, safe, wooden toys for children's enjoyment.

Annually, several thousand toys are made and distributed to children throughout the Valley who otherwise might go without during the holiday season.

Toys are made in both group workshops and by members working as individuals in their home shops. Plans for projects are available for members, or toy makers may design and submit their own ideas for approval. All toys are reviewed and tested in accordance with federal law for safety before production.

Classes

Several woodworking classes are offered each year. Past classes have included box making, finishing techniques, veneering and hand tools.

Classes are conducted and scheduled by members who are experts in their area. Upcoming classes, fees and requirements are listed on our website.

Special Interest Groups

In addition to our regular meetings members have formed special interest groups that focus on specific areas of woodworking.

The **Fine Woodworking Group** focuses precision woodworking and traditional techniques with an emphasis on furniture making.

The **Scrolling Group** offers regular hands-on workshops dedicated to all aspects of scroll saw use from beginning to advanced techniques.

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