

## SJFWA MEMBER PROFILE

### Mike Cunningham

Mike Cunningham joined the SJFWA in May of 2008. He has had a lifelong interest in woodworking and creating things as an avocation. He has created furniture for his house in years past but wanted to improve his skills and learn new ones. This was his motivation for joining SJFWA.

Mike retired from the Fresno County Sheriff's Department in 2001 where he worked for more than thirty years. After traveling extensively in the United States and Europe, he came back home and wanted to do something creative with his hands. Mike and a friend attended a meeting of the SJFWA in Kingsburg and immediately joined the club. He has been a member ever since.

Mike's shop is located in two bays of a three bay garage at his home in Clovis. It contains stationary power tools including a Table Saw, Drill Press, Joiner, Thickness Planer, Band Saw, Thickness Sander, Scroll Saw, Router Table and Lathe. It also houses numerous hand and small power tools. Mike enjoys working with all his tools but has a special affinity for his Lathe. He initially learned lathe techniques from David Marks of Santa Rosa. David had a very popular show on DIY Television called Woodworks. Mike has created hundreds of items since then on his lathe. He also joined a wood turner's club called Sequoia Wood Turners Organization.

Mike's contributions to the club have included acting as co-auctioneer at the club's auctions, serving on the annual banquet committee, working on the toy committee, creating a DVD archive of all past issues of the club's newsletter from 1983 to 2010, serving as a reporter for the club's newsletter, and, recently was elected to serve as one of the North Division's Directors at Large.

