



San Diego Woodturners

Proud Founders of the Turn-Around-for-Vets (TAV) Program



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**This month at
SDWT:
Annual Holiday/
Christmas Party
@ Nottingham
14 December, 2024
(10 AM-1PM ish)**



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Sally Ault

SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

I can't believe this is my last Shavings for 2024. What a busy year!

Our November demo by Jeff Neff was excellent. Jeff showed us the process of turning a Natural Edge bowl. Many turners are hesitant to try it but after Jeff's demo, I hope we see quite a few at the January Instant Gallery. Jeff made the process easy and understandable... and did his demo on one new knee and had a second one replaced the next week. Watch out...Jeff is going to be moving a lot faster now!

November is the month we hold elections. The board made the decision that 12-15 people is too many for a club our size so we voted to reduce the number of board members to 9. We may reduce it further in the future. The board members who have finished their term on the board are Andy Boyer, Ernesto Aquino, Carolyn Jones and Motoko Smith. Please thank them for their wonderful work on the board.

We elected Steve Frick to a second term and Dan Waldburger as TAV chair and both will serve a 3 year term.

Ernesto Aquino has done an exceptional job of Chairing TAV for the past few years but is transferring his chairmanship to Dan Waldburger. Ernesto is heading back to work but will still be very active with TAV.

As you know TAV now has 4 sites and that means there are some members who are working at more than one site each week. We need more help at TAV! You don't have to be experienced as a teacher...we will teach you everything you need to know. Helping new turners makes you a better turner as well! There are several support jobs at each site that even a non-turner or a turner who hasn't taught before can do so PLEASE volunteer. There is a credentialing process to gain access to the sites but it is pretty quick and easy and you are needed!!!!

Our December meeting is our annual Holiday party! It is a week earlier than our normal meeting date so put **December 14** on your calendar.

The party starts at 10 and it is a potluck! You won't believe the fabulous food you will have to pick from! Wear your stretchy pants! Please bring food to share for about 10 people. It can be Hot, Cold, Savory or Sweet. Bring your significant other along. This is our chance to meet them and have time to socialize with each other.

We have a great gift exchange so bring a wrapped but unlabeled turning related gift. Give your gift to Jeff in exchange for a ticket. When your ticket is drawn you will get a gift. After everyone who is participating has their gift, we go around the room showing what we got and figuring out who made or brought it. It's fun. I have some really excellent things from past years.

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SHAVINGS Cont...

from the Prez . . .

This year we will add a special raffle. Carter and Sons Tools have given our club a ½” skew and a 12” handle which we will raffle off. The proceeds will go to TAV. Carter and Sons makes among the best tools on the market. The skew and handle have a \$175 value if you were to buy them. This is your chance to win them. If you are nervous about using a skew there are plenty of mentors to help you make friends with it.

Karen has a fabulous January program planned. Mike Mahoney will be coming to do an all day demo. If you haven't seen Mike in person, you should absolutely not miss this meeting. He is an exceptional demonstrator. He plans to turn at least 3 different things during the all day meeting. There is a \$25 charge for the meeting and lunch is included...if you prefer to zoom, there is a \$20 charge and you have to make your own lunch ☐.

Mike will be bringing bowl and platter blanks and possibly some burls to sell as well. He gets the most amazing wood. Mike is an honorary member of our club. He was an early member while attending San Diego State. He will not be able to stay to do any hands on classes this time... hopefully in the future.

We need pieces turned from Torrey Pine for the gift shop at the Torrey Pines Preserve. They buy pretty much anything we take to them and the proceeds all go to support TAV. Chad always has some Torrey Pine available. Roy Ulrich is in charge of collecting the pieces and taking them to the shop. They also like tops but those aren't made from Torrey Pine...they don't care, they sell them!

The Volunteer of the Month is Jeff Neff. Jeff has done a great job of running our raffle for years and is a frequent demonstrator at club meetings. Hopefully you saw his Natural Edge demo in November. Jeff is also in charge of our mentor program and often invites turners to his shop. It's members like Jeff who make a difference in our club. I hope you will volunteer to help make our club the best it can be. There are so many things you can do to help! Just ask.

I hope you will have the most wonderful and joyful holiday season. I am very grateful for this club and all that it has done for me. **Sally**



SDWT Demonstration/Event Schedule for 2024



I hope you are all staying well. We are blessed to have such a wonderful pastime to keep us busy.

Our program schedule will continue to provide a variety of demonstrations to enhance your skills and maybe offer something you haven't tried before..

On the Horizon - **Jan: Mike Mahoney,**

Karen

Annual Holiday/Christmas Party at SDWT

The Annual SDWT Holiday/Christmas Party will be held on **14 December**. It is going to be a Great time with Food, Fun, Comradery, and Woodturned item gift exchange as a highlighted event of the festivity.

Time: 10 AM to 1 PMish

When: 14 December, 2024

Where: Nottingham Arts Cntr, San Marcos

What to bring:

- 1) As this is a Potluck Lunch affair, bring something yummy for 10 (Entrée or Dessert). (Paper plates&cups/Knives/forks/Napkins provided) Water/Coffee also
- 2) For those desiring to participate in the Woodturned item gift exchange, bring a wrapped/bagged woodturned item or something related to woodturning.

Other Info: Spouses, and family members are all Welcome to attend.

HO, HO, HO



P.S. Hmmmmm...I need to check on those San Diego Woodturners on my list ...Let me see Naughty or Nice?

(Stay Tuned...maybe we will all learn more at the forthcoming SDWT party!) See you all there!



“Drop-In Saturday”



Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas from the SDWT “Drop-In” Team (Pete Campbell, Steve Frick, Chad LaVoi, Carolyn Jones (Not pictured: Dave John, Larry Williams). It has been a busy year and we all hope to those who have participated at Drop-In, that you have made improvements or have a better understanding of a process and/or technique in your turning projects as a result. We look forward again to assisting you in 2025 with more of the same and then some that increases your turning skills. See you in 2025!!

The idea behind “Drop in Sessions” for Members is to set up a shop environment of collaboration and a place to receive assistance in answering your turning questions or help with a technique.

Bring your own tools and project material along with your PPE.

Our days are typically on a select **Saturday of the Month. 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**

San Marcos, Nottingham Arts Center.

“Drop-In”

Drop-In returns January 25th at Nottingham

Participants must be members of San Diego Woodturners Club (SDWT) in good standing. Members under the age of 18 years may participate with parental permission and a parent or guardian must be present.



Turn Around for Vets (TAV) is a critical program of the San Diego Woodturners Club. All TAV activities are carried out by a dedicated, unpaid group of volunteers so that 100% of donated funds, designated for TAV, are used to purchase supplies and equipment and to support the program.



Ernesto Aquino

This Months TAV Update:

Dear Volunteers and Veterans,

As the holiday season approaches, we at TAV want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for each of you. Whether you are dedicating your time and energy as a volunteer or demonstrating resilience and courage as a veteran, you are an integral part of our community. Together, we create a network of support, strength, and hope that is truly extraordinary.

For our veterans, this season can bring both joy and challenges. Please know that your sacrifices are not forgotten, and your journey inspires us all. You are the heartbeat of TAV, and we are honored to stand beside you as you continue to grow, heal, and thrive.

To our volunteers, your commitment and compassion are the glue that holds our mission together. Your unwavering dedication to serving those who have served us fills our hearts with pride and gratitude. Your kindness reminds us all of the power of community and shared purpose.

As we celebrate the season of giving and reflection, let us remember the values that unite us: service, resilience, and the unwavering belief in brighter days ahead. May this holiday season bring you peace, warmth, and moments of joy surrounded by loved ones.

Thank you for being a part of TAV's family. We are privileged to walk this journey with you and look forward to the opportunities ahead to make an even greater impact together.

Warm wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year,

~Ernesto Aquino

Get Involved: Calling All Volunteers

If you are interested in helping TAV, we would love to have you join our team. Please contact Dan Waldburger to get involved and make a difference!

Community Outreach Program: We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community outreach

programs for their generous contributions of pen blanks. Your support directly impacts the therapeutic work being done at Naval Medical Center-Balboa, Wounded Warrior Battalion-Camp Pendleton, Aspire Center, and VA Hospital-La Jolla. These materials play a vital role in

This Months TAV Update Cont:

fostering creativity, healing, and connection for our veterans and active-duty service members.

Your kindness and commitment are deeply appreciated and make a meaningful difference in their lives. Thank you for being an invaluable part of our mission to serve those who have served us.



Mission Trails Holiday Bazaar: A Joyful Success!

A special thank you goes out to **Ray Brooks and Derrel Finefrock**, whose hard work and dedication made this event possible. Their efforts ensured everything ran smoothly and allowed us to share our craft with the community.

The Mission Trails Holiday Bazaar was a fantastic event filled with holiday cheer and community connection. Ray and Derrell generated over \$2,000 worth of handcrafted items, including spinning tops, Christmas trees, bowls, and pens for TAV.

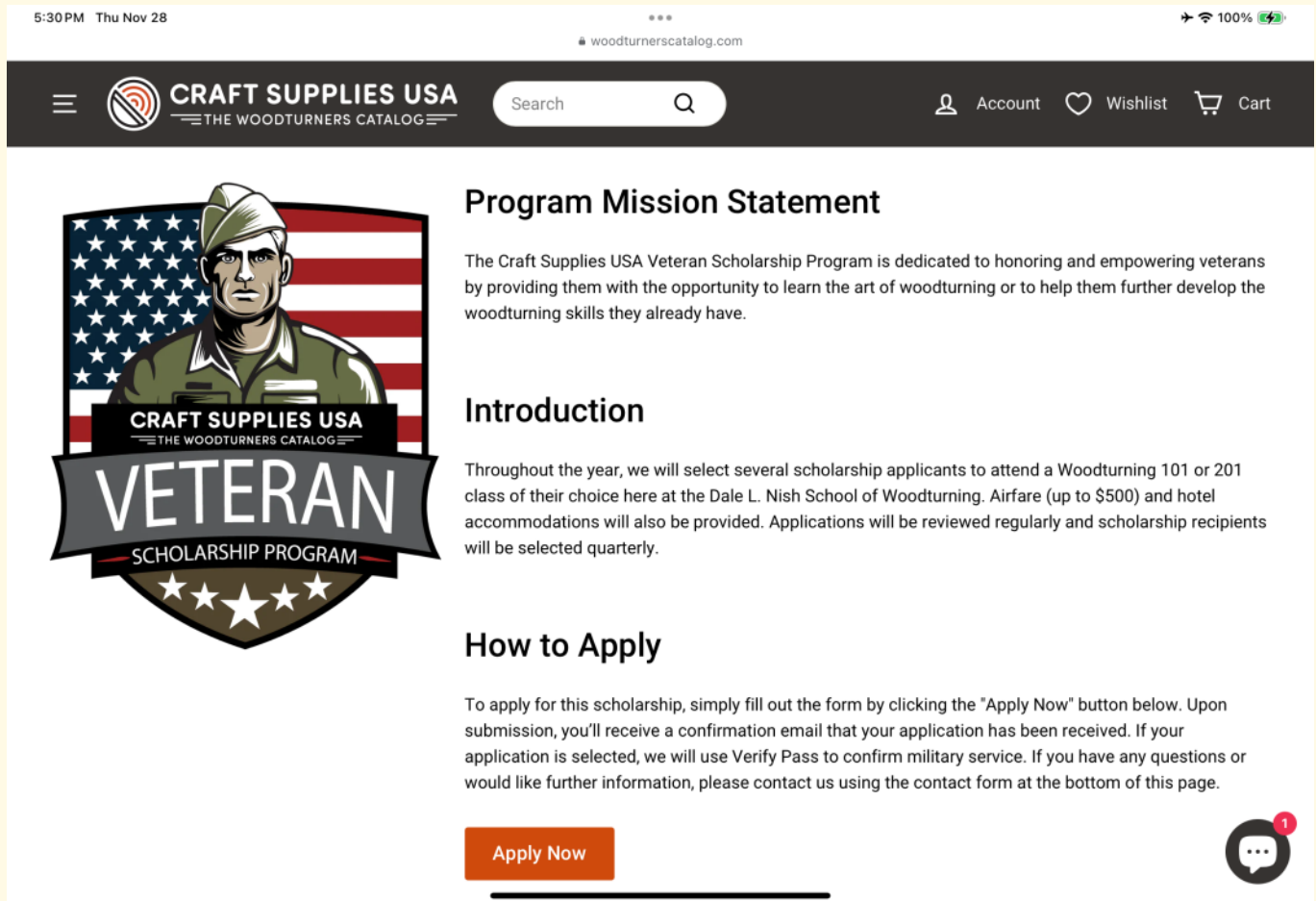


Derrel Finefrock making it happen at the Mission Trails Holiday Bazaar!!

Lastly: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Veteran Scholarship Program



The screenshot shows the mobile website for Craft Supplies USA. At the top, the navigation bar includes the company logo, a search bar, and links for Account, Wishlist, and Cart. The main content area features a large graphic of a veteran in military uniform against an American flag, with the text "CRAFT SUPPLIES USA THE WOODTURNERS CATALOG VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM". Below the graphic, the page is divided into three sections: "Program Mission Statement", "Introduction", and "How to Apply". The "Program Mission Statement" section states that the program is dedicated to honoring and empowering veterans by providing them with the opportunity to learn the art of woodturning or to help them further develop the woodturning skills they already have. The "Introduction" section explains that throughout the year, several scholarship applicants will be selected to attend a Woodturning 101 or 201 class of their choice here at the Dale L. Nish School of Woodturning. Airfare (up to \$500) and hotel accommodations will also be provided. Applications will be reviewed regularly and scholarship recipients will be selected quarterly. The "How to Apply" section instructs users to fill out a form by clicking the "Apply Now" button. Upon submission, they will receive a confirmation email that their application has been received. If their application is selected, they will use Verify Pass to confirm military service. If they have any questions or would like further information, they should contact the company using the contact form at the bottom of the page. An "Apply Now" button is prominently displayed in orange. A chat icon with a notification bubble is visible in the bottom right corner.

Program Mission Statement

The Craft Supplies USA Veteran Scholarship Program is dedicated to honoring and empowering veterans by providing them with the opportunity to learn the art of woodturning or to help them further develop the woodturning skills they already have.

Introduction

Throughout the year, we will select several scholarship applicants to attend a Woodturning 101 or 201 class of their choice here at the Dale L. Nish School of Woodturning. Airfare (up to \$500) and hotel accommodations will also be provided. Applications will be reviewed regularly and scholarship recipients will be selected quarterly.

How to Apply

To apply for this scholarship, simply fill out the form by clicking the "Apply Now" button below. Upon submission, you'll receive a confirmation email that your application has been received. If your application is selected, we will use Verify Pass to confirm military service. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact us using the contact form at the bottom of this page.

[Apply Now](#)

Craft Supply USA is offering interested veterans in turning courses at Craft Supply (Dale Nish Wood Turning School) 101 and or 201 courses of instruction (week courses). Air fare, hotel accommodations, and course costs are included. It is a open to all veterans of various skill levels. Go to woodturnerscatalog.com/veterans to apply.

101 and 201 course descriptions are located on craftsupplyusa website (woodturnerscatalog.com) classes tab.

Del Mar Fair-2025 “Unleash the Magic”



Top Blank preparation continues.

Thanks to SDWT members who assisted at our last Drop-In Sat (Nov 23rd) in prepping Top Blanks.

Getting started a little earlier this year with our Top Prep in order to have sufficient number of Tops available and finished turning by the time the 2025 Del Mar Fair starts in June. We came close in not having enough this past year.

I'll have bags of Top Blanks for turning at our Jan meeting as we need to get ahead on our turned tops. See me to help out in getting ahead start for the 2025 Fair.

Thanks to all for your help and Happy Holidays.

Steve Frick - SDWT Fair Coordinator



Membership

Hello San Diego Woodturners

Total membership count ending 30 November, 2024 is at **224**.

To All: Its membership renewal time.

Membership: Checks for membership (made out to SDWT (note annual Dues \$50) and mail to our new address at **SDWT, 1441 Main St. #184, Ramona, CA 92065**.

Or Better Yet: [Renew on-line via our SDWT website \(Members Only\)](#). Go to **Membership Information (Annual Renewal via Pay Pal)** and follow the prompts.

If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at

www.woodturner.org

Remember that as a paid member, you have access to the [SDWT Members facebook group](#) I hope you decide to join the group, it's a very simple way of interacting with other members of the club.

If you have any questions or you think you might be missing club emails. Let us know either in [SDWT Members](#) or info@sdwt.org

Thank you,

Motoko Smith (Membership Chair) Questions: Contact at Membership@sdwt.org





San Diego
Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Wood Turners



Membership Form

SDWT membership is \$50.00 per calendar year. To become a member, complete this form and send a check to SDWT. Send to the address below or bring it to any SDWT meeting, go to (www.sdwt.org) for our meeting time and location. If you have any questions, please contact

us at (info@sdwt.org)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Our membership allows our club to hold monthly meetings, enjoy refreshments, watch expert demonstrations and participate in classes. As a member, you will have access to woodturning supplies, video library, wood resources and mentorship.

Check out our website at www.sdwt.org

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November Instant Gallery Displayed Items



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Jeff Neff's displayed demonstration pieces.



From the SDWT WEBMASTER

If you are short of time or looking for specific information, be sure to check out the "Timestamps" in the description area of all Zoom meeting videos. They allow you to quickly click and jump to the specific topics.: Plate

You will find all of this on the password required "[Members Only](#)" page under "Zoom Recordings" Latest Recordings as follows:

Jeff Neff: Natural Edge Bowls

Karen Freitas: Snowmen

Dave John: Star Bowl

Chad LaVoi: Bowl Coring

Don Owen: Chuck Maintenance

Doug Buddenhagen: Wave Bowls

Sally Ault: Pewa's (Bowtie's/Butterflies) Crack Repair

Laurent Nichols: Tea Pot and Drop (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Tom Edwards: Fixes and Fixtures

Derek Weidman (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Karen Freitas: Mushroom Box

Dwight Kraich: Peppermills

Brian Saunders/Dave John: Customized Pens

Rebeca DeGroot (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)





As members of the San Diego Woodturners, you may come across an opportunity for us to add to our wood inventory and made available to our membership at nominal cost.

If you hear of anyone needing to move wood off their property please give me a call **Chad LaVoi** (see members only tab (membership directory for contact info or send an email to GotWood@sdwt.org).



Wood Resource Update: A special thanks to those members who assisted with the house-keeping and clean-up at the Wood Resource lot on 23 November. It is much appreciated from SDWT members who assisted in this task that quite frankly needs to be done periodically and to be good tenants in the area at Nottingham for wood resources we are allowed to use. **Thank You.**

I also wish to thank the many who have provided and assisted with Wood Resources this past year. It is the Club and its members who benefit in having wood resources available at a nominal cost. **Thank You.**

Always needed but a need none the less towards help in this area for hauling wood when it becomes available and/or helping in the wood lot. Let me know if you can assist in this manner.

Finally, I wish to all the members of SDWT a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Chad**



Raffle



Thank You to all the members who have participated in the monthly raffle.

The raffle program is **self-supporting** with your support and ALL of the proceeds from the raffle are reinvested in future raffles and never used for any other purpose.

If you would like to see some particular item(s) included in the raffle program, let me know and I will see if I can work them in.

Be safe. We will resume in January. Until then **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

From the DVD & Book Library

Hi All

Check out the listing on the SDWT web page of our vast DVD and Book library on various woodturning topics, techniques, and artistry. DVDs and Books will be available at our Jan meeting for checkout and return.

Until then, **Carolyn**

Be Safe.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



StarBond Products (with a Club Discount) at SDWT



STARBOND CA product will be available at our **Jan** meeting. STARBOND has offered guild chapter discount on their products whereby you the members of SDWT will reap the benefit of the discounted price (approx 30% discount). Thin, Med, Thick CA along with Aerosol, and Black & Brown Filler CA will be on hand.

Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program is one of the unique benefits of our club. Our mentors can help with basic to complex turning and teach safety along the way. This is a great way to start out or hone your skills with complex tasks taught by turners skilled in specific areas of turning. Our mentors are volunteers and are dedicated to sharing information on all facets of woodturning.

Rest assured however, that all of our mentors are easy to work with. Most often the mentor opens his/her shop to the applicant at a mutually agreed upon time and schedule.

A list of mentors and their specialties are listed within our Mentor Tab of our SDWT.org website (go to **About** tab and pull down menu, go then to **Mentors**). Phone numbers for the Mentor you have particular area of interest is listed in the (members only area of the web site).. Upon making contact, arrange a time and place. If you have any questions, email me at the below address..



Jeff Neff – Mentor Committee Chairman (MentorChairman@sdwt.org)

“Mentors do not give you a shortcut, but they streamline the process. They invariably had their own great mentors, giving them a richer and deeper knowledge of their field. Their ensuing years of experience taught them invaluable lessons and strategies for learning. Their knowledge and experience becomes yours; they can direct you from unnecessary side paths or errors. They observe you at work and provide real-time feedback, making your practice more time efficient. Their advice is tailored to your circumstances and your needs. Working closely with them, you absorb the essence of their creative spirit, which you can now adapt in your own way.” From the Book - ***Mastery*** by Robert Greene



Resources

Tropical Exotic Hardwoods

2270 Camino Vida Roble site "B"
Carlsbad, CA 92008 (760-434-3030)

North County Tools

955-A Rancheros Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069 (760-743-2004)

Enviro-Safety Products (No discount)

516 E. Modoc Ave.
Visalia, CA 93292—7630
(800) 637-6606

Rockler

8199 Claremont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92111 (858 268-1005)

The Hardwood & Hardware Co

8849 Complex Dr
San Diego, CA 92126
(858 - 536-1800)

Woodworker West

PO Box 452058
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 216 - 9265

Tool Depot

3464 Pickett St
San Diego, CA (619) 220 - 7111
1655 Broadway #13
Chula Vista, CA (619) 585-800

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Chula Vista, CA 91911
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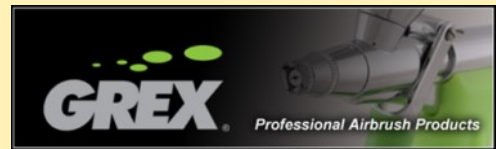
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Learn more about the above products and see Joe's Gallery at Airbrushingwood.com. (highly recommended) along with his educational material on color/airbrushing and much more. Good Stuff!!

All club members will receive show discounting pricing on all products and an extra 5% on airbrush starter kits.



Attention, Attention, Attention

The San Diego Rockler Store, is no longer accepting the exclusive “Extra 10% off One Item Coupon.” for SDWT members. However, as we approach the new year (2025) and if you are shopping at Rockler, do register as an SDWT guild member and you will be given a 10% discount.

(Show your 2025 membership card at checkout 1x and you will be set for the year with the automatic discount on authorized item purchases when you shop during the year).

At your next visit to Rockler, take a moment and thank the staff of Rockler and Rockler for their continued support for the woodworking guilds (and SDWT) in the greater San Diego area.



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The Last Page - “Cutoffs”

(Odds and Ends)



NOTTINGHAM ACCESS

For access to the Nottingham Arts Center contact Terry Sullivan via e-mail (go2tms@outlook.com). Include the day and time you wish to arrive as well as the purpose of your visit. Access must be cleared with Terry with email and on-site rep, Jessie Martin.

Do not enter the Nottingham facility or grounds without prior approval or without the project leader present.

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December 25th, 2024

Next Event

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SDWT Annual XMAS/Holiday Gathering

10 AM until 1 PM(ish)

Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos

Happy Holidays