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Take a Course or Do It Yourself at New Woodworking Center
The Sawdust Shop Specializes in Woodworking Classes, Supplies & Safety

Sunnyvale, CA – September 20, 2005 – Forget traditional back-to-school supplies, the students in this unique Sunnyvale classroom prefer a backpack full of lumber, nails and safety goggles. With high hopes, hammers and the ambition to learn a few new skills, the students at The Sawdust Shop, a new full-service, do-it-yourself woodworking center and retail store, are enrolled in woodshop 101 for adults.

An impressive, high-tech woodworking campus and retail outlet located in the heart of Silicon Valley, The Sawdust Shop is a mixed-use facility offering evening and weekend classes for all skill levels of woodworkers. From beginning to advanced woodworking, each course taught at The Sawdust Shop focuses on student education and shop safety during the process of creating a finished wood product.

“Our woodworking fundamentals class is an entry-level course for beginners as well as a refresher course for people who have done woodworking in the past, and it continues to be full and in demand,” said Craig Colvin, owner of the increasingly popular Sawdust Shop which opened in June. “We stress safety above all else – safety in the shop and the safe operation of all the power tools. Students learn these skills while constructing a simple project that has them use 95% of the power tools in our woodshop.”

The Sawdust Shop classes are taught by skilled woodcrafters and cover a broad range of woodworking topics including carving and woodturning, cabinet, furniture and instrument making, on through finishing, decorating and sharpening techniques. There are even classes for children and parents to take together, designed to encourage an interest in woodworking while providing the opportunity to spend quality time together in woodshop.

In addition to the course listings, The Sawdust Shop offers a do-it-yourself membership option for individual woodworkers to use the tools onsite and make

their own projects. It works similar to a gym membership where a specified amount of woodworking time is purchased on a “shop card.”

To make woodworking as convenient as possible, The Sawdust Shop retail store is stocked with a complete line of fine tools, supplies and lumber. From soup to nuts, everything needed to complete a woodworking project is available at Colvin’s shop, including blades, hardware, drills, books, finishing products, safety equipment, and more.

All woodworking class sizes are small to ensure everyone gets time on the tools and personalized instruction; the beginning class takes a maximum of six students, the tool sharpening course 10. The registration fee, which ranges by class level from \$75 to \$295 for the cabinet-making course, includes materials and shop time.

Store hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 7 PM, and the woodshop is open until 10 PM. Advance registration is required for all classes. For more information and a complete course schedule visit www.sawdustshop.com or call 408.992.1004.

The Sawdust Shop

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, California, The Sawdust Shop is an independently-owned and operated full-service woodworking center. Opened in June 2005 to serve the surrounding community, The Sawdust Shop is a unique concept combining woodworking education and retail supplies. Offering woodworking classes, a do-it-yourself woodshop, and a comprehensive woodworking store, The Sawdust Shop plans to become a franchise operation in the near future. For information, call 408.992.1004 or visit www.sawdustshop.com.

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