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**Give the Gift of Woodworking This Holiday Season
*One-Stop Shopping for Gift Certificates Now at The Sawdust Shop***

Sunnyvale, CA – October 11, 2005 – With the holidays getting so close you can almost smell the pumpkin pie, it's time to start thinking about your gift list. For the man, woman or child who has everything, here's a creative new idea that will be just the right size, color and will not require going to the mall for an exchange. Give the gift of experience and the opportunity for someone close to you to learn a new skill – woodworking.

The Sawdust Shop, a new full-service, do-it-yourself woodworking shop and retail facility in the heart of Silicon Valley, has the perfect solution to those hard to please people on your list. Wrap up a gift certificate for a woodshop membership, a beginner woodworking class, or give the handyman in your family the ultimate power saw. All are conveniently available under one roof at The Sawdust Shop.

“Talk about one-stop shopping, we offer gift certificates in any dollar amount for shop membership, to take classes and to use in our woodworking store,” said Craig Colvin, owner of The Sawdust Shop which opened in June. “To give someone an experience to try woodworking for the first time, or the opportunity to get back to it after several years, is a great gift.”

There is no expiration date on the gift certificates, so recipients have plenty of time to redeem their woodworking encounter. Colvin expects The Sawdust Shop will become even busier once winter weather kicks in and the days become gloomy and ideal for indoor activities.

The one-of-a-kind, high-tech woodworking center really does provide something for every woodworking skill-level and interest. Classes are taught by trained instructors and are held in the evenings and on weekends. Membership to The Sawdust Shop offers enthusiasts an individual, do-it-yourself option to work with the tools in the woodshop. And, the fully stocked retail store provides the finest line of high-quality tools and supplies available for most woodworking projects.

Colvin said all the beginner woodworking courses have filled up quickly, so he plans to add three more classes to meet the growing demand.

“Once people try woodworking, at least half of them become hooked and continue on to the next level of instruction,” he explained. “The number one request we get is for woodturning classes, which appeals to the creative people who want to make bowls, furniture legs and even wooden holiday ornaments.”

The Sawdust Shop is located at 452 Oakmead Parkway in Sunnyvale. The woodshop is open from 10 AM to 10 PM Tuesday through Sunday; the retail store is open until 7 PM. Gift certificates are available at the center for any dollar amount. For information and a class listing 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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