



Welcome to Apple Country Woodcrafters. We are very happy you're interested in joining us.

ACW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose goal is to develop and execute woodworking projects for the benefit of our community and the education of our members and the larger world. One of our largest efforts is to make and distribute wooden toys to local, underprivileged children at Christmas time; for the past several years, the number of toys has exceeded 1,000. We also seek to make a woodworking contribution that enriches the community. This work provides a backdrop for increasing our woodworking skills, even developing those skills in complete beginners. All this is enhanced by the camaraderie we enjoy among men and women whose common interest is a love for working with wood as a hobby.

We have a 3,750 square foot workshop at 55 P.E.M Drive (Building C), off Sugarloaf Road in Hendersonville, just east of I-26. Please drop by the shop on a work day: all day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, morning and evening on Tuesdays, plus Thursday mornings for carving. It's quite a well-equipped and supplied facility.

We hold our regular meetings on the fourth Monday of most months (September and December excepted), beginning at 6:00 p.m. They are in the main hall of the City Operations Center at 305 Williams Street in Hendersonville.

Annual ACW dues are a remarkable bargain for the benefits you will enjoy, just \$80.00 for a regular member, which also includes privileges for the member's spouse and their children aged 18 through 26. To encourage woodworking skills in the next generation, we also offer individual memberships to young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 with dues set at half the regular amount.

To begin your membership process, please complete the three attached forms (application, liability waiver, and general shop safety agreement). You may bring them to a meeting or mail them to us at:

Apple Country Woodcrafters
P O Box 1836
Hendersonville, NC 28793

We look forward to seeing you.



GENERAL SAFETY PROCEDURES AND AGREEMENT

This document does not replace the specific safety and operation instructions associated with individual machines or the shop environment. **Failure to comply with these procedures may result in the loss of shop privileges.**

1. It is the responsibility of all members to observe and help to enforce the safety rules of Apple Country Woodcrafters (“ACW”). If you observe an unsafe act, notify the shop supervisor immediately.
2. Always comply with the directions and requests of the shop supervisor. You must have “ACW certification” on each machine before using it. If you are not familiar or comfortable with the operation of a machine, consult the shop supervisor. **It is the responsibility of each member to obtain the appropriate training and certification to operate the machinery in the shop.**
3. No one may use any machines without the shop supervisor on duty and only with a minimum of two people present.
4. **Eye protection is required to be worn for all activities in the shop. Hearing protection is strongly recommended when needed.**
5. Do not disturb anyone when they are using a machine. Wait until machine is stopped before getting their attention unless an unsafe act is being used.
6. Check to see that work areas are clean, with no loose items on the machine or on the floor around the work area. Be aware of electric cords and air hoses.
7. Inspect equipment prior to use to insure proper operating condition. Guards are not to be removed or disabled. Notify supervisor if problems are found.
8. Be aware of any fire hazard. Aerosol spray cans are permitted but no other spraying. Rags and brushes used in finishing are to be placed in the bucket containing water, which is located outside the shop toilet room. **NOTE: These materials must be taken with the member when leaving the shop.** Plastic bags are available for transport if needed. Do not put flammable materials in shop trash containers.
9. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas outside the building. Dispose of butts in the containers.
10. Wear proper clothing. Loose clothes, especially sleeves are to be avoided. Shoes should have good traction and offer some protection from falling objects. Long hair should be secured out of harm’s way. Jewelry should not be worn while operating machines, especially lathes.
11. Know the location of all exits, fire extinguishers, First Aid kit, and defibrillator. Notify the shop supervisor immediately of any injury especially if blood is drawn.
12. Do not use the shop when excessively fatigued or when under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Recent changes in prescription medication that could affect level of alertness require some consideration.
13. Do not leave any machine that is running unattended. Wait at the machine until the blade/cutters have totally stopped. Always maintain “3 inches” between fingers or body parts and any blade or cutter. Use push pads and push handles to control material through a cut on a machine.
14. Maintain a clean shop. Members are responsible for cleaning the machines they use and the areas around them. All hand tools are to be returned to their proper locations, and all remaining material is to be disposed of or removed from the shop.
15. Notify the shop supervisor of any damaged or improperly operating equipment and tools.

I agree to abide by these general safety procedures and all those specific to the tools I am using.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



APPLE COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS LIABILITY WAIVER

As a participant in a work shop, seminar, educational class or otherwise using the equipment in the workshop of Apple Country Woodcrafters (ACW), I agree to abide by all Shop Rules adopted by ACW for use of its shop facilities and equipment. I understand ACW maintains a program of training and certification for safe equipment operation and that each participant is required to obtain that training and certification before operating machinery in the shop. I agree to promptly notify ACW Officers of any change in my physical or mental condition that may impair my ability to engage safely in any shop activity at ACW. Whenever requested, I agree to participate in a confidential assessment by an ACW Officer or Shop Supervisor to assess my physical and/or mental fitness to participate in the use of its shop facilities. If ACW determines, at its sole discretion, that my physical and/or mental condition presents any risk to myself and/or others, ACW may suspend, terminate, or refuse to renew my participation in the ACW Shop Program. Any violation of ACW Shop Rules or any terms of any written agreement with ACW may result in suspension, termination or non-renewal of my participation in the ACW shop program.

By signing this document, I agree to assume all risks of, and take full responsibility for, my actions and omissions while participating in the ACW program. I hereby release ACW and its Officers to the fullest extent allowed by law. I further and hereby release ACW and its Officers from any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, actions, suits, proceedings, losses and/or related causes of action that may arise from my accidental injury or death associated with my participation in the ACW Shop Program and/or use of ACW property and equipment.

Name Printed

Date

Signature

E-Mail Address

Officer's Signature

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- Membership Category:
- Regular Member
 - Spouse
 - Child (18-26)
 - Young Adult (18-26)

Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City/state/zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ Emergency contact/phone: _____

How did you hear about ACW? _____

What is your woodworking experience level? Beginner Intermediate Expert

What are your woodworking interests?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toy making | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodcarving | <input type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model building | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodturning | <input type="checkbox"/> Joiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Intarsia/marquetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrollsaw/fretwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodburning/pyrography | <input type="checkbox"/> Finishing | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Other talents or experience?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/public relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Please tell us a little about yourself (occupation/career, how long you have been in the area, where you lived before, etc):

(Continue on reverse if necessary)

Date recd: _____

Dues paid: \$ _____