

Fellow Woodworkers,

Beginning Saturday, January 29 we will offer the third "INTRODUCTION TO WOODWORKING" course. The second course was a major modification of the first, and this third is a major modification of the second. The 2011 course will be grounded in a project selected to provide practice and to produce a product. Emphasis will be on creating the jigs to make precision work possible even with little or experience, and carrying the work through to a completed project.

The course is primarily for new members, but is open to any member of the Association. For new members who desire it, a kit of the essential practice and final product wood will be sold. For all others, the fee will be just enough to cover the cost of producing the planning and instructional document (\$5.00 or less).

Some members have taken both the 2009 and the 2010 courses, and I think the 2011 course will be an even better experience. Richard Pierce has been working on getting the plans for the course in excellent shape, and Pete Sieperda and I have been assisting his work. We hope to be able to match one of our more advanced SJFWA members to be a "mentor" to each class member who would benefit from one-to-one coaching. Each coach would have only one person to help.

The class meetings will be on Saturdays:

Jan 29

Feb 12 and 26

Mar 12 and 26

Apr 9 and 23

May 14

To enroll sign up at the December SJFWA meeting, or send an e-mail message to Richard Pierce. The course in the past has led to new members and this is one purpose again this year. Please think of potential new members who might be well served by the "jump-start" a course like this will provide.

For additional information contact Richard Pierce, Pete Sieperda, Bill Lynam, or me.

I hope your Christmas season will be joyful, especially marked by addition of some longed-for tool or special wood.

Louis Volpp