

Frequently Asked Questions

What does it cost to join?

Apple Country Woodcrafters annual membership is \$100 per calendar year with no initiation fee. This includes your spouse and any children aged 18 - 26. If you join after July, it's half price and if you join after November it carries over into the next year. If you are independent and age 18 - 26, membership is half price.

What does membership include?

Membership provides access to the Apple Country Woodcrafters shop. This shop is 3,750 sq ft fully equipped with woodworking tools to build almost any woodworking project you desire. It also opens opportunities to learn from our experienced members who love to share their skills and knowledge. The club hosts monthly meetings where members are encouraged to show projects they have been working on. We have guest presentations at the meetings covering a wide variety of woodworking topics and skill such as proper finishes to use or how to build a chair or guitar. Most months we also have open workshops covering the subjects covered during the monthly meeting.

What are other benefits to joining?

Yes. The club operates a wood shop that offers discounts on wood for fine woodworking projects at better rates than in most stores. Periodically, the club will acquire various woodworking tools that are offered for sale to members, before offering them to the general public. Many times during the year, various club members will offer their personal tools for sale, to members first. Both of these sources are a great

way to acquire tools from sources you can trust. We also have a monthly newsletter the “Apple Shavings” that is emailed to our membership that keeps you up to date on woodworking related information and happenings in our area. We also have a Members Only section of our website.

I have no woodworking experience. How do I join and what about training?

Apple Country Woodcrafters has members of all skill levels, however, our average member is a beginner. You can attend one of our monthly meetings or stop by the shop and pay your membership dues. You will be required to read the club’s general information for new members and to provide normal contact information. A shop supervisor can work with you at the shop to either show you how to use a particular tool or to certify that you can safely operate the machine on your own. If you’re new to woodworking you can work with any of our club mentors who are happy to share their woodworking knowledge. A great way to learn basic woodworking skills is to participate in our weekly toy builds. These are generally held each Wednesday morning at our shop.

I’m already a very experienced woodworker and have my own shop. Why should I join?

Many of our members already have their own home shops, some with substantial capabilities. The club provides a great opportunity to share your skills and knowledge with fellow woodworkers. It’s also a great way to expand your own knowledge and skills. Woodworking is something where one can always keep learning. The camaraderie working with the Wednesday morning group sessions or the other group sessions and our monthly meetings are great reasons for

experienced woodworkers to join. Helping those unfortunate in our community by using your woodworking skills and knowledge is reason enough for anyone to join!

Am I required to do anything to retain my membership?

No. Other than paying your annual dues there are no requirements for membership. You will need to have a supervisor sign off for each power tool you wish to use at the club shop. There is no requirement to participate in meetings, group builds, or to build anything at your home shop. That said, participating in some or all of these things is very rewarding and you'll have the opportunity to interact with and get to know some very knowledgeable people and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow woodworkers.