

Ricardo Cordova To Host Free Carpentry Workshop For Young Students

SARASOTA, FL, UNITED STATES, January 19, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With technology and computers taking over industries across the world, old skills are taking a back seat. Ricardo Cordova wants to make sure these long-lasting skills stay relevant in the workplace. For this reason, Cordova is hosting a free carpentry workshop for young students interested in the profession.

"I believe every young student should know five basic woodworking skills," says Cordova. "When I was young, I was fortunate to learn these skills in school. I want to pass on these skills to future generations, so they do not become lost in the coming years."

In the current age of plastic and factories, woodworking has transformed from a necessary skill into something of aweinspiring and almost mysterious. When a chair or a desk falls apart, consumers turn to big-box stores to replace their furniture.

"Learning how to operate with wood is not only handy, it allows you to make and fix things around the house," <u>explains</u> <u>Cordova</u>. "It allows the person to connect with a long history of craftsmanship satisfyingly."



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Cordova learned the local schools stopped teaching woodshop class and offering basic woodworking courses to students. Emphasis has become placed on computers and other device-driven careers.

Learning To Work With Proper Woodworking Tools

"Too many students believe working with wood is tough work," says Cordova. "But with the right tools, tasks become easy. Having these tools sharpen becomes extremely important too."

For woodworking to go smoothly, one must have the right tools and "let the tool do the work."

Sharpening your tools is a fundamental and foundational skill for any student that becomes an attendee of Cordova's class. Students will also learn that the sharper the instrument, the smoother the job.

"If you feel like you need to push the chisel with body weight to complete the cut, you might lose control," explains Cordova. "Your tool might stab into whatever is in its path. These are problems that can take place when working with dull tools."

Using A Hand Plane

Cordova wants to teach the basics of woodworking and the primary instruments used. A hand plane requires proper instruction and practice to develop the feel of adjusting the cut from coarse to fine.

"Using a hand plane is an undeniably attainable skill," says Cordova. "Although these tools require a little bit of research, I hope to teach enough so that the students are comfortable with the tool."

Prepping Lumber With Hand Tools

Cordova wants to debunk the myth that students or any new woodworker need to purchase expensive machines to build things.

"I want the students to connect with the wood they are working with," Cordova explains. "Going out and buying expensive machines is not the answer."

If the students learn how artisans worked with lumber before machines, they will find woodworking by hand to be efficient and more rewarding.



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"The real key to woodworking is to use the right tool for the job," says Cordova. "Coarse tools for rough work and find tools for delicate work. You do not need an expensive machine to complete

beautiful projects."

Finish Your Furniture Projects

After investing hours of hard work into a beautiful table or chair, how will students finish the project?

"Different finishes beautify and protect pieces made by the students," says Cordova. "It also adds that extra shine to a woodworking project."

While these are only a few of Cordova's lessons for his free course, he hopes students can branch out and learn on their own.

"The free class will teach them the basics," <u>adds Cordova</u>. "Then, I hope they go out and learn more on their own and find their passion for woodworking."

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