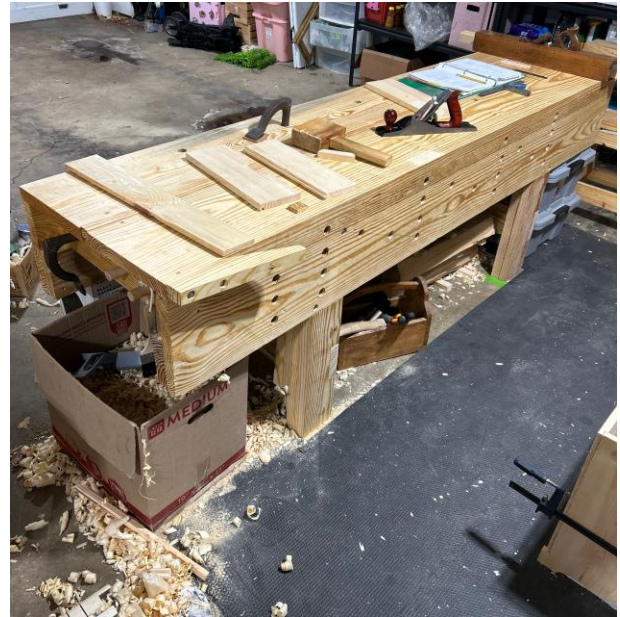


Sean Connelly



I started woodworking about a year and a half ago, after buying a disposable handsaw and some clamps to try woodworking out as a hobby. I really became enamored with woodworking when I found the hand-tool/traditional woodworking community.

I like traditional woodworking because I enjoy seeing what craftsmen were able to do with limited sets of tools and resources in the past and replicating some of their work. Woodworking is a peaceful break from modern life, lets me study history, learn good workmanship, and create useful things that should last out of natural materials. I also like restoring old tools and am desperately trying to avoid becoming a tool collector. I really enjoy the “Woodwright’s Shop”, a PBS show about traditional woodworking.

I’ve only made a couple of projects so far, with my largest being my workbench, which is based on an 18<sup>th</sup> century English joiners bench. I’ve also made a tool caddy, a mallet, and a cookbook stand. I have a lot of projects I am excited to try, including making shaker, craftsman, and country furniture, and making some traditional tools like a bowsaw.

My wife and I live in Lafayette, where we also garden and keep bees.

