

# WOOD'S SHOP CREATIVE BUILDERS

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## Wood's Shop Local San Diego Area Customer Reviews

Sandy F Koi Pond Cover <https://woodsshop.com/project/shade-koi-pond/>

Joe, you are blessed with a special ability of wood building that is off the charts of excellence and a very gifted artist. Your passion to build the best as you take on each and every project, your vision to see end results and meticulous attention to detail.

I contacted Joe Wood to build a much needed pond cover to shade my koi fish from the sun. As my fish collection started to grow, the need to protect the fish from the hot summer sun became urgent. Joe asked me to take photographs of my pond for his review and then he sent detailed instructions describing what measurements he needed so he could design a pond cover. He came back with a design that I never thought could be possible, following with an estimate and instructions of how many people I need to have on site for the construction.

I was asking Joe to come to El Centro, CA. to take on this project and he figured out a way to do the job with my help. This was like a "do it yourself project", but with Joe's oversight and hands on the project. He had every piece of wood numbered, cut to size and stained. It was like following the numbers to erect the pond cover. When Joe and his assistant drove to my house the morning of, he orchestrated the plan to build the pond in one day. It was achieved and I'm loving the new shade for the fish.

It is truly a work of art. I highly recommend Joe Wood to take on your project if you want to have a beautiful design that takes in the surroundings and your vision, it can be done.

Kohei, a Japanese Landscape Architect I work with sometimes-

I think Joe was Japanese in a past life, he has such an eye for the subtle scale, balance and harmony in Japanese style design and cares deeply for his work. He's been building beautiful wood structures for my Zen Gardens for a long time now. He's full of ideas for exactly what I need and designs it all in 3d CAD, sending me images of his ideas daily so I can properly visualize it. He carefully listens to my feedback making him very easy to work with. He understands Japanese construction and joinery but brings his own creative slant to it.

Then I am blown away by the structures he builds for me, with such beautiful and appropriate materials and fine workmanship. Thank you Joe I am so glad our paths crossed!

Cynthia W Pavilion- <https://woodsshop.com/project/shade-pavilion/>

Our landscape designer hired Joe to design and build a pergola and four gates for us as part of a complete overhaul of our front and backyard. His work stands out as one of the best and most distinctive features of our remodel. While the front gate and pergola are the showpieces, Joe took the two gates for our dog run and the gate for our garbage area just as seriously so that they are as beautiful as the others. Joe was particularly considerate in how much thought he gave to the design of the dog run gates to make them as secure as possible without sacrificing aesthetics. Everyone from friends to delivery people have commented on the beauty of our gates, and I am actually sitting underneath the pergola as I write this review enjoying the yard in a way that I couldn't before.

We had some complications along the way with timing and communication, which were the only things that kept this from being a five star experience, but we also appreciate that a lot of this was a result of the care and focus Joe puts into making his designs special and of the highest quality. Joe is an artist and completely worth the investment in time and money to gain the benefits of his work. He takes his craft very seriously and we have the utmost confidence in the durability of everything he provided for us. He is truly a master at combining form and function and I am very glad that our designer found him.

John B Landscape Architect for the same Project

Joe is a meticulous craftsman who builds extraordinary structures. He reduces the use of and need for unsightly joist hangers by making mortise and tenon joints that are not only beautiful, but potentially stronger than using hangers. His designs are innovative and one of a kind. I highly recommend him.

Ken A Japanese Railing-

<https://woodsshop.com/project/japanese-deck-railing-2/>

Joe built a beautiful Japanese-style railing for my deck. I could not be happier! The design, materials, and craftsmanship were first rate. Joe sent daily emails with photos detailing every step in his workshop as the railing was fabricated. He has an outstanding design aesthetic, but is open to ideas. I can't recommend him highly enough!

Dan S Deck <https://woodsshop.com/project/san-diego-deck/>

Just a quick note to thank you again for the beautiful deck you designed and built for us. It has transformed our back yard into an outdoor room - my favorite room "in" the house. From the first concepts we discussed to the final design, you worked with us to create the perfect deck. The images you provided along the way helped us to fully understand the design and

allowed us to refine the details. It turned out better than we imagined it could.

Thank you also for your choice of superb materials, your attention to details and the refined construction. This level of quality costs a little extra, but was truly worth it. You and your crew are top notch. As an Architect, I appreciated the skill and work ethic you brought to the job - from the creative design to the flawless execution. Even the construction was a very smooth, enjoyable experience. Keep up the good work.

**Markos Fence and Arbor-**

<https://woodsshop.com/project/picket-fence-and-arbor/>

In August of 2012 Joe designed a rose arbor that is a work of art. The wood is beautifully curved and the "windows" in the arbor sides designed to intrigue and delight.

The rafter ends are sculpted whales which really catch your eye.

The fence along the front of the house is in a wave pattern to give teasing illusion of the ocean. Joe is a great guy and was always available.

He is truly an artist and craftsman. Thank you Joe!

**Markos Deck- BEST DECK EVER!**

<https://woodsshop.com/project/point-loma-deck/>

Joe Wood crafted a wonderful deck at our Point Loma Home. He was able to read our wishes and put them in a wonderful design. His craftsmanship and attention to details created a unique structure. Working with IPE is always a challenge, yet Joe was able to accomplish all. Thank you Joe, Hope to work with you in the future.

**Chuck and Beverly L Patio Cover** <https://woodsshop.com/project/casa-de-oro-patio-cover/>

We are so pleased with our beautiful Redwood patio cover. It has a design style that is unusual and pleasant to look out on. Joe and his workmen, were prompt and clean and left everything in order at the end of the day. Working with Joe, was a pleasure. He listened carefully to our wants and needs and then promptly produced a wonderful patio cover. Thank you Joe. Chuck and Beverly

John and Lois W Deck <https://woodsshop.com/project/encinitas-sea-side-deck/>

Joe designed and built a lovely, curved, two tiered deck for us in 1996. He has since returned every few years to provide maintenance on the railing and seating areas. Those areas have a high gloss marine finish, just one of Joe's areas of expertise. He advised us to choose Trex for the floor of the deck and that material has held up without any maintenance despite our seaside environment.

Joe is a master craftsman, meticulous about his work and with a fine eye for design and detail.

Reegan R Deck <https://woodsshop.com/project/low-japanese-railing/>

Joe Wood created an incredible work of art in our landscaping. His deck design, and execution by his crew, was superlative. Our deck was photographed for Sunset Magazine and included in their issue about decks. We could not be more happy with experience we had working with Joe.

If you are looking for something very special in your outdoor living experience, something you would never find with the typical landscape designer or builder, then this is the person you should talk to. Our mid century home needed the clean lines that Japanese architecture and design offer.

Joe is incredibly well versed in this type of design. The craftsmanship of the joinery is simply beautiful. The pergola that he created out of Ipe, has been a gathering place for weddings and many parties at our home. He inset a magnificent boulder, as you first step up onto the deck, that sets the tone for the entire space. I am a designer myself, and after working in the industry for many years, I knew that Joe was the person we needed to work with for our own home... "

Mike O Koi Pond Deck <https://woodsshop.com/project/koi-pond-deck/>

Superior old world craftsmanship. Finished product true to initial design and exceeded expectations. Professional in every way and one of the best home improvement experiences ever. The ipe deck Joe Wood crafted to accompany our new Koi pond is both functional and a beautiful piece of artwork. The finished product was published in two separate editions of Better Homes and Gardens Magazine and continues to be a central feature of our home. Thanks very much Joe!

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Steve S Patio Cover

Joe Wood is a craftsman. He really enjoys making beautiful objects out of wood. His designs involve intricate patterns and exotic woods and are all beautiful. I am a woodworker and can say from experience that Joe knows what he is doing! As a business man, Joe excels. He listens and then

**executes. He stays on the job until finished, too. I recommend Joe Wood for your simple or exotic project.**