

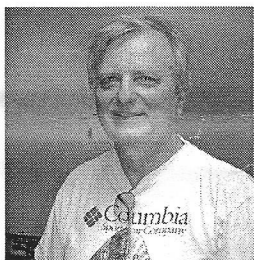
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Jack Huchinson, Ken Kooser repeat for Club awards.

by Ken Kooser

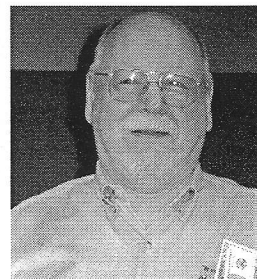
At the January 2005 Club meeting **Jack Huchinson** was presented the *Woodworker of The Year* award for 2004. Jack had won this award at least one time before. Jack's exemplary workmanship, his knowledge of woodworking and the exceptional quality of his projects brought to the Show and Tell portion of our meetings were evident when he won the award by ballot. Jack has mentored several club members, served on the Board of Directors and is one of the Woodworkers Club of Houston's best assets.



On the other hand the Club's Officers and Board members

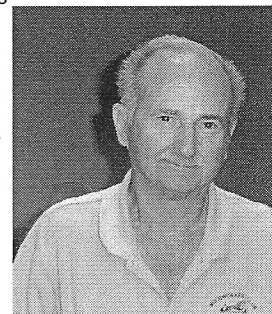
present the Golden Hammer Award. Nominations are made in November and in December discussions and a vote by the board takes place. The winner is not announced until the January meeting. This year, I'm proud to say, it was me, **Ken Kooser**. It has been my pleasure to work for the club for the past few years and winning it two years in a row is great. Alan Bachrach (also a two year winner) challenged the club to work for better meetings and better picnics and I echo his ideas. For me it is very gratifying to see where the club has come in the ten years I've been attending. For instance when I was elected to the board we had less than \$500. in the treasury. In 2002 (my first year as president) we didn't even start collecting dues until January. That year our membership topped out at 206. We didn't reach that number in 2003, but James was getting close in 2004. We start this year with a good number of paid members. Your board has some really great ideas for the Woodworkers Show at Reliant in April. I'd love to see our

membership top 225. Our club is a diverse group whose only tie is our love of wood and making things of it. We always try to help one another and are successful most of the time. I'm always disappointed at the number of members attending the Board Meetings. We always welcome you and need members input to take the club where the members want it to go. I thank you all for letting me continue in club leadership and urge you all to participate.



Art Chester receives Lifetime Award

Arthur M. Chester joins a distinguished, and small number of members that have been awarded the *Lifetime Achievement* by the Club Officers and Board. Upon receipt of a formal letter, from a member, the board goes into executive session to consider bestowing the award. It need not be given every year and only with deliberate agreement it is even considered. Arthur has served the club many times as a board member and program chairman. He continues to serve the club by bringing hardwoods and other items for silent auction. Arthur is a WW II veteran, acting like a 30 year old. He is a Master Gardener, and gave away over a thousand plants this past year. Many he grows from seeds he harvests. He actively exercises at the "Y" three times a week and is on the go most of the time.





Yes, You!

You know who you are. We've been reminding you since October; we've cajoled, prodded and bribed you. If you haven't paid your dues by now it's time you did. If there is a notice on the mailing label of your newsletter we need your WWCH '05 dues paid pronto! Pay the \$24.00 at the next Club meeting or this will be your last WWCH newsletter. And you will be restricted from participating in Club activities until your dues are paid.

February program

In February meeting attendees will be treated to presentations by two long time WWCH members. First up, **Andy Anderson** will talk about basic tools for a beginning woodworker with limited space and budget. The discussion will cover both hand and power tools and will specifically address measuring tools, cutting tools, assembly and joining tools, and finishing tools. Although aimed at the beginner, Andy's presentation is expected to be useful to those of with holes in our inventory of tools and to those of us who are stretching our woodworking interests to new areas.

Next **Ken Kooser** will introduce the 3D Square Assembly Tool. In preparation for his performance on the woodworking show circuit, Ken will demonstrate the "simplistic use" of the tool and compare it to home made and other commercial products. Ken hopes to have some of the 3D Square Assembly tools available at the meeting for \$40.00. He will also be offering 10% off coupons to all paid up WWCH members for use at the woodworking show at Reliant Center the first weekend in April.

In Memorium:

Mr. James K. (Ken) Wallis 1927-2005

Ken Wallis, recipient of a *Lifetime Achievement Award* and long time member of the Woodworkers Club of Houston was laid to rest in Nacogdoches recently. The service at the Fredonia Hill Baptist Church was well attended. Ken had been working with wood since 1944. He served our country in the U.S. Navy. Ken was a devoted church member and sang with the choir. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 37 years. Wilma his wife of over sixty years survives him. A son and daughter make up his immediate family. Ken was a remarkable man, one who spoke his mind, faithfully. His greatest joy other than making things from wood was giving them away. For many years his work was the centerpiece of a charity event that raised hundreds of dollars. He gave willingly of his time and talent.

Ken had a wry sense of humor. I remember his saying at Show and Tell that the Franklin Glue people had not recommended Tightbond for gluing Coriam. He showed a segmented turned bowl that he had glued together using tightbond in 1951; He said, "Guess no one told the glue." Ken was a co-founder of the East Texas Woodworkers group, and faithfully attended our meeting until the Doctor limited his travel. The minister spoke of Ken's talent, highlighting his bowls and his love of God. He remarked that you and I complain more about the temperature than Ken ever complained about anything. One of his last comments to me was that "there are many-many people less fortunate than I". Godspeed, Ken Wallis.

by Ken Kooser

Notice: I would like to collect the names of past recipients of the Golden Hammer and Woodworker of the Year awards. If you recall somebody from years back or you were a recipient, please let me know the name and the year.

Thank you,

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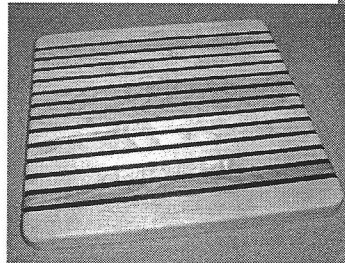
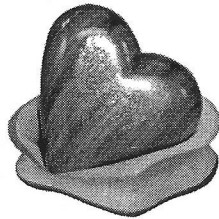
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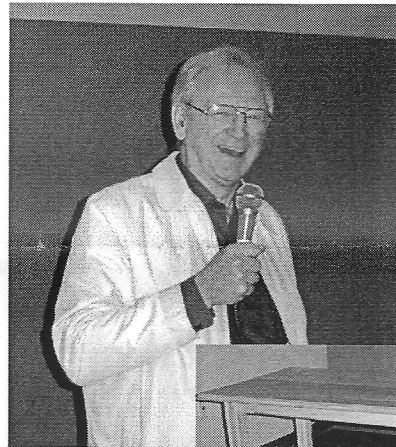
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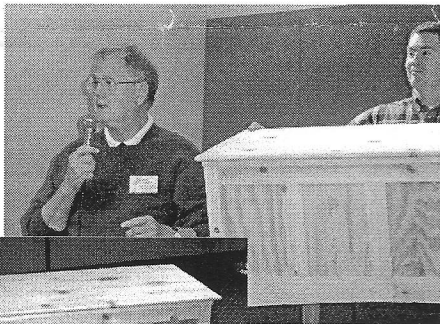
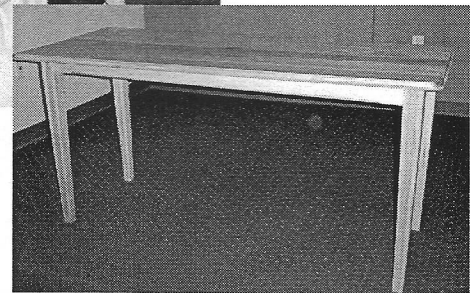
A heart of padouk for his wife, says **Eddy Arnold**. The stand is of maple—both pieces were sculpted and finished with spar varnish followed by French polish.



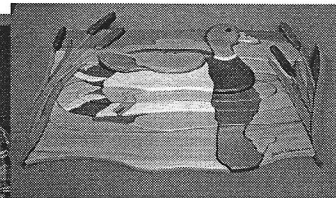
This cutting board of walnut and maple was glued up by **Jim Robertson**. Jim stated that the walnut soaked up the Titebond 3.



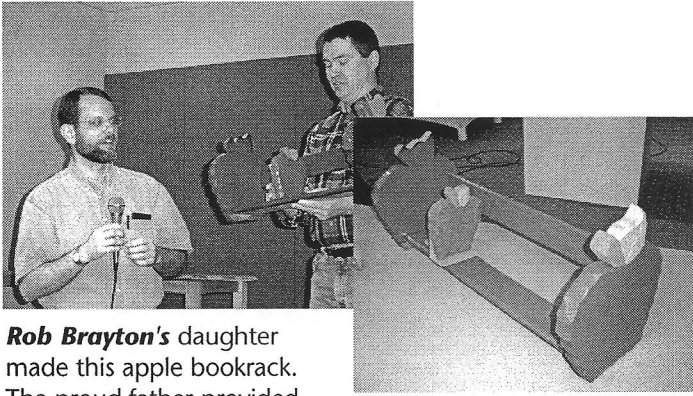
Gary Rowen made this table of poplar. Simple slab joinery with biscuits for the top. The legs are glued up stock and joined to the rails by mortise and tenon then finished with polyurethane.



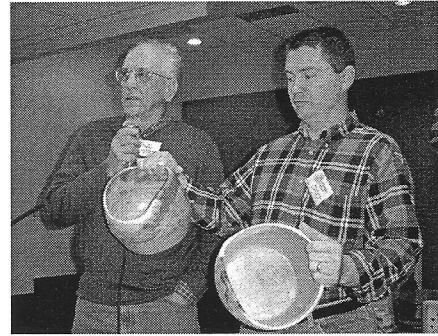
This chest is a prototype constructed by **John Jackson** who professes to be a beginner. He lauded the help received from **Ken Kooser, Dennis Serig**, and other members of the splinter group.



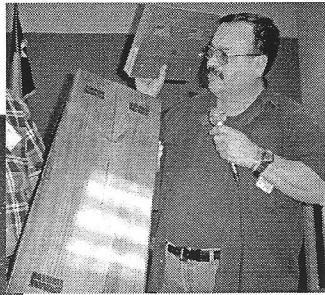
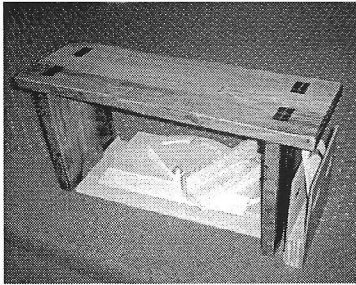
Steve Wavro is the proud crafter of this intarsia duck. It is all of red cedar. The trick is selecting the right shade for the artistic effect.



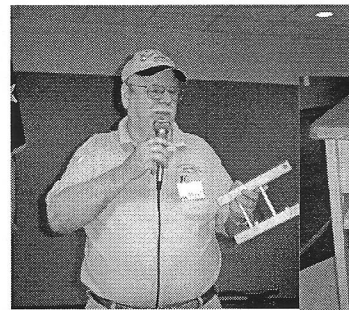
Rob Brayton's daughter made this apple bookrack. The proud father provided guidance.



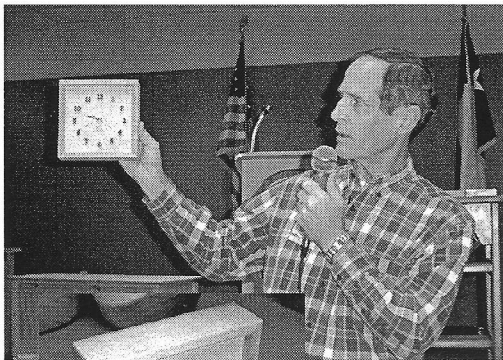
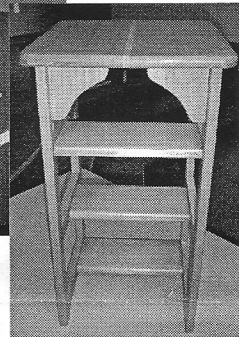
Lon Kelley turned these bowls of mesquite that were gathered from cut trees at Houston County Lake, Crockett, Texas.



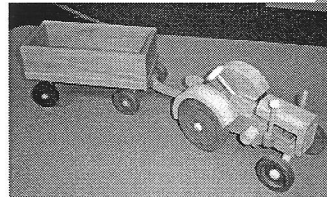
The master luthier, **Fred Sandoval**, applies his skill to crafting a bench of 1x12s. Fred is holding the jig used to make the mortises.



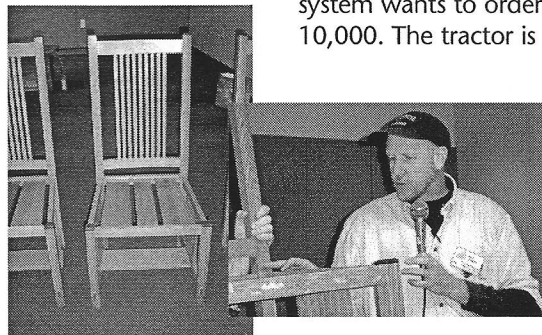
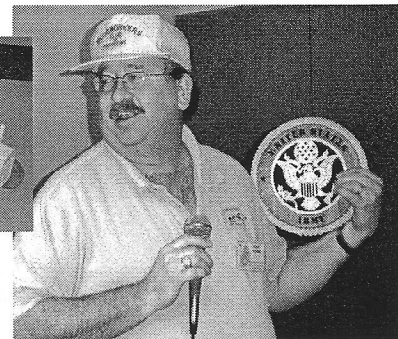
Ken Kooser brought this Hoosier stool and jointer knife jig to show to club members.



Dennis Serig demonstrates how to tell time with this cherry framed maple clock. The numbers are of walnut.



Denis Muras holds a US Armed Forces seal that the military PX system wants to order: a small quantity of about 10,000. The tractor is a John Deere.



Rich Thomas explains how "easy" it is to build Stickley style chairs of white oak. The dark caps are of walnut.



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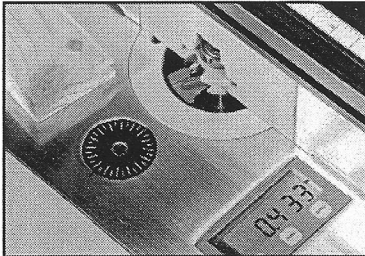
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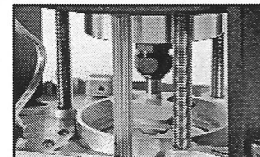
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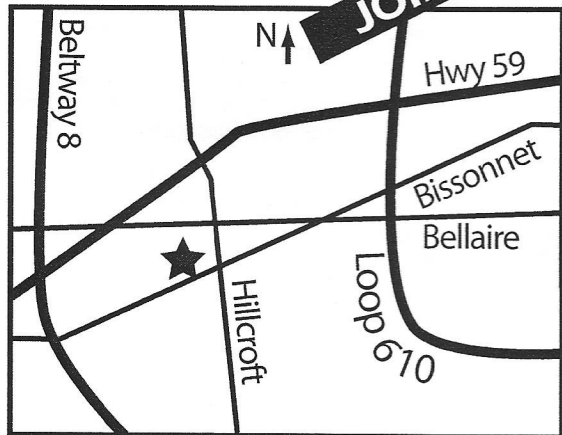
The 2005 membership books will soon be published and distributed. This year we will be adding a new feature. You will have the opportunity to add a brief blurb about yourself to immediately follow your vitals in the book. For example, "Crafter of fine 17th century early American furniture specializing in Hepplewhite Highboys and Chipendale Secretaries. Visit my website at www.yourwebsitehere.com." Or, you could simply say, "Specialty - bandawed boxes". This blurb about yourself is entirely optional. At the February meeting I will make available forms for you to write down your brief blurb. You can also email them to me at "row1@sbcglobal.net". You can use the post office too.

Also, at the February meeting, I will be circulating a white book for you to review your data in the membership book. This is your chance to verify or stipulate what you want in the book. For example, if you joined as Archibald Alexander Leach and you want to be simply known as Cary Grant, then so edit. If you are in the witness protection program and don't want to publish your address, then strike it out. Most importantly, verify what you want in the membership book. If you do nothing, the information that you provided the treasurer when you joined or what your see printed on your newsletter address label is what will be published in the book. **Gary Rowen**

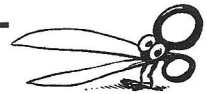
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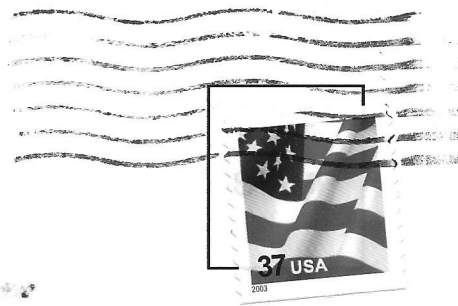
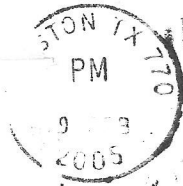
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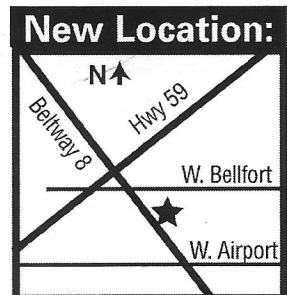
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