

# Woodworkers Club of Houston

Ben Franklin was the first person to outfit a chair with curved pieces of wood, creating the first rocking chair. He also saw a need for a classroom solution that he called the "writing chair". This chair is still often used today and is a chair with a writing desk attached to the side. See more: <http://www.thefreeresource.com/benjamin-franklin-fun-interesting-facts-brief-bio-and-resources#sthash.LfnY8SGr.dpuf>

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## New Members

George Alderete  
Wes Baker  
Thomas Broussard  
Jeremy Simons  
Ron Taylor

Be sure to pick up your name badge, discount ID, membership directory, and sign in at every meeting.

**Welcome to the Club!**

## THE RAFFLE IS BACK!

It's up and running again! That wonderful RAFFLE, with its variety of gifts and gadgets, surprises and thing-a-ma-gigs.

So bring a few extra dollars and a lucky charm. Then, when your ticket number is called out, grab the item that caught your eye, and enjoy another benefit of membership in WWCH!!

Good luck!!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently saw a History Channel Modern Marvels documentary about wood. It covered many aspects, from lumberjack techniques and contests, to the use of plywood in marine and aircraft use. Many people don't realize that some aircraft airframes in World War II were made of plywood. Two are the British Mosquito (twin engine fighter-bomber) and the giant Hercules transport aircraft prototype that Howard Hughes built, nicknamed the Spruce Goose. The Mosquito was built of birch veneers with a balsa core, the Hercules of birch plywood. The main reason for the use of wood was to limit the use of aluminum, but it proved a strong and capable material. The wood construction may have reduced the Mosquito's radar reflection as well. Of course wood is still used in some home built aircraft construction, as member Lon Kelly showed in a previous meeting.

While wood shows up in surprising areas, as woodworkers we sometimes end up dealing with alternate materials as well. As part of my woodworking experience, I have had to machine metals such as brass and aluminum, plastics including laminates, Plexiglas and PVC, glass, and steel. Sometimes these materials complement wood. A recent project is to build several table bases. I had previously made short table bases for 48" round table tops, which my wife uses for children's parties. The round base/single column design allows flexible seating arrangements since there are no legs to get in the way. She wanted to re-use the tops for normal height tables. These tables have a round base and tops made of painted MDF with 4" PVC columns. I was concerned that the taller tables would put more stress on the column connections, so I opted to go with 8" schedule 40 PVC, which is sold as well casing at plumbing supply stores in 20' lengths. I must have looked quite a sight driving down the road with a pipe hanging 12' out the back of my pickup. I marked the circular cut with a shop-made gauge and cut it with a circular saw by rolling it on the garage floor. I had enough PVC to make five 30 inch and two 42 inch table bases. For less than \$200 in materials, I have enough material to make up to 7 table bases, utilizing the existing table tops. I use a template to drill the holes for the attachment screws, so the parts are interchangeable. When painted, you can't readily tell that the materials are so ordinary.

I am sure other members have similar stories. I would like to hear them at our next meeting. Don't forget to bring your favorite tool to share with the membership.

*Steve Procter, President*

## AUGUST SPEAKER – DEAN COSME

### WOODWORKING AS A BUSINESS

Our speaker for August10 is Dean Cosme, owner of ENDCOZ Millworks. Dean will discuss how he got started in his business (mostly custom cabinets and bookcase), problems he has with the woodworking, marketing, sales, and construction aspects, and what the future holds for his business. He is a real woodworker doing woodworking for a living.

Be ready with questions about his techniques or how to go from a hobby to a business. Dean is willing to share his experiences with us. I think all of us will enjoy his perspective.

See you Saturday.

## SPLINTER GROUPS

**Hand Tool Splinter Group** meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7-9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near the Hwy 6 and 90A. For info, email Mark at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net).

**The Toy Group** meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Tim Shaunty's shop at 3614 Thistle St., Houston. Mark your calendars now for the remainder of the year and let's get thousands of toys made for those needy kids out there. We are looking forward to a fun and highly productive year in the toy shop.

For directions to Tim's shop please call Andy at 713-409-7030, Tim at 713-503-2284, or Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220.

The group had a great year in 2012 and is looking forward to what this year will bring. A lot of kids were able to smile at Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the group's efforts. We will bring out even more smiles this coming year with your help.

**The Scroll Saw Splinter Group** will meet Aug 24th at Woodcraft South on Beltway 8. We will start at 9:30 AM. The program will be a surprise so you will have to come to find out what it is. One thing that needs to be decided on is whether or not the group is going to make a Noah's Ark for the craft show. Bring your items for Show N Tell and have those questions ready for Problems N Solutions.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 11 — Monthly Meeting:** Speaker Dean Cosme, Owner of ENDCOZ Millworks, The Business of Woodworking

**September 14 — Monthly Meeting: Speaker TBA**

If you have information on upcoming events or field trips, please let me or Gary know so we can include this information in emails or in the newsletter to all the members. [Sayjoyce@hotmail.com](mailto:Sayjoyce@hotmail.com)

**SPEAKER IDEAS? SEE DAVID GARCIA.**

## NEW CNC ROUTER SPLINTER GROUP

**The CNC Router Splinter Group** had their first meeting Thursday, July 11th, at Ken Serdar's house from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Ken's address is 24718 Northcrest Drive, Spring, TX, 77389. His phone number is 713-705-7731.

More info on this group as it becomes available.

## WOODWORKING SHOW IN OCTOBER

Bill Harrison of Circle Saw just emailed that the Woodworking Show will be held at the Montgomery Fairgrounds west of Conroe. It's scheduled for some time in October. More details will be available shortly.

## WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON'S FABULOUS LENDING LIBRARY

*John Gay maintains the club's extensive lending library. It's an unmatched resource and one of the fabulous benefits of being a member of WWCH. He has provided this in-depth status report on the library and the procedures to borrow from or donate to the library. To contact John directly see below.*

Great news, the library on our website is current. I will bring only about 1/4 of the publications that we have to most of the meetings. So if there is a special book that you want to check out, please let me know. You can drop me an e-mail to [gayrock@earthlink.com](mailto:gayrock@earthlink.com) and I will bring it to the next meeting.

You may notice that the first column is now the ISBN code. That is the International Standard Book Number, and books that were printed after 1972 should have one. While taking inventory, I was able to find a website that lists a true value of our books. That site is [www.biblio.com](http://www.biblio.com). This took some time, but it was well worth it. Now we know the value of this asset to the club members. This is a nice site too. Should you ever want to take inventory of your collection, this site is really helpful. You don't need everything to input, some of our books are really old and they were published way before 1972 so they don't have an ISBN number and I was still able to locate them. When we need to downsize the library, I'll have a reliable reference to base decisions on what to keep.

For a quick look, we have 342 books on just about everything that has to do with woodworking plus some others. We also have 56 volumes from Handy Man on everything about your home improvements. Added to this impressive list are 185 issues of Woodsmith and 70 issues from Shop Notes. This is a total of 653+ publications.

With so many to choose from I try to bring a good selection to the meetings. There is a large selection of our Gallery books. They are the one that have photos of all kinds of woodworking. They are inspirational. So if you are looking for a creative twist these books would be a good start. There are some that will have some overall dimensions but not detail construction notes.

After that group are mostly project books. There is a huge range from general practice projects, boxes, kid things, all types of furniture, shop aids to tool specific projects. The best way to learn is to do. These projects are useful and fun to do and are good looking too. Then the remaining little open space will have some books on carving, joinery, finishing, home improvement and other.

Another way to decide what books to bring to the meetings is based on how often they are checked out. That is the "Used" column. This column is larger than it looks because there were several books that were used a lot and we no longer have them within the library. They have been checked out for a long time, so I don't have them listed anymore. Then I bring the newest books that we have. I'm guessing that nobody would be checking out a modern wood project book from 1956. I like to bring in the latest—they have nicer pictures.

Keep in mind that when you are having fun with cleaning, see if there are any forgotten books that might have a WWCH label on it. We don't do fines anymore, but if you look at the last column on our library list you see the value of our library.

Books aren't the only resource in the library, there are CDs, DVDs and videos! Everything you wanted to know and more!

## SUPPORT FROM UNEXPECTED PLACES

### JUST WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT – AND MORE

I have just returned from the AWFS show in Las Vegas and wanted to share with the club a very uplifting experience. Elsewhere in the newsletter will be reports and pictures of the AWFS (Andy Anderson and Denis Muras have documented the show). While you expect a large number of vendors – and the show had that, and while you expect to see many new tools and toys – again I was not disappointed, what I did not expect was to have a vendor support our club's toy effort. I had stopped at a booth, TrimClip, that had American made tools for working with miter joints. One tool is a pronged clamp to pull the corners together and the other is designed to slip on a corner and let you easily measure the length to cut the matching side. During my discussion with Bob Goldstein, owner, Susie, his wife and boss, and Rachel, their daughter, the worker, I mentioned our toy program. After I had paid for the new tools, we continued to talk about the club's effort and the toys that we give away and I was visiting with Susie and Rachel, Bob comes up and gives me the money I had paid and said he wanted to make this contribution to our club's effort. Their company is located in Connecticut and yet they were willing to support our program. I felt it important to share with the club how our efforts are really appreciated and let you know that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

While we don't use the club to promote specific companies or products, I will add that you might want to go to [www.trimclip.com](http://www.trimclip.com) to see if their product is something you need.

I'll see you at Toy Group at my shop on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings to continue to warrant this kind of recognition and support.

...Tim Shaunty

## SEGMENTED BOWL BOOK AVAILABLE

*Don Jovag has written a new book, "Segmented Bowls for the Beginning Turner". Since you've seen some segmented bowls by the hand of our member, Lon Kelley, you might find this book of interest.*

Segmented Bowls for the Beginning Turner, published by Schiffer Books, has been out now for just over six months and sales have been going great. Don is receiving lots of positive feedback from readers of his book. They like the clear and concise, step by step instruction, and the photos that go along with each step. If you're ready to try your hand at turning a segmented bowl, Doug will send you an autographed copy as soon as he receives your order. Of course you may order from Schiffer Books or from an on-line book seller, but if you order from him you will receive an autographed copy made out to the name you provide. The cover price is \$ 19.99 plus \$ 5.00 shipping for a total of \$ 24.99 (Arizona residents must also pay sales tax).

To order from me and receive an autographed copy, go to the address bar on your browser and type in [segmentedbowlsbyjovag.com](http://segmentedbowlsbyjovag.com) and hit enter. You may place an order on the "New Book" page by using a credit card or your Pay-pal account. Then go to the "Contact Us" page and let him know you ordered a book, provide the name of the person you want the autograph addressed to. The book will ship the next day.

Thanks for your interest. Don Jovag, [donjovag@yahoo.com](mailto:donjovag@yahoo.com).

## MAY SPEAKER RECAP – PAUL LUTES, Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology

**Paul Lutes**, representing BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology), spoke to club members about the organization and its objectives. Their goal is to get high school and middle school students interested in careers in engineering and science through participation in an exciting robotics competition. Participation is open to any school and all materials are **provided free of charge** to teams.

There are BEST organizations in 23 states, and in 52 schools in Texas. However, according to an ASME statement to the U.S. Senate, the demand for scientists and engineers must increase at twice the rate of other professions. The US Commission on National Security for the 21st Century states "the harsh fact that the U.S. need for the highest quality...in science, mathematics, and engineering is not being met."

Schools are closing many wood shops, so it's up to us to teach the new generations the skills that they'll need to launch careers, to do the maintenance on their homes, and maybe to become artists in wood!

BEST is looking for mentorship. Members who might be willing to mentor the kids in basic woodworking skills in their personal shops. For competitions, mentors just guide but the kids make their own projects, decisions and discoveries. Paul explained to club members how individual members can volunteer their time and talents because these kids need to learn basic fabrication skills to allow them to build better robots. And DID they!!!

The team, made up of half girls/half boys, created a multi-level Space Elevator for Space Stations. Now that's a "lofty" idea and it worked!!!

For more information see North Houston BEST at <http://www.northhoustonbest.org/>



# JULY SHOW AND TELL

## PRESENTERS

1. **Chuck Graham**—Viking Kubb Game
2. **Jeremy Grubb**—Angel Wing Table
3. **Ron Kuenning**—Birdhouses and Coyotes
4. **Norm Nichols**—Scroll Sawed Eagle
5. **Gary Rowen**—Repurposed Table
6. **Ken Sedar**—Tower of London Bridge
7. **Rick Spacek**—Tiger and Cross
8. **Charles Volek**—Sea Chest



**Ron Kuenning** changed up the original 1970s Mother Goose plans for these whimsical birdhouses, so the roof pieces matched much better. Made of pine finished in latex paint.

These coyotes on the "howl" are fashioned from old cedar fencing.



**Charles Volek** proudly shows his sea chest made of pine. The dovetail joints are hand cut. The handles are hemp rope. The wedge design was to help keep it from tipping over when the ship rolls. The design is the Elissa woodburned onto the front of the chest. Charles used a gel stain then top coated with polyurethane.



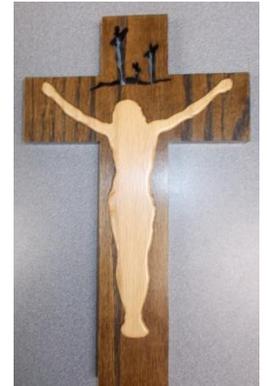
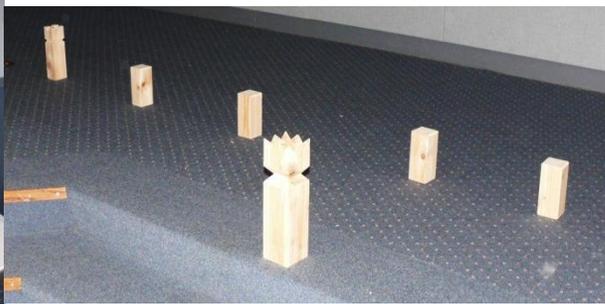
**Norm Nichols** holds this eagle, a Sue Mey design, that he scroll sawed in red oak and finished in polyurethane.

The cross is beveled cut and fits into the frame. It is left with a natural finish.



**Rick Spacek** holds this Easter Cross he cut from his own design. Made of mahogany with a natural finish.

The cheetah is batic birch in an oak frame. After pricing designs for this, he just made up his own!



Who said the Vikings didn't have fun! **Chuck Graham** said that the game of Kubb descended from the Vikings where the original players used skulls and femurs from deceased enemy warriors (hopefully). The objective is to throw the cylindrical piece, knock down all the little guys then go for the King...yeah...he's the tall guy in the middle. The King and subjects are made of cedar and the baton is of soft maple.

# JULY SHOW AND TELL



**Jeremy Grubb** showed slides of his exquisitely crafted table. The legs are ebonized African Mahogany and the compound curved Angel Wing doors are sycamore with a pearl white veneer—all 1900 handcrafted pieces which resemble the feathers of a great white bird---swan maybe?



Jeremy certainly earned his wings with this one!

**Gary Rowen** wondered what to do with a couple of blown cabinet hi-fi speakers so he grabbed some "excess" plywood, trimmed it around the edges, finished it in polyurethane and called it a table top using the speaker boxes as table "legs". Now that repurposing with a purpose! Just perfect for his man cave.



**Ken Sedar** cut these London Tower Bridges with a CNC router from 3mm MDF. The single tower is an example of a goof in setting up the scale appropriately...a four hour mistake! Might make great craft show projects.



## FAVORITE TOOL



**Ron, Keunning** brought ...this. Now THAT'S one wicked looking tool! It's a bale hook he's had for a long, long time. Other than grabbing for things waaay out of reach, I'd be reluctant to ask what else it was good for, unless you've just been cast in a horror movie!



## Three Brother's Bakery Project

**Tim Shaunty** is going ahead with the Three Brother's Bakery project of providing them with a huge order of custom packing boxes for their holiday pies. He's busy cutting the pieces for the boxes and could use some help in assembling them. Three Brother's sells a lot of pies (*I repeat a LOT of pies*) during the holidays, so Tim can use a lot of help! A donation for this project will come to WWCH, so step up and lend a hand. Maybe you'll get a piece of pie as you work!



## RECAP – AWFS WOODWORKERS SHOW

The recap and photos from the woodworking show in Las Vegas will be published in next month's newsletter.



## MEADOWS PLACE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

The Meadows Place Home and Garden Show in Ft. Bend County is taking booth reservations for their show now. The show is open to only original, hand-crafted items, no resale or manufactured products.

**9am to 4pm Saturday, November 2, 2013 Sugar Grove Church of Christ 11600 West Airport Blvd.**

For details, contact John De Bruyn 281-530-2566 and mail completed forms to him at 11402 Brighton Lane, Meadows Place, TX 77477

The application and other forms are posted at the WWCH website: <http://www.wwch.org/CraftShow/CraftShow.htm>.

The third attachment is a schematic of the show booth locations. The green Xs are booths that have been reserved as of today. Those without Xs are still available.

*Members, if you know of any craft shows where other members may promote their works, let us know so we can share the information. Thank you!*

## AREA CRAFT SHOWS

### Victoria Faire

08/17 to 08/18 2013

Victoria Community Center - Victoria, TX

[texasmarketguide.com](http://texasmarketguide.com)

(888) 225-3427

[lcampbell@texasmarketguide.com](mailto:lcampbell@texasmarketguide.com)

Arts, Crafts, Jewelry, Gourmet Foods, Clothing, Accessories, General Gifts, and more. This show will be held at the Victoria Community Center that offers a wonderful main exhibit hall and all the amenities you could ask for to have a show. All booths are INDOOR. Each booth comes with one 6 ft table, two chairs, and electricity. We have plenty of cool A/C during set up and for the shoppers during the show. We also have unloading/loading help.

### Bear Creek UMC Craft Bazaar & Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct 19 10:00am

Bear Creek United Methodist Church - Houston, TX

Craft Bazaar & Fall Festival Oct 19, 2013! Best Craft Show in NW Houston! Top Vendors featuring Hand-crafted items, fashion, jewelry, wood art, pens, collectibles, crosses, purses, home decor, and more! Silent Auction & FREE door prize drawing for all attendees! Kids' Carnival & Pumpkin Patch! Photo opportunity! Outdoor Entertainment-Music, Crafts, Inflatables! Sweet Shoppe, Jacob's Grille, Helps local missions. 1,000 attendees expected.

### Gingerbread Village Holiday Market

Saturday, Oct 26 10:00am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - Houston, TX

Original art, handmade crafts not found in stores, and high quality, popular name-brand merchandise, including a large variety of holiday and seasonal items. Home baked desserts, BBQ, concession. We've been doing this for 21 years and have faithful vendors & shoppers who return year after year. Large advertisement campaign. 500 attendees expected.

**A SITE TO SEE:** Here is an interesting link. This video is an animation of how logs are properly quarter sawn. It is very informative and easy to understand.

## COMING SOON, PROMISE

It's coming soon. Cooler weather. Shorter days.

The craving for barbeque and beans.

The crisp warm feel of fall in the air.

It's soon gonna be time for the

WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON'S

## OCTOBER PICNIC!

Dates and details are in the works, so dust off that family favorite dessert recipe, get those lawn chairs ready to put in the car, plan your raffle strategies, and plan to attend. Bring family and friends.

It will be here before you know it!

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## NEXT MEETING

**August 10, 2013**

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
6400 Bissonnet

**Speaker:**  
**Dean Cosme, Owner,**  
**ENDCOZ**

## CONTACT US

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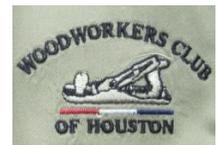
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Show off your membership in WWCH!*



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### WWCH PURPOSE

*The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*