

Woodworkers Club of Houston

“By all means read what the experts have to say. Just don’t let it get in the way of your woodworking.”
JOHN BROWN (1932–2008), Welsh Stick Chairmaker

From the Desk of the President

December 2013

It has been a great privilege to serve as your President this year. I have been involved with the club since 1984 and was President in 1986. The club has changed and improved over the years, but so has the world of woodworking. Back in the 1980’s the hobby of woodworking really began to take off, and a large number of products and innovations were developed around that time. Here are some examples:

Benchtop planers—the Ryobi AP-10 launched in 1985.

Quickgrip clamps debuted in 1989.

Mobile tool bases—HTC in 1984.

Nova four jaw lathe chuck was introduced in 1988.

Leigh Dovetail jig—the first fully adjustable dovetail jig in 1984.

Sliding compound miter saws—the Hitachi premiered in 1988.

Kreg pocket hole jig went on sale in 1986.

Affordable biscuit joiner—Porter Cable developed a cheaper version of the Lamello in 1987.

Things that were around but became more affordable or more practical include pneumatic tools like nailers (I used to think Norm was cheating using air nailers all the time), carbide tools such as blades and router bits, and cordless tools. Due to competition, improved manufacturing techniques, and cheaper overseas labor (unfortunately) both portable and stationary power tools have gotten cheaper in inflation adjusted prices. My first major tool was a Shopsmith, complete with a 4” jointer and bandsaw attachments. It cost over \$2,000 in 1981, which would be about \$6,000 today. Around 1985 I bought a 3 hp table saw with Paralock fence (remember those?) and sliding table for about \$2,800. I bought a new small pickup truck that same year for about \$5,500, which gives you some idea of prices and inflation since then. The difference is I still have the table saw nearly 30 years later, and all I have ever done is replace the belts (once).

Our club is 30 years old this year. It was founded by Bill Beggs and seven others to promote the shared interest in woodworking. The club has grown and changed with the times, and we look forward to continued growth and change in the future.

—**Steve Procter**, President

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Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 14, 2013

9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet

Our featured speaker will be Allen Scoggans from Rockler.

We are excited to hear all about Allen’s knowledge of products on the market for woodworking.

Visitors welcome:

Invite your spouse, children, friends, or coworkers who may love woodworking just as much as you do.



Fred Sandoval, a longtime member of Woodworkers Club of Houston, provided oodles of tips for making bow saws. Ash and White Oak are good wood choices but maple is not. Fred recommends quarter sawn wood. All the joints are mortise and tenon but are not glued. The tips of the tenons are rounded to allow joint flexibility.



Gary Rowen made several models of the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, the ones also called “Chicago Typewriters”, but Gary called them “Chicago Bowl Cleaners”. The models were for sale at the WWCH booth in Missouri City. This model is made of Red Oak.



Chuck Meeder crafted these Christmas tree ornaments from Cherry wood.



John Gay proudly stands by his bird cage. John doesn't plan to “tweet” about this on the Internet.



Bob Wink showed club members his Kilroy Was Here decoration, his Ode to Golf, and other fascinating items. What won't Bob think of next?



How about a shotgun along with a duck and a birddog. From Bob Wink, who else?



Jeff Larsen talked about how he constructed these three bows of Yew, Red Cedar, and Osage Orange.



Charles Volek hoots about his detailed owl of Pecan crotch wood. Charles also showed club members his three intarsia birds. They are probably looking out for that owl.



Mark Sweigart hammers home some finer points about mallet making. This one is made of Jacoba wood.

WOODWRIGHTS SHOP VIDEOS

Thank you to Denis Muras for purchasing.

The Woodwrights Shop Season 15

Sharpening Tools
Jefferson's Walking Stick-Chair
Chisels, Gouges, and Mallets
Trestle Table
Wooden Scoop, Shovel and Spools
The Wooden Boat School
Marionette Makers
Folding Workbench, part 1
Folding Workbench, part 2
Candlestick Maker
Boatbuilders of Mystic
Williamsburg Trunk Makers
Climbing a Colonial Steeple

The Woodwrights Shop Season 16

Arts & Crafts Bookcase
The Secret Dovetailed Box
Wood Inlay
The Giant Chisels of Gaul
Roll Top Cabinetry
African Drum
Woodcraft of Alsace, France
Comb-Back Windsor Chair
Sand-Powered Wooden Toys
Cutting the Knuckle-Hinged Joint
Making Wooden Screws
The Pencil People

The Woodwrights Shop Season 17

Make Your Shaving Horse
Whittling Chains & Ball-in-Cage
Windsor Highchair
Chinese Bamboo Chair
Shaker Boxes
Panel-Framed Bench
Hanging Bookcase
Window Sash Restoration
Wooden Tea Machine
Nuts to You
Hancock Shaker Village
Shaker Side Table
Woodworking in Upper Canada

CLIENT REQUEST

I need 100+ boxes about 7"x7"x3" made. I have time till they need to be done (sometime next year). If you can engrave them, burn designs, or laser designs into them that would be awesome but not necessary.

I really need someone I can work with to get what color, style, and size I desire. They just need to be very simple and basic, nothing too difficult. I have had a very difficult time finding what I need exactly online for a reasonable price.

I would like to go over the type of wood used and pricing. I want to go local to help local business owners and to save on shipping costs and also the ease of communication.

Please contact me ASAP so we can get started. I want to start immediately. Also, please let me know what your relative price range might be.

Contact Name: Rosanna
Phone: (832) 660-1595
Email: roseybud18@yahoo.com

PINE WOOD AVAILABLE

I have been deconstructing our 220,000 sq ft cotton warehouse located near the Houston Ship Channel and now have over 100,000 bf of antique pine wood in the following dimensions:

- 2x9.5x20; 2x9.5x30; 2x13x20; 8x8x10; 8x8x16; and 4x6x11

All wood is full dimension and believed to be first cut East Texas pine of several varieties including long leaf, heart, and other varieties of pine. The wood is excellent quality and is easy to view, or upon request, I can send samples or photos.

Contact Name: Kevin Millin
Phone: (713) 249-3360
Email: KMillin117@aol.com

WOODWORKER QUESTION

I live in the Clear Lake area. Over the last year I have been making some outdoor furniture out of PT lumber. I would now like to try some cedar. Does anyone in your group know where the best place to buy Architect Knotty, Select Knotty, Rustic, Knotted Wood Cedar?

Contact Name: Sean Reynolds
Phone: (281) 513-9550
Email: seantrey1972@yahoo.com

WOODWORKING ON THE WEB

by Ridg Gilmer

I'm sure that most of my fellow woodworkers agree that having and using good tools rates high on our value list. And I'm pretty sure that a lot of you agree that after tools, we value our woodworking magazines. In fact, if you're like me, we receive way too many of them by unending subscriptions and we get a bit annoyed at the publisher's constant prodding to renew, even when our subscription doesn't expire for another 15 months!

But I do question how many of our members also take full advantage of the online offers and free information available when we sign up for magazine's web sites? Sometimes these sites just show up in our email Inbox and sometimes we may need to open the magazine's URL or web site to sign up. Also check the magazine's Contents page for their web address. Many of the sites offer excellent woodworking tips, plans and full articles, along with the expected ads for their publications, videos, and special offers on tools. By the way, do you know that many magazines now offer full subscriptions online, with/without the print edition. Why not save the wood for woodworking?

Let's take a quick tour of recent offerings from these sites:

Fine Woodworking eLetter (taunton.com)

10/26 > articles on stringing, work bench project, Garrett Hack No. 4 plane
10/19 > video on Dovetails,
10/05 > Handplane Rehab with Garret Hack; Master George Nakashima @ work
9/28 > Garret Hack on Freehand Sharpening
9/21 > Mortise and Tenon Video
Tauton Workshops
10/03 > Intro for Online Class on Jointer and Planer
9/15 > Online Class for Getting the Most from Your Bandsaw

Popular Woodworking

10/30 > Plans for Adjustable Dado-routing jig
10/28 > Article on Accurate Visual Alignment
10/25 > Tips/plans for winding sticks
10/23 > Multiple uses for routers
10/21 > Reading wood grain direction with pantyhose (that should get your attention!)
10/18 > How to Make Full Scale Project Drawings
10/14 > Shop Renovations
10/11 > Video on Making and Using a Bench Hook
10/08 > Preview of video on Building A Shaker Laptop Desk
9/30 > variations on making dados

Wood e-Newsletter

10/24 > Prep the shop for winter - not so much need here, but other tips included
10/17 > Woodworking Shows Previews and Schedule
10/10 > Free Jig Plans + video on table saws
9/19 > Ultimate Router Table
9/12 > Free plans for bookcases

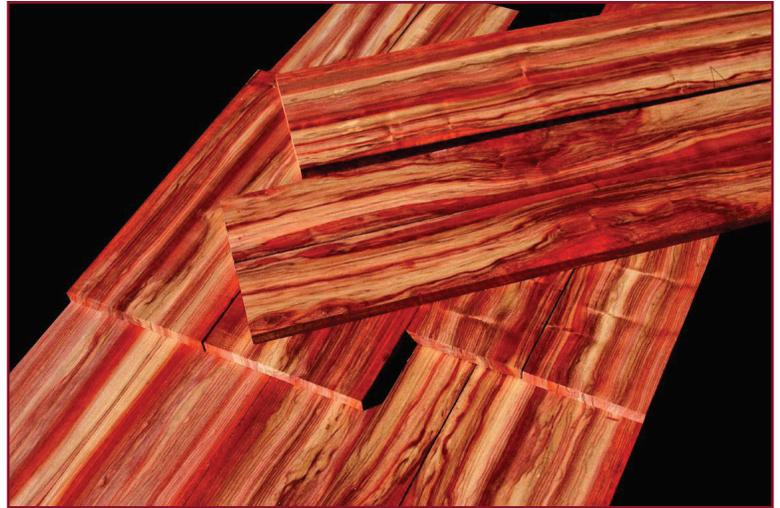
Other magazines offer similar web sites. I did not list the ads for pay-for-view videos and many books for sale. Check out *Woodsmith Magazine*, *Woodworker's Shop* (Roy Underhill), *Rockler Woodworking and Hardware* (mainly ads).

“BACON” WOOD FROM COOK WOODS

Tri-Color Marbled African Padauk *Looks just like Bacon*

African Padauk, *Pterocarpus soyauxii*, is a unique open grained hardwood from Africa that has a bright Vermillion color. This particular lumber was cut from an incredible tree with unbelievable colors and marbling. It is truly a one-of-a-kind. There will never be another log like this again. There are several book matched sets available that are perfect for end tables, electric guitars, and more.

The lumber kiln dried, surfaced on two sides and is 95% free of defects except for a minor rough edge or small surface check. The majority of these boards are quarter and rift sawn which produces a beautiful ribboned figure from interlocked grain. Padauk is easy to mill, glue, and work. It is ideal for boxes, cabinets, instruments, and other fine articles. For making pens we suggest buying a 4-5” wide board and then angle cutting it at about a 45 degree angle to capture the color changes. This is related to Amboyna burl (*Pterocarpus indicus*) from SE Asia and has similar colors when worked. We have a very limited amount of this material. Please purchase quickly to ensure the very best selection possible.



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www.artdwellers.com artdwellers@gmail.com

FUN FACT FROM DENIS

I just found out about a clamp shortage in the wood working community. The source has been found:



—Denis Muras

SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts and deepest sympathies that we bid farewell to two of our members who passed away, Mark Behring and Bob Porter. Mark and Bob, you will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mark and Bob's families.

We also extend our sympathies and prayers to Cesar Astilla, who has lost a number of family members and neighbors in the recent hurricane/flooding in the Philippines. Cesar had a home and workshop in one of the areas of worst flooding, which were lost as well. Our condolences to you, Cesar.

Obituary of Mark Behring

Rev. Dr. Mark C. Behring, 67, of Humble, Texas, was called home to eternal life by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday afternoon, November 20, 2013.

He was born on June 4, 1946 in Sheboygan, WI. He attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, graduating in 1972 with his Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, WI, and later received his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1985 in Church Growth and Organizational Management from Fullerton Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

He served His Lord at congregations in San Jose, CA; Fallbrook, CA; Lake Worth, FL; Humble, TX; and Cleveland, TX. He served as Pastoral Counselor for the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the LC-MS, as well as Circuit Counselor in Florida. His hobbies included golf, woodworking, traveling, reading and doting on his grandchildren. He also enjoyed being a member of the Woodworking Club of Houston and its Scrollsaw Splinter Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Arline (nee Draheim) Behring. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sarah; their two children, Jennifer (Greg) Schutte ; Jeff (Kate) Behring ; brother, Glenn Behring ; sister, Jean (Rev. Richard) Schwandt; and grandchildren Emma, Ethan, and Elisabeth Schutte, Andrew and Jacob Behring as well as 4 nieces and 2 nephews.

His family asks that all memorials be made to Concordia University Wisconsin (cuw.edu; specify Mark Behring Memorial Fund), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (www.csl.edu), and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (www.lwml.org).

From the Daughter of Bob Porter

With much sadness I need to inform you that one of your members, Robert R. Porter (Bob Porter in Baytown, Texas), has passed. My dad enjoyed so much his years of membership in the Woodworker's Club of Houston and all the great times he had with his fellow woodworkers. Thanks you to all members who made such an effort to keep up with my dad while he was ill.

WHO WE ARE

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 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. at Bayland Community Center, located at 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!

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THE WWCH TEAM

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