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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The monthly Show and Tell is a major component of our meetings; it's a lot of fun, interesting, and educational. All the contributors of the past year deserve a big thank you for sharing their work, knowledge, and skills with everyone. Thank you Bob Wink, Chuck Lickwar, Rick Spacek, Fred Sandoval, John Gay, Sean O'Connor, Chuck Meeder, Ron Kuenning, Lon Kelley, Steve Wavro, Josh Nichols, Bill Hoffmeister, Niklas Oberfeld, Dean Grimes, Jerry Harmsen, Tim Shaunty, Mike Turner, Paul Carr, Charles Volek, Steve Procter, Denis Muras, Joe Cook, Joe Stassi, Larry Wenner, Chuck Graham, Peter Doe, Patrick Waters, Gregory Owens, Chris Swartz, Bill Rowland, Andy Anderson, Ray Hope, Sid Hockens, Vince D'Amico, DL Dickey, Gary Rowen, Lee Knekow, Ron lee, Jeremy Grubb, Chris Farquhar, and Mark Bollinger. The Woodworker of the Year will be voted on at the December meeting and the winner announced in January.

## SOMETHING TO HUG

WWCH is collecting STUFFED ANIMALS to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.



Thank you,  
from the kids.

The craft show at the First United Methodist Church-Missouri City on November 8 did not generate as much revenue for the club as the past couple of years. There were plenty of excellent items including toys, pens, cutting boards, Noah's Arc and so on donated by club members, but it's difficult to predict what will draw interest at any particular craft show. This year was apparently not the year for wood items at this show. Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who contributed. Next year will be better.

It's that time of year for the Nominating Committee (John Gay, Roslyn Hager, and Norm Nichols) to put together the slate of officers and board members for the December election of the 2015 board. Please help keep our club going and improving by volunteering to serve on the board or to support club events and activities including toy making, working with children at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts, organizing the picnic, finding presenters for club meeting programs, or developing some new programs or events. Anything you can do to make WWCH interesting, fun, and productive is appreciated by all the members.

2014 has been a good year for WWCH. Our membership is growing, we've had some excellent monthly programs, our splinter groups are active and helping each other developing woodworking skills, the toy  
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## Splinter Groups

**Hand Tool Splinter Group** will meet on Thursday, December 4th. Members should be alert for email updates to the meeting date. See you at 7pm--9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net) for directions or details.

**The CNC Router Group** will meet on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00pm at Patrick's house at 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. We will continue producing locking joinery on the CNC router. For more information, contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807.

**The Scroll Saw Splinter Group** meets quarterly. Our next meeting will be Jan 24, 2015. The topic of discussion is yet to be determined. Stay tuned to this publication for more details.

**The Toy Group:** With the Holiday season upon us, the toy making group is wrapping up the 2014 year. We will meet on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 9:00 AM to box up the toys and make plans for toy distribution. Everyone is invited to help us get the toys to those who need them. As always, we welcome suggestions as to potential recipients of the toys. Provide any names/contact information to Andy Anderson.

We will have a final accounting of the efforts upon completion of the year but "rough" numbers indicate that over 1,400 volunteer hours created over 3,000 toys. What a great way for us to enjoy our love of woodworking while bringing smiles to many faces we will never see.

I hope that many of you can help us with the distribution in early December. Contact either Andy Anderson at 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713-503-2284 for additional information

**The Sawmill Splinter Group** is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. If you are interested, contact Bill Lindsey at [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net) for next meeting date and time.

## President's Message

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program continues to generate and distribute toys, club support of the Monarch School has made a difference in a few lives, the picnic was a great social event, and the club finances are ok. There are, however, always things we would like to improve, and we would like to have more activities. We can look forward to working on those improvements in 2015. Thank all of you for an enjoyable and productive year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones.

Chuck Meeder, President

## Toy Donations in the News!



The Sealy News/DAVID HAYDON

### Toy donation

William Anderson from the Woodworker's Club of Houston collected and donated an armful of stuffed animals to the Sealy Police Department on Nov. 6 to be given to children during domestic disturbance calls or other high-stress situations. Anderson says the Woodworker's Club manages to carve about 5,000 wooden toys per year, and they plan to donate the wooden toys as well.

## Calendar of Events

December 13 Meeting	Election of Officers for 2015	January 10 Meeting	Topic to be determined
December 13 & 14	Bayou Vista School Winter Fair	February 14 Meeting	TXRX Labs

## Upcoming Programs

### December Program: Water Powered Saw Mill

This December WWCH's meeting will feature a video of the water powered saw mill in New England. You recall we saw the first half of it a year or so ago when **Ben Thresher** built a water trough in the mill. This last half will show how he built a log sled to transport logs over snow to the mill. The video is compliments of Denis Muras and Andy Anderson.

The video that will be shown during the meeting will show a lot of flat belt setups with crowned pulleys. Check out this link for a video that shows how wide belts stay on crowned pulleys:

[http://woodgears.ca/bandsaw/crowned\\_pulleys.html](http://woodgears.ca/bandsaw/crowned_pulleys.html)

### January Program: Under Construction!

Ron is hard at work lining up a speaker for the January meeting. Stay tuned to your newsletter and email for updates!

### February Program: Special Combined Monthly Meeting and Field Trip

The February 14 WWCH meeting will be held at TXRX Labs at 205 Roberts Street, Houston. If you saw Patrick Waters' presentation earlier this year, you know something about the shop and 'maker space' available at TXRX. There are woodworking and other shops available to use as well as classes. We plan a regular meeting at the TXRX facility followed by a presentation and tour of the shops. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this field trip meeting. Their website is [www.txrxlabs.org](http://www.txrxlabs.org).

## Taking Nominations for 2015 Board of Directors

The nominating committee of John Gay, Roslyn Hager, and Norm Nichols are actively soliciting interested members for the following 2015 Board of Directors positions:

President	Secretary	Treasurer	Publications Director
Vice President (Programs)		Director 1	Director 2

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE RUNNING OF YOUR CLUB. IT IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT.**

Elections will be held during the December meeting.

## Monarch School Wrap-Up

Back in June the scroll saw splinter group assisted the students at the Monarch School cut out 150 butterflies. The students then painted and decorated the butterflies which were used as center pieces at the school's annual benefit breakfast. This breakfast was held November 7th at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Six of us attended this breakfast and enjoyed learning more about the school. Our school hosts at our table were Richard Klein and Patrick Waters (club member). Lots of fun talking with these guys. Club members who got up early for breakfast were Joe Cook, Tim Shaunty, Chuck Meeder, Charles Volek, Bill Harris, and Norm Nichols.

## New Members

Welcome to WWCH!

### Danny Sell

Pick up your Membership Directory, and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

## Video Library Definitely Needs You!

We still need a member to take on the maintenance of the WWCH Video Library. You get to see the videos any time you like. It's a perk of having them right at your fingertips.

Please see any member of the board if you can lend a hand.

## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your WWCH membership. Patti and Larry will be accepting renewal checks at the December and January meetings.

Yearly membership dues are \$36. You can renew your membership at the meeting or you can mail your check to WWCH, 19806 Sable Stone Circle; Katy, TX 77450. Please make your check payable to WWCH.

## Field Trip & Program Ideas?



Do you have ideas for a field trip or a program? Pass them along to Ron Kuenning at [rkuenning@roadie.net](mailto:rkuenning@roadie.net).

## Woodworker of the Year Nominees

It's time for you to vote for Woodworker of the Year award. The 3 member committee (John Gay, Steve Wavro, & Bob Wink) was able to get some wonderful nominees for this year. We started with a least 10, but after some e-mails back and forth, we were able to get that down to 6 well deserving candidates. These are not in any order because all are good.

**NORM NICHOLS:** We have seen his mastery the Scrollsaw with his crosses and plaques. He has also shown his skills in making tool aids and a wonderful BBQ sign. Norm showed his work at the meetings 4 times this year.

**RICK SPACEK:** Another master with the Scrollsaw as he showed his work at 5 meetings. He also is a pyro guy. His wood burnings would rival any of those silly computer laser machines. With all of that very fine work he also showed his fun side with an eagle bird-house.

While we are on the Scrollsaw masters, let's talk about **CHUCK MEEDER**. Chuck showed his work 4 times at the club. He made an outstanding Halloween Hearse complete with Drack and Frankie. Early in the year he presented his rose and music plaque. He did some turnings and made some keg handles and stoppers.

**CHUCK LICKWAR** has show his diverse works 7 times. There was an Adirondack chair, snack bowls, signage, wine stoppers, and fridge magnets. What was often overlooked but shown a lot of skills were the display stands for his turnings, which were also very well made by Chuck.

**JOSH NICHOLS** made some beautiful furniture from quarter sawn red oak. At the March meeting, he showed us his entry table and in February he showed a Stickley style book shelf as well as a fine box.

February was a good month to show some high skilled furniture because **LARRY WENNER** brought in a mirror project and a walnut/maple entry table. In April he showed an outstanding spice cabinet made of walnut and maple.

Those are the 6 woodworkers that were nominated for this year's award. You can see their work on the club's web site as well as many of our members that showed their work at Show & Tell. Some projects were too big to bring in, so they were able to show photos.

We have a very diverse group of woodworkers and it shows. So bring some of your projects in; we would love to see them. Finally, please come to the December 13th meeting to cast your vote for one of these deserving woodworkers.

# November Meeting Recap

Allen Scroggins from Rockler spoke to members about some new products Rockler is offering. And just in time for the Christmas holidays! Several of the items he brought to the meeting are shown below. Click on the blue text web links with each picture for more information about that item. And don't forget that WWCH members receive a 10% discount on many items at our local Rockler store!

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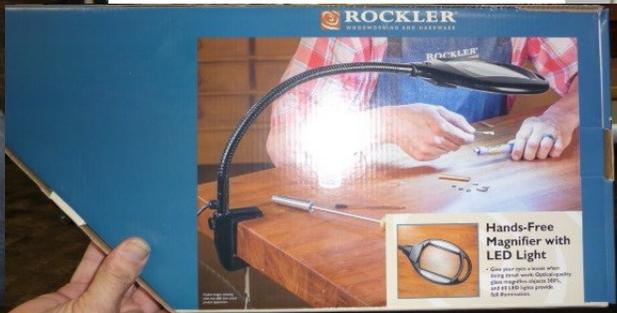
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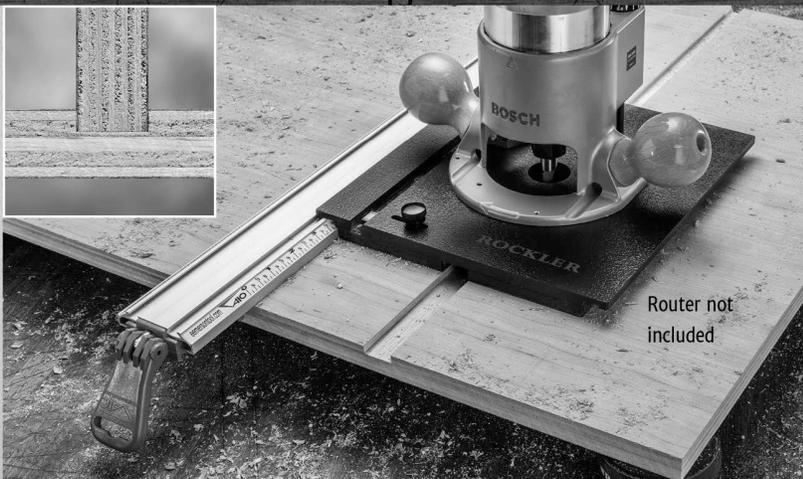
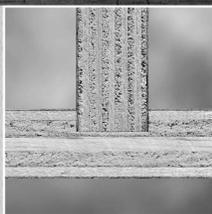


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# November Show and Tell

## PRESENTERS

- Steve Wavro** ..... Turkey Intarsia
- Lon Kelley** ..... Lamp
- Rick Spacek** ..... Lord's Prayer & End of Trail
- Bob Wink** ..... Segway & Bumper Cars
- Linzie Rogers** ..... Boxes
- Niklas Oberfeld** ..... Airplane
- Don Lackey** ..... Planter
- Denis Muras** ..... Kitchen
- Dean Grimes** ..... Bowl & Stopper
- Lorraine Lewis** ..... Carved Cane
- Ron Kuennig** ..... Clay Inlay Vase
- Joseph Rice III** ..... Puzzle



**Steve Wavro** presented his beautiful turkey intarsia. Pieced together from 218 pieces, the woods include walnut, maple, cherry, poplar, yellowheart, and cedar. Each piece was cut on the scroll saw and then sanded, finished and fit together. Steve said that the time was about 25% cutting and 75% sanding, finishing, and fitting!



**Lon Kelly** showed us his turned lamp made from mahogany and inlaid with maple.



**Rick Spacek** showed his scroll saw work End of Trail and The Lord's Prayer. End of Trail is made from pecan wood, and the Lord's Prayer is mahogany and plywood. Rick enjoyed making the Lord's Prayer cross so much that he decided to make a smaller version, shown here mounted on the plaque.



**Niklas Oberfeld** presented his airplane made out of bass and mahogany.



**Lorraine Lewis** presented her chipped carved cane made from Chinese tallow wood. The carving pattern is a Don Hart pattern.



# November Show and Tell



**Linzie Rogers** showed these four boxes which he made from scrap materials including oak and other woods. From left to right, the boxes are custom made for a pedicure kit, dominoes, manicure kit, and a shoulder plane. Linzie lined the boxes with flocking.



**Don Lackey** made this planter from cedar wood. The planter is fitted together with mortise and tenon joints and has a grid on the bottom to support a plant pot and allow water to flow out of it.



**Bob Wink** presented two of his recent pieces, Bumper Car and Segway. The bumper cars are made out of old irons. Bob said he had to make Segway because his wife wouldn't let him buy an actual Segway!



**Dean Grimes** turned a pedestal bowl and bottle stopper from oak. The stopper has a friction polish and the bowl is finished with Danish oil



**Denis Muras** presented pictures of his kitchen renovation. The renovation took two years to complete, and Denis and his wife did all of the work except for the counters and tiling.



**Joseph Rice III** showed this puzzle he made out of Wink wood for the toy group.



**Ron Kuennig** presented this vase with inlaid polymer clay. Ron made the vase on a scroll saw.



Denis also showed the wall he lined with rough cut aromatic cedar in a room next to the kitchen. Each piece had to be fitted together to make this beautiful and unique wall



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## NEXT MEETING

**DECEMBER 13, 2014**

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

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**Denis Muras:**

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***Guests are always welcome at WWCH***

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