

Woodworkers Club of Houston

"If I had six hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend the first four hours sharpening the axe."

...Abraham Lincoln

"One machine can do the work of 50 ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man."

...Elbert Hubbard

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New Members

Michiel Tijsseling

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

Welcome to the Club!

Members, keep your contact information current. If you've had phone, email, address, or job changes, please let us know.

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

Norm Nichols will be conducting the raffle at September's meeting. Yep, it's up and running again!

If you're able to be a rafflemaster for one meeting, please let Tim Shaunty or any board member know and we'll surely see that you get an opportunity to "run the show".

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A famous Houston furniture store likes to advertise solid wood furniture. Of course, by implication, anything that is not solid wood is inferior. We all know that cheap particle board gives wood furniture and cabinetry a bad name. But even that has its uses. Think of all the inexpensive furniture that becomes affordable for college students and people starting out. I even have a few "placeholder" pieces that will be replaced with better constructed items some day. But for now they are serving a purpose and look fine if you don't make a close examination. The folks at Ikea have gone a step beyond particle board. In order to reduce cost and shipping weight, they are using cardboard core panels with thin sheets of mdf and a veneer on top. These are similar to miniature hollow core doors. I found this out to my surprise when I had to modify a cabinet my daughter bought.

So, is solid wood always the best? It can certainly be appropriate, whether in an antique reproduction or a modern style furniture piece. But it isn't always the best choice, depending on the needs of the piece. I believe in the appropriate use of materials. It would not, in my opinion, make sense to build a room full of kitchen cabinets out of solid wood. The doors, drawer fronts and face frames, yes, but the carcasses would be better constructed out of plywood. I use pre-finished birch plywood that has a very hard Ultra-violet light cured finish (like a pre-finished floor). You get the advantages of pretty wood veneer under a hard, smooth, wipe-clean finish that cannot be obtained in the field. Plywood is strong, dimensionally stable, and reasonably priced. It also uses wood resources very efficiently, so it can be considered environmentally friendly. I can't imagine gluing up huge numbers of solid wood panels to make kitchen cabinets because of all the expansion/contraction issues that come with solid wood. We have all heard about the problems with cross grain construction which is noticeable in some antiques that have big cracks.

As much as I like working with solid wood, I believe there is room for other materials if they are used appropriately.

Don't forget to bring your favorite tool to share with the membership. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Steve Procter, President

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER – RANDY KEYS, Canyon Mesquite

Randy Keys with Canyon Mesquite and Hardwoods will be the speaker for the September 14th meeting. Randy's presentation is entitled: "**Logs to Lumber: The Nature of Wood**". Randy, by his own admission, is a Recovering Accountant who entered the wood business about 8 years ago. With his own sawmill and kiln, Canyon Mesquite and Hardwoods specializes in unique hardwoods, primarily milled for flooring. Randy will discuss the lessons he has learned, qualities and characteristics of wood, and will share what specialty woods might be available to the hobbyist at Canyon Mesquite and Hardwoods. Stocking various sizes and varieties of hardwoods, Canyon Mesquite is a new source for members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

SPEAKER COMING IN NOVEMBER – MIKE DIETRICH, Owner of Falcon Auger

Mike Dietrich, owner of Falcon Auger will be our speaker for the November WWCH meeting. Topic is band saw blades and tuning band saws.

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.

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 Saturday, September 28th at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM. There have been several questions about the laminated basket lately. Therefore the program for September will be How to Make a Laminated Basket. The basket itself is fun and simple to make, but the lamination gives it a whole new appearance. Come to the meeting to see what the folks have been doing for Show N Tell. Bring your questions for Problems N Solutions to see if you can stump us! Either way, this is a fun group.

The CNC Router Group will meet on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00pm at Patrick Hold-Daniel's house which is actually his place of business from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Location address is 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, Tx., 77449.

The topic for the night will be project design and sharing experiences with CAD. The entrance street to the neighborhood is just north of West Little York on Fry Rd., called Lake Promenade.

Contact Mike Turner 281-633-1807 if you get lost.

COMING IN 2014: The Woodworking Shows will be coming back to the Houston area. Their website gives the location as the Katy Merrill Center where it was held in 2012. Details TBA.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 — Monthly Meeting: Randy Keys, Canyon Mesquite and Hardwoods. Topic is "Logs to Lumber: The Nature of Woods"

September 27-29—Fort Bend County Fair

October 12 — Monthly Meeting: NO Speaker
October 12 — WWCH PICNIC ... after the meeting!

November 2—Craft Fair at Meadows Place
November 2—Golf Tournament Fundraiser in Pearland

November 9—Monthly Meeting: Speaker TBA
November 9—First United Methodist Fundraiser

SPEAKER IDEAS? SEE DAVID GARCIA.

Members, 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. Joyce Saylan
Sayjoyce@hotmail.com 832-875-7074

FRED SANDOVAL HOLDS CLASSES

Woodworking Classes—Fred Sandoval holds woodworking classes the last two weekends of each month. For information: 281-793-3502 or sandovalrederick96@yahoo.com.

MEMBERS. PLEASE NOTE

If you are a new member who joined in 2013 or are a member of WWCH who renewed dues in 2013 and you have furnished us with your email address then you should be receiving emails from WWCH@wwch.org. **If you are not receiving the newsletter by email or emails have stopped, please contact us at** WWCH@wwch.org so we can place you on our distribution list.

A word of "caution" for everyone on the distribution list: **DO NOT accidentally click on the bottom link of an email message from WWCH@wwch.org.** That link is inserted automatically by our website server as it sends out the messages. When you click on that link your name is automatically removed from the distribution list and I DO NOT receive a notification that you have unsubscribed.

Your punishment will be to provide me with either a donut or a cup of coffee at the meeting - my choosing.

...Gary Rowen

ELECTIONS FOR WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for Board of Directors is underway.

Please step up and take a turn at guiding WWCH for 2014.

The club is seeking volunteers to staff the Board of Directors. Elections will be held in December with one-year terms beginning in January. This is your chance to participate beyond just attending meetings. Board meetings follow the regular meetings usually in the comfort of the library and last about an hour. At a minimum, you will be expected to listen to the proceedings so you can make an informed vote. You will be encouraged to speak up, voice your opinion and/or speak for club members. Your participation beyond that—and the club most definitely encourages that—will be up to you. More details on positions available will be forthcoming.

Come join in the management of WWCH, don't wait for someone to twist your arm.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT WWCH TOY PROGRAM

Save the date: November 2, 2013 .

**\$60 per golfer which includes breakfast, golf, and lunch. Open to everyone. Need 18 teams of four golfers.
Country Place Golf Club, Pearland, Texas**

The Texas Woodworkers Show will not be hosting a show this year because The Woodworking Shows (the original touring company) has committed to coming back to Texas in March 2014. But the Texas Woodworkers Shows does want to find an additional way of supporting WWCH's efforts. At this time they are planning a **golf tournament for Saturday, November 2nd** and anticipate having sponsors to create some funding opportunities. Before they begin accepting checks, they need to determine if there is **enough interest on the part of our membership to proceed**.

The tournament would be open to anyone, but since it is to support the Woodworkers Club of Houston we would need to show significant interest. At this time the cost will be \$60 per golfer and will include breakfast, golf, and lunch. With a scramble format, we will need **4 person teams** and the course requires at least one team per hole (18 teams) to allow for private use of the club.

If you think you might be interested in playing, please let Tim Shaunty know: tim@texaswoodworkersshows.com or 713-503-228.

Plans are to have a special **Helicopter ball drop** to give away a major piece of woodworking equipment. We'll be selling chances for \$25. This looks like a good idea but we just need to determine WWCH's interest and participation in it.

**SO POLISH OFF THOSE GOLF CLUBS, OR INVITE THAT DUFFER FROM DOWN THE STREET,
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME FUN.**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CRAFT SHOW FUNDRAISER

The Woodworkers Club of Houston will be participating in this craft show as a club fundraiser for WWCH.

We are going to do the show at the First United Methodist Church-Missouri City. The date is **November 9**. Yes, it is the same day as our club meeting, but we were able to cover the show last year and we can do it again this year.

We are asking you, the club members, to **donate small items** to put on our show tables. We have a booth that is only 10x10. What is needed is a wide variety of items in the \$20 to \$50 price range. If your donated item does not sell, it will be returned to you. This was very successful last year for our club and there is no reason why it can't be again this year, with YOUR help. Bring your items to the club, toy, or scroll saw meeting and give them to Norm Nichols. Please make sure your name is on the box or bag or whatever container you use. Several members have already dropped off their items. Who's next?

If you'd like to help out by working the booth, volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

AUGUST SPEAKER RECAP – DEAN COSME, ENDCOZ Millworks

Dean Cosme, owner of Endcoz Custom Woodworks, told club members about how he got into the business of woodworking. The path to his passion went on several tangents, throughout high school and several other employments, but then he took a job with Hampton Homes as a computer draftsman in home design. Later he had a stint in broadcasting, then on to Macon Mill and Lumber. His wife's "honey do" list launched him off toward his passion: woodworking. He said "I can do better than that" when they looked at bookshelves. She said "Do it". So he did!

He eventually devised a "plan" as he went along, his many projects, choice of tools, and determining why he does what he does. Projects for the neighbors, the pastor, and a desire to provide custom work at an affordable price kept him busy. When constructing built-ins he always strove to match moldings so that the new built-in looked like it was always there—a very nice and welcome touch. Clients began over paying him from his quoted price. When the clients overwhelmed him, he decided to specialize in projects he liked doing the best: bookshelves and entertainment centers. He learned a lot when he tackled the "crazy" book shelves with all those angles. Endcoz was born and advertised on his self-run website and a Facebook page with pictures.

One particular service that was very helpful in getting his business off the ground was a pay-per-lead source such as Service Magic. Dean recommended starting small. "Word of mouth can get you far".

He recommended that when it comes to tools get started with "go what you can afford", build your "arsenal" as you go, upgrade as the need arises and "buy tools, bits and jigs as needed". Google Sketch-up was a very handy software tool.

Dean loved having happy customers and the challenges they presented to him. But the lure of a full time pay check with benefits and a growing family, sent him onto another tangent. Now his projects are those "honey dos" and "daddy dos" that keep Dean a happy man.



AUGUST SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Brent Brown**—Turned Pear Box
2. **John Gay**—Goblet
3. **Jeremy Grubb**—Table
4. **Bill Harris**—Toys
5. **Sid Hockens**—Shop Redo
6. **Chuck Lickwar**—Display Unit
7. **Norm Nichols**—Scrollsawed Fish
8. **Rick Spacek**—Kitten Pictures
9. **Joe Stassi**—Adirondack Chair
10. **Bob Wink**—Juke Box

Bob Wink created this Elvis inspired Werlitzer style Juke Box with multi-purpose storage areas for CDs or other little things. It even has a “doggie door” so it will be eligible for all those dog house competitions. The curved fronts were crafted from commonly available tubular concrete forms. I can hear it now: “How much is that doggie in the juke box?”

Norm Nichols scrolled this fish, another Sue Mey design, on a gorgeous piece of mesquite. And it's beautiful on both sides! He used a #5 blade, well, several #5 blades. Finished in a natural stain with polyurethane. As beautiful as this fish is, I find it hard to call it a Crappie, however.



Rick Spacek made two versions of this cat plaque design: one in color, the other natural. Both scroll sawed of Baltic birch. Rick even made the frames for them. So nice, Rick!



Brent Brown explained that his small box made of Bradford Pear has a lid that unscrewed into which you could place your diamond collection. There is a lot of water in the wood, so after turning it for a time, he wrapped it in paper for a few days, then turned it again. The finish is Carnuba wax.

Chuck Lickwar was motivated to craft this beautiful display unit because he has seen so many disappointing ways that crafter's display their wares at craft shows. The display twirls and rotates, a real whirlygig. It's made of seven different woods, as are his variety of bottle stoppers and key rings. What a fun display. Members all took a “turn” at it!

John Gay made this goblet in a wood turner's class. Although it has a lot of glitter with semi-precious stones inlaid into a variety of exotic woods, he says it reminds him of Dolly Parton: “took a lot of work to make it look this cheap!” It has a purpose though, because it has a hollow center and a removable lid so you can store small things inside. The top center and ring at the bottom are turquoise. *Interesting and decorative goblet, John!*

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Joe Stassi started as a woodworker in New Orleans at age 34. He explained how his health benefited from skillfully crafting and assembling this Adirondack chair from 30 pieces of Cypress, with 100 holes, and a finish of shellac. In 3 months, it was done! Says it is his passion to work when and where you can! Looks mighty comfy, Joe!

Jeremy Grubb talked about the process he used to craft this beautiful table out of African Mahogany and how it took 6 hours to "tan" the wood to the right color with ammonia fumes. He transferred the pattern onto the top of the wood with a pencil, routed some of the wood out, then hand chiseled it to the bottom depth of 3/4 inches. The bent lamination makes the table strong, yet light weight. A Liberon oil finish tops it off. Another beautiful table, Jeremy!



Bill Harris explained how 34 kids from his vacation bible school participated in painting these toys. WWCH will add the wheels and then donate them to the Larkin Center as part of their toy program. The kids had fun letting their imaginations run wild on the painting schemes!

Members, bring your projects to Show and Tell. Bring your friends and neighbors to a WWCH meeting to see all the wonderful work YOU do!



Sid Hockens had an old garage but a new vision for it, and set to work making a whole new wall of cabinets. Since the garage was old, and sloped a bit, Sid used a laser light to align the cabinets on the wall. Some of the wood came from old pallets he purchased for \$40. Other wood is sipo, or African Mahogany. Some was melamine coated MDF. What a transition!



FAVORITE TOOLS

Denis Muras shows off the perfect tool... a favorite claw hammer that has seen the handle replaced several times, and still sports a cleat holding this handle in place ...till the next time. Ahhh, they don't make 'em like they used to!



John Gay told about his favorite tools: a measuring tape he got from a fabric store and some really B-I-G rubber bands found at a craft store that really come in handy for a lot of things!!!



Steven Dittrich brought in this strange looking item that he bought in Missouri some time ago, and asked if anyone knew what it was. Nobody did!

CALL FOR PIE BOX ASSEMBLERS

The Pie Box construction project for Three Brothers Bakery that will result in a contribution to the club is almost ready to begin work. The bakery has purchased a laser engraver. They are working on getting the first 350 boxes labeled, a process that must be completed before we can assemble the boxes. And must be well underway before holiday pie season! At this time it appears that we will begin the assembly sometime shortly after our September meeting (September 14th). Anyone interested in working on this project, contact Tim Shaunty so he can schedule a convenient time for this. 713-503-2284 *Hope Three Brothers is coming to the picnic!! Yummm!*

PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC *I repeat...PICNIC!!*

WWCH'S OCTOBER PICNIC!

RESERVE YOUR BBQ PLATE: CHICKEN, BRISKET, BEANS, POTATO SALAD, DESSERT AND OTHER FIXIN'S!

ALL THIS FOR \$8.50

Payment due before October 7th. Tickets will not be sold at the picnic.

If you can't pay up at the September meeting, then you'll have to keep the Post Office in business and mail it in!

It'll be a beautiful autumn day in the pavilion just after the October regular meeting. Sit in the sun, or the shade, among friends and scout out those fabulous raffle tables full of "stuff" just waiting to be carted home by the lucky winners!!!

Creative cooks are encouraged to bring a family favorite dessert, so surprise us! Bring those lawn chairs, plan your raffle strategies, and invite family and friends.

HOT AND TIMELY TIP

Not sure if your old fire extinguisher still has its oomph? If it's over 4 years old, better check! To see if it's still working or if it can be recharged, see A1-Fire & Equipment on I-10 East or their website: www.a-1fire.net or call (713) 455-0296.

Be safe, not sorry and be sure you have the right TYPE of extinguisher for chemical or electrical fires, for kitchen fires, and by all means have an extinguisher in your shop! Know where it is, and keep it charged. Some have gauges that will help you determine if it's still in working order. No gauge? You need professional help! For the extinguisher, that is!



SCROLL SAW SPLINTER GROUP MEMBER BUILDS OWN V-BELT SANDER



At the **Scroll Saw Splinter Group** meeting in July, our newest member, **Clif Johnston**, did a presentation on a V-belt sander that he built.

He used a set of plans he found online for the basic design and then changed them to fit his needs. Clif made the 4" drum out of blocks MDF and turned them to make the drum.

An interesting fact is he is using mesh paper instead of regular sandpaper. That is something to consider if you have a sander like this. Clif's presentation was very interesting and informative. As you can see from the picture, Clif really enjoys his new V-belt sander.

MEADOWS PLACE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW CALL FOR VENDORS

**WWCH IS STILL DECIDING WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SHOW AS A VENDOR.
IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER WWCH MEETING.**

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!*

FORT BEND RESIDENTS – ENTER YOUR COUNTY FAIR

ATTENTION FORT BEND RESIDENTS

If you live in Ft. Bend County you are eligible to submit items in the Open Adult Departments at the Ft. Bend County Fair.
September 27 through the 29.

You can submit all types of items, not just woodworking. Categories include Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Needlework, Quilting, Sewing Machine Articles, Antiques, Arts and Crafts, Collections, Visual Arts, Photography, Floral, and Holiday. As you can see there are many possibilities for entries.

Check out the Fair's website for more details. The turn-in dates are Sept 25th from 11 AM to 7 PM and Sept 26th from 8 AM to Noon. Here is the website: http://fortbendcountyfair.com/events_detail.aspx?id=190 At the bottom of the page is a .pdf file with the rules. There you can see what can be entered. It is a lot of fun and who knows, you might even win a ribbon. And if you do, let us know for a proper KUDO in the newsletter!

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. <http://www.popularwoodworking.com/video/quartersawn-animation>



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NEXT MEETING

September 14, 2013

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

Speaker:

Randy Keys, Canyon

**Mesquite and Hardwoods
Logs to Lumber: The Nature of
Woods**

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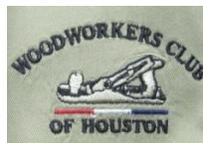
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*Members, wear your club shirts and caps!
Show off your membership in WWCH!*



Get yours today!

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POLOS: \$16.00 and up

CAPS: \$ 8.00

SEE TIM SHAUNTY TO ORDER YOUR CLUB APPAREL!

Guests are always welcome at 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!