

# Woodworkers Club of Houston

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MEETING ON THE 18TH!  
SPECIAL THIRD-  
SATURDAY MEETING THIS  
MONTH DUE TO EASTER**

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## **WE CAME ... WE SAW ... WE BOUGHT!** **Andy Anderson**

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Well folks, the Woodworkers Show has come and gone and many of us are a little poorer for it.

So, did you feel like a kid in a candy store at the show? Or were you hoping to find a special bargain, but didn't see what you wanted at the price you were willing to pay? Did you need a forklift to haul your purchase away, or did a simple plastic bag do? We'd love to hear your comments. As the operators of the show hear your concerns, they can continue to refine the show and make it one of the highlights of the year for us all.



The Club had a great booth is year. We hand many wonderful exhibits to display the many talents our club members have.

I would like to thank the many members who signed up to man the booth for the three day show. The booth would not had been a success without you. I especially would like to thank Denis Muras for demonstrating his scroll saw all three days. He always draws a crowd. It is because of members like him we have a very successful club.



### **WELCOME NEW WWCH MEMBERS!**

Rick Bryant  
Larry Page  
Timothy Ochoa  
Nolan Earle  
Bill Proctor  
John Kowalyk  
Doug Chancey  
James Gamble  
Daniel Martinez

# ARE YOU SITTING DOWN? RESULTS OF THE CHAIR CONTEST

Many different styles and skill levels were displayed in the first WWCH chair contest. While many of us feared we might re-enact the opening scene from “The Patriot” where Mel Gibson’s character fails hopelessly at making

a Windsor rocker that will support him, others rose to the task and churned out some great work! (For a reminder of this humorous scene, go to YouTube and search for “The Patriot Part 1/16.”)



Clockwise, Bob Wink created a fabulous Arts & Crafts Morris chair out of oak. Gary Rowen fashioned a Roman Chair out of red maple that’s fit for an emperor. Brook Barrineau made this walnut mortise & tenon stool look easy, and Joe Stassi shows off a Windsor chair. Joe also entered a folding chair & a child’s chair that were featured in a Show n Tell previously.





## CHAIR CONTEST WINNERS

Lon Kelley placed first in the Art category with this contemporary chair made of dowels. Very cool, Lon!

Clark Kellogg placed first in the heirloom category with this matching pair of Vidar chairs made of white oak and Danish cord. Way to go, Clark!

WWCH thanks all who entered the contest, and we hope more will get involved in our next contest, which is the Box-Making contest for the October meeting. Again, there will be two categories, Heirloom & Art. Have you started designing your box yet?



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE—TEXAS SCROLL SAW PICNIC

Now that you have marked your calendars for the Texas Scroll Saw Picnic on April 17 – 18, 2009, you can go online to see all the great vendors and seminars that are being offered. The address is [www.dfwscrollers.com](http://www.dfwscrollers.com).

The list of seminars range from basics to compound cutting and everything in between.

Vendors will be there for you to get wood, patterns, saws, sanders, blades, Fox Publishing (Scroll Saw Woodworker & Crafts), and Creative Woodworks & Crafts. There will be many ways for you to spend your money and get some great items. For those of you who are deciding on which saw to buy or upgrade to, this is the show for you. There will be a "Scroll Saw Corral" in which there will be several different saws for you to review and try out.

Make sure to bring some entries for the scroll saw contest. Pull out something you have made or get busy making something new. Please do not feel that you are not good enough to enter the contest, because you are. You never know what those foolish judges are looking for. Try it, you'll have fun.



For the items you do not enter in the contest there will be a "Bragging Table". This is free table where you can lay out your items for all to see. I have found that great conversations with other scrollers happen around these tables.

And then there is the food. The restaurant doing the BBQ is the same as last year and it was just great. Three meats with all the trimmings, including four varieties of cobbler. That alone should get you there!

So go to the website above where you can print out the pre-registration form, complete it, and mail it off with your payment. You do need to call the hotel to make your own reservations.

I have been told that there will be only two scroll saw picnics this year. We are fortunate that one of them is here in Texas. That is why we really need to support this picnic. See you there.

# MARCH SHOW 'N TELL



Bob Wink shows off some “tramp art” that he created with wood salvaged from pallets. He displays two Texas icons—the Alamo and the Battleship Texas. Tramp art was a mainstay of the hobo camps during the Depression, and much of it is highly sought by collectors today.



We can always count on Mark Bollinger to bring some fine craftsmanship to our meetings. Here Mark highlights a walnut table that features legs he salvaged from a previous project, prov-



Charles Sembera is too busy in the shop to watch Jurassic Park, and some child will be thankful when he receives this dinosaur made out of cypress.



# MARCH SHOW 'N TELL



In the true spirit of WWCH, John Gay will donate this mahogany bowl to a food bank fund raiser organization. Way to go, John!



Ridg Gilmer has some nifty gifties in the form of these boxes bandsawn from ash.



WWCH President slept like a baby after he crafted this maple crib that also converts into a twin bed. He also crafted a matching dresser.

# CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

## New Membership Badges

Tired of poking holes in your shirt or blouse with the name-badge each month? Tired of sticking yourself with the pin behind the badge? Have we got good news for you!

WWCH is providing all new name badges for our members, and we hope to have them ready for the May meeting. These badges will be made out of WOOD (like, what else did you expect?) and will feature a magnet on the back that will attach to your clothing. No pokes, no holes, just a real pro look. Be sure to attend the May meeting to wear yours proudly!

## 2009 Membership Books

It is that time of the year folks when the WWCH Membership Book is published with names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of the members in good standing (paid up dues) at the close of the month of March plus any new members who sign up at the Woodworking Show. The book will be distributed at the April meeting.

The information that you provided to the Treasurer when you renewed your dues or joined in the year 2008 or 2009 is the information that will be published in the book. This book isn't for public distribution; it is ONLY for members in good standing.

This book is not even provided to reputable woodworking companies.

However, if there is any personal information that you would prefer not be published please contact Gary Rowen at row1@sbcglobal.net or at the phone number provided in the 2008 Membership Book for your corrections. Also, if your name is Alexander Archibald Leach and you'd rather be published as Archie Lee (sorry, Cary Grant is already taken), please advise.

If you'd like your book mailed directly to you, please advise.

Gary Rowen  
Membership Book Editor

## October Picnic Help Needed

WWCH needs someone to secure donations for the October picnic, and someone to make arrangements for food as well. Contact the officers through [wwwch@wwch.org](mailto:wwwch@wwch.org) if interested.

## Show n Tell Change

If you bring an item for Show n Tell to a monthly meeting, please sign in on the new sign-in sheet to let us know you have brought your project. This will help us run that part of the meeting more efficiently. Thanks!

# Trading Post

## FOR SALE

Shelving Components  
Upright 12'x18" \$10 ea.  
Shelves 35" x 18" x 3/4" ply \$5  
Contact Andy Anderson at 713-723-1030 or email  
[Anmderson@hal-pc.org](mailto:Anmderson@hal-pc.org)

For Sale: Delta Unisaw, with Excalibur ball bearing fence. Extension table with built in router plate and Freud variable speed router with above table bit changing. Storage drawers and mobile base, perfect condition. \$1250.00  
Contact Charlie Wheatley  
281-370-6485  
[crwheat321@yahoo.com](mailto:crwheat321@yahoo.com)

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Ads will run one month at a time. If your item hasn't sold, contact Hugh to let him know you want the ad to run again the following month.

All ads must be placed 14 days before the 2nd Saturday monthly meeting. Of course, we invite you to post your WTB or FOR SALE items on the board in the meeting room.

## SILLIEST TOOL ? CAST YOUR VOTE

We've done articles and surveys about the most important tool in your shop, but this is a little different. Recently one of the major woodworking magazines ran an online article about silly tools. You know what they are, and you probably have at least a couple in your shop. You know, the kind someone gives you for a special occasion like Christmas or your birthday. Never mind that it's almost completely worthless—it's the thought that counts, right?

Or maybe it's something that you actually bought, but when you got it home, you realized it was more a waste of money than anything.

The example in the on-line magazine was a battery-operated C-Clamp. The editor said it would only clamp about as tight as a firm handshake, so he



wouldn't be using it for any glue-ups.

OK, come clean—what's the silliest tool you have in your shop? Email Hugh at [hpoland@earthlink.net](mailto:hpoland@earthlink.net) and describe your tool. If you've got a picture of it, that would be extra cool! Maybe you can keep others from making the same mistake . . .



## THE LAST LAUGH

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my bulldog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

## 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 \$24 a year, or about the price you'd pay for one good clamp!

## WWCH Officers

President	Denis Muras
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## Coming Events

Saturday, April 18  
*Monthly Meeting at Bayland Comm. Center 9-11:30*

Fourth Thursday of Every Month  
*Hand Tool Splinter Group in Sugar Land*

April 17-18, 2009, Denton, TX  
*Texas Scroll Saw Picnic*

Saturday May 9  
*Monthly WWCH Meeting*

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