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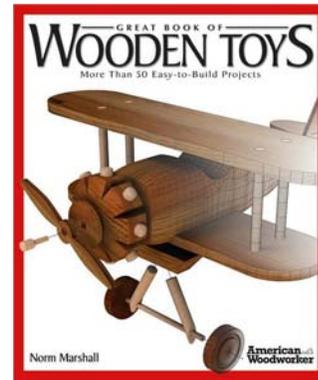
READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

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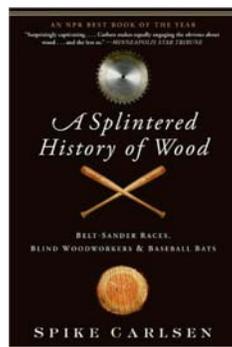
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The summer heat grinds on, and that half-finished box in your garage is still there, mocking the best of your intentions. What do you do when it's 100 degrees outside, and you're afraid you'll develop rust on your blades because you sweat so much when you use them?

You can read about woodworking. Here's a look at several new books:



instruction for constructing more than 50 wooden toys designed to appeal to a child's sense of imagination and playfulness.

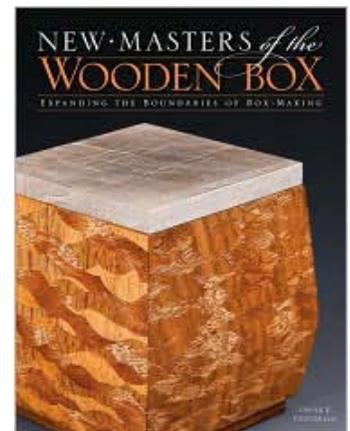


Spike Carlsen's A Splintered History of Wood is a grand celebration of all things wooden and the characters who lovingly shape them—eccentric artisans and passionate enthusiasts

who have created some of the world's most beloved musical instruments, feared weapons, dazzling architecture, and bizarre forms of transportation. From champion chainsaw carvers to blind woodworkers, from the Miraculous Staircase to the Lindbergh kidnapping case, this book is quite a read.

I love toys, and Norm Marshall's new book on toy making puts them in reach of those of us with less experience. Detailed and copiously illustrated, this in-depth handbook offers

More than toys, I love boxes. This new book by Oscar Fitzgerald isn't out yet, but may be worth the wait. New Masters of the Wooden Box, if it lives up to its promise, will show full-color, studio-quality photographs of their work along with essays that illustrate their design ideas and objectives.



So if it's too hot to go to your shop, don't just settle for the couch and a rerun. Get a new book on woodworking—it will take you farther than you thought!

WELCOME NEW WWCH MEMBERS!

Marty Gonzalez
Stephen Higginbotham
John Linscomb

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Susan Mullins

The members of the River Oaks Women's Breakfast Club (ROWBC) asked me to introduce them to woodworking at a Ladies Night Out. We were sponsored by The Woodcraft Store and had help from Woodworking Club members. Each of the ladies made a Design 1-2-3 holiday chair designed by Susan Mullins. They loved the experience and want to buy their own shop of tools!

About the ROWBC:

Members represent a full spectrum of professions, including business owners/entrepreneurs, nonprofit executives, healthcare workers, educators, and artists. Over the years, numerous members have been honored by the YMCA Women on the Move, Channel 13's Women of Distinction, Texas Executive Women on the Move, and SBA Business Advocate of the Year. Others have made local and national news.



And just how did these two lucky gents get to hang out with pretty ladies and do woodworking all at the same time? Call Susan Mullins at 832-524-3777 and she'll be glad to let you volunteer for one of the next "Gifts With Heart" projects.

NOTES FROM THE INDUSTRY

Bob Hunter, Tools editor of Wood Magazine, notes that DeWalt has announced that it will end its sponsorship in auto racing, effective at the end of this season. In a press release, DeWalt says the tough economic climate and "unprecedented decline in the construction industry" have forced it to not renew its sponsorship with NASCAR. Hunter says, "This is a sign of the difficult choices companies are being forced to make, and I'm afraid there will be more sponsors like this bailing on NASCAR and other sports. The positive thing we, as woodworkers, can take from this is that DeWalt is doing what it has to do to remain viable as a power-tool company and will continue to develop and manufacture quality tools."



Hunter recently attended The Association of Woodworking and Suppliers Fair in Las Vegas, and had some positive and negative vibes about the industry.

"As a reflection of the current economy, nearly everything about this show was down from recent years," Hunter says. "Almost all manufacturers and exhibitors had smaller booths as a cost-cutting measure, and also most showed only a handful of new products. For many, product development has been put on hold or significantly cut back to help the companies weather the financial storm."

In spite of the tough economy, most manufacturers agreed that their business with the hobbyist woodworker is still going strong. It's the professional contractors and cabinet- and furnituremaking shops that are hurting most, a direct reflection of the housing market. Hang in there folks and ride it out.

But not all news was negative. Hunter reported that dozens of high school and college students participated in the AWFS Fresh Wood Competition. "These students designed and built incredible furniture projects that were displayed at the show. It's good to know creativity isn't mired in a recession."



JULY SHOW 'N TELL



Mr. Scrollsaw, Glenn Edwards, has a new twist on an old theme, displaying a cross he cut out of plexiglass instead of wood.

(Below & left) Jim Lemcke of Texas Knifemaker's Supply was our special presenter for the July meeting. Jim shared the process for making knife handles and knife blades. Knifemaking is one of the fastest-growing segments of the woodworking community.



Bill White has an eye for photography as well as woodworking. Have you priced frames lately? Bill's look very professional, and you'd expect to pay a pretty price if you didn't make them yourself like he did. He used wormwood from Alabama, maple, and bore (bor-ee) from South America. But his work is anything but boring! Way to go, Bill!

JULY SHOW 'N TELL



(Right) No, that is not the Jolly Green Giant holding an asparagus stalk, although John Gay has one of the biggest smiles in all of WWCH. Below is one of John's latest creations—a dog house that looks like a boat. Ahoy, mate!



(Left) Steve Wavro brings a little sunshine with this intarsia made from yellowheart, western red cedar, and walnut.



Imagine giving a gift where the container may be more beautiful than the gift it contains! Lon Kelley has hit on this idea with these beautiful, creative boxes. You never cease to amaze us, Lon!

CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

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!

Newsletter Editor

The WWCH Board announces the need for a newsletter editor. Enjoy writing about wood? Have some ideas of topics you'd like to see covered? It's not as hard as you might think! Contact Denis Muras at 713-876-0087 for more details. (See p. 7 for additional info.)

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Ads will run one month at a time. If your item hasn't sold, contact us 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.

BOX-MAKING CONTEST— TWO MORE MONTHS TO GO!



How's that box coming? You haven't started yet? October will be here before you know it, and wouldn't it be a shame if you'd had all year to build one and never got around to it?

This year's contest will be part of the October Picnic meeting. Boxes will be judged in two categories: Beginner & Expert. Build your box out of any material (but remember, this is a WOODworkers club!) and it will be judged by two standards:

1. Heirloom—judged on finish, joinery, practicality
2. Art—anything goes!

PROJECT FINISHED

Over the last 18 months I have had the privilege of serving as the WWCH newsletter editor. You have given me so many kind words about this little monthly rag that it makes it more difficult to set down my pen (or this in case, my computer keyboard) and declare my part of this project finished.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, and I hope you've learned a little along the way. I know I have. I had never worked on a newsletter before, so let that be an encouragement to you—it's not as difficult as you may think.

Ultimately, as I look at my schedule for the future, I struggle to find time to attend the Saturday meetings, much less do the newsletter. I have three daughters at home, one who will be a senior in high school this year. I have limited time to be with each of them before they all eventually leave the nest, so I feel that stepping aside as the editor is the right thing to do.

Hugh Poland

But the project lives on. There is now a need for someone else to pick up the word-saw and shape some sentences into something that will encourage others in their craft. What would keep you from serving in this area?

I have to thank several. Denis Muras, Bill White & Mike Turner have been huge encouragements to me. Gary Rowen has been a joy to work with, especially for the pictures he takes. Matt Adams is great also. And Andy Anderson has been a true friend in every sense of the word.

I hope to still be around and attend meetings from time to time. One thing I do know—we are all being crafted, shaped, and molded for great purposes. To aspire to be a great husband, father, and Christ-like role model to people—well, these are things that I fall short of daily. But I am confident that as I am being shaped by the Master Carpenter, my life will accomplish all the purposes He intends for me. I could hope and wish for nothing better.

THE LAST LAUGH

The graveside service had just barely finished when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old widower looked up at the clouds, then at the pastor and said calmly, "Well, she's there."



Hurricane season is upon us. Just remember the following as you make your preparations:

Plywood—\$200

Supplies—\$75

Using your Aggie Education to hang the plywood on the wrong side of the windows—
PRICELESS!

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!

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Coming Events

Saturday, Sept. 19 (Note the Date Change)
Monthly Meeting at Bayland Comm. Center 9-11:30

Saturday, Oct. 17
Annual WWCH Picnic/Box-Making Contest

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