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## PUTTIN' ON A SHOW

**Norm Nichols**

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The Woodworkers Show is right around the corner. That means it is time for you to start getting your crea-

tions together to show off what you have been doing in your shop. We need a good variety of items to show our club's versatility. So

please start thinking about what items you will be bringing to the show.

While we do need to show our versatility, we are limited in our booth size. That means that we can not handle many larger items. If you have a larger piece that you would like to enter, please contact Andy Anderson so he can coordinate the items that are being submitted. This year we have to do a demonstration to maintain our "free" booth status. El Presidente (Denis Muras) will be bringing his scroll saw and several of us will be giving the demonstrations.

If you are going to help us set up, you can bring your items with you at that time. If you are unable to help set up, then we will take your items to the

show for you. Either way, we ask that you pack your items in such a way that they will not be damaged

in transport. Please use bubble wrap or similar material to protect your work. Then put the items into a box that is

large enough to hold the item(s). **MARK THE BOX** with your FULL name. Please put your name on the back of your item (s). That way we can be sure to repack your work into YOUR original packaging to ensure that it will not be damaged.

We will be able to help you to get your items to and from the show. If you will contact Andy Anderson or Norm Nichols to make arrangements to get your work to them, they will take your items to the show. They will also have any items that you can not get at the end of the show for you to be picked up from them.

What will you bring to the show?



**THIS IS AN EXPANDED VERSION OF THE WWCH NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS PUBLISHED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF EVERY MONTH.**

# TEXAS SCROLL SAW PICNIC

**Norm Nichols**

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. As of this writing there are seven scheduled seminars. I have signed up for four of them myself and may do another one. Karen and Dirk Boelman will be there to do their seminar and they will have their great patterns available as well. Judy Gale Roberts will be doing a seminar and will also have her patterns for sale. Judy Gale is probably the queen of intarsia and what makes her presence so important is that this is first time she has done a picnic in seven years.



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!

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.

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.

Make sure to bring some entries for the scroll saw contest. Pull

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.

## JANUARY SHOW N TELL

We had a tremendous amount of presenters in January, so much so that we had to devote extra space in this month's newsletter to feature them all. But there's always room in the club for the zealous beginner as well as the artistic expert. C'mon, let's see your stuff at the February meeting!

Norm Nichols fashioned some book-markers in the shape of a frog with his scroll saw.

He also displayed the work of a friend who made a stacked ring vase out of black walnut.



Dan Smith used walnut to scroll saw this basket, and mahogany for the beautiful hummingbird shelf.



# JANUARY SHOW 'N TELL



Look closely at the man on the right and you'll see the buttons about to pop off his shirt! That's Monte Richard, who has every reason to be proud of his grandson, Greg. They have collaborated on many projects together, including corner shelves, medal racks, and the napkin holders they are holding in the picture on the left. This is the spirit of WWCH at its finest. Way to go, Monte & Greg!

Hugh Parker is holding an minichest made of Antique Pine. This is just the sort of project that you can make and pass down to succeeding generations. What would keep you from getting out in your workshop today?



No, this isn't a man quoting Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech. But he might be saying "Give me Red Maple or nothing at all!" since that's what he trimmed this chest of drawers with for his tools in his shop. Gary Rowen is also our webmaster, and if you look real closely, you can see another web site in the corner of the room, just above Gary's head.



# JANUARY SHOW 'N TELL



John Gay gets REAL excited when talking about his adjustable red oak display shelves.



Tom Matkin found the article "Better Way to Build a Box" wasn't joking, as he proves here with poplar & pine.



Joe Stassi's "Puzzle Rocking Chair" is so easy even a child can put it together . . . And his folding chair made out of cypress is just perfect for taking in those parades & ballgames.

When others see trash, Jeremy Grubb sees treasure. The table he's holding features a rosewood top & legs made from African Teak. The table to the immediate right is purpleheart with zebra-wood inlays. The chair is fashioned from white oak & features black walnut legs with padauk inlay.



# JANUARY SHOW 'N TELL



Spring blossomed early for Julian Barr, as he proudly shows his first carved flower. Way to go, Julian! You'll have a garden full in no time!



There are so many different types of wood in this wall-hanging that Steve Wavro himself may not know them all! Oak, walnut, purpleheart, yellowheart, bloodwood, lacewood, & basswood can all be found, but you can't drink any of them!



Mattress Mack just wishes he had something in his showroom that could approach this Cherry dresser that Lon Kelley based on an English chest from the 1600's.



Why is Steve LeGrue qualified to teach table saw tips & techniques? Count all ten of his fingers and you'll see!

## CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

Ken Kooser, a past President of WWCH, highly recommends the 3-D assembly squares that Saul Harris previewed at the December meeting. Kooser wants you to know that the squares will be available either at the wood show in Katy or at the meeting following the show. These are CNC ground to a tolerance of .001 and are designed to help give a woodworker that extra hand in the shop.

The show price is a little less than the msrp that each of these dealers charge. Should they not

be available at the woodworkers show, Ken will attempt to pass on the normal show price at the next meeting.

### ERRATA

We regret the omission of Lee Knekow from the July 08 listing of those who volunteer to build doll houses and furniture. WWCH is built on the backs of those who volunteer, and we're thankful to Lee for his continuing efforts.

*We're on the web!*  
[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

### WWCH SHIRTS

Long or short sleeve shirts with the WWCH logo on them are available for \$19 ea. See Roslyn Hager at the next meeting to order yours.

## 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)

JET 15" Planer----650.00  
Delta 10" UniSaw with Right  
Extension Table----700.00  
Delta Shaper-----1,200.00  
JET 12" Disk/Belt Sander (no  
stand)-----500.00  
Contact Jim @  
[jsglock@swbell.net](mailto:jsglock@swbell.net)

Pecan wood, air dried, 320 board feet of 1" x 20" and 1" x 24" slabs. The slabs are cut from two logs approximately 3 ft x 4 ft. long. Contact Bob and Sally  
[srlmarx@peoplepc.com](mailto:srlmarx@peoplepc.com)

### WANTED

I have a desk drawer that I would like to turn into a computer drawer...I have all the hardware I just need a heavier bottom put in the drawer and the holes made for the hardware.

Contact Grace @ 281-788-3823

Wanted—Powermatic Model 45 Lathe, working or not.  
Contact Tom Green @  
713 784 2501

Trading Post ads are always free, but subject to available space. To place or remove an ad in the newsletter, contact Hugh Poland at 281-360-0673 or email [hpoland@earthlink.net](mailto:hpoland@earthlink.net).

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.

## A LETTER FROM SENATOR JOHN CORNYN

Dear Mr. Muras:

Thank you for contacting me about consumer safety. I share your concerns regarding the safety of consumer goods, and I appreciate having the benefit of your comments on this important matter.

Recent revelations of tainted imports and other consumer goods are troubling to all Americans. To address this critical issue, President George W. Bush established the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety by Executive Order on July 18, 2007. Led by the President's cabinet secretaries, this working group thoroughly reviewed our nation's supply chain to identify risks and make recommendations on how best to improve product safety in the marketplace. The working group concluded that no single stage in the supply chain—from foreign manufacturers and exporters to domestic importers and retailers—bears full responsibility for recent product recalls. Therefore, it is important to detect vulnerability in each stage of the supply chain and respond with a comprehensive policy that ensures public safety.

An important step towards increased consumer safety came on July 31, 2008, when the Senate approved the Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act (P.L. 110-314). This legislation bolsters the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the federal agency that inspects consumer products and enforces compliance. Additionally, P.L.

110-314 updates product safety standards beginning with toys and other children's products by banning six categories of phthalate chemicals and all measurable traces of lead from toys. P.L. 110-314 will modernize product labels to make it easier for parents and consumers to determine if a product they have purchased has been recalled, and for the first time retailers will be prohibited from selling items that are subject to a recall.

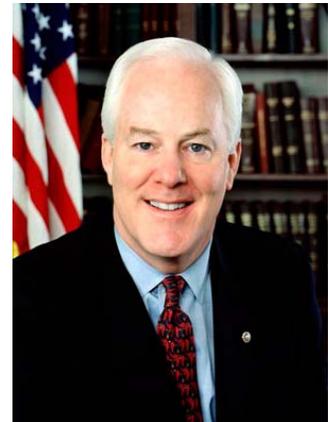
Because the volume of children's products required to meet new safety standards is large, P.L. 110-314 allows the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to designate accredited third-party laboratories to inspect and approve products designed or intended primarily for children age 12 and younger. The CPSC is required to issue accreditation requirements for such laboratories and maintain a list of the accredited laboratories; deadlines for the publication of such requirements differ according to the type of product being tested by the laboratory.

Furthermore, many manufacturers of children's products are concerned with how the CPSC will implement these testing requirements—chiefly with the costs associated with third-party testing. As a result, the CPSC is currently soliciting comments from manufacturers and the public as regulations pertaining to this section of the law are written. It is your right as a citizen to participate in the regulatory process.

The CPSC has established the following website where individuals may find more information regarding local meetings, how to submit comments and recommendations, and how to join a mailing list for updates on CPSC developments: <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html>.

I am encouraged by your willingness to participate in the regulatory process, and you may be certain that I will keep your concerns in mind should relevant legislation be considered by the Senate. Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

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

## WWCH Contacts

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# 2008 WWCH AWARDS



Drumroll please . . . The 2008 Woodworker of the Year award goes to . . . Glenn Edwards.

Edwards may live in the Austin area, but he faithfully attends most WWCH meetings, often bringing examples of his scrollsaw work. Glenn not only has a talent for woodworking, he has a heart for people, as he often gives away the things he makes as gifts.

“I feel honored to be chosen,” says Glenn with his characteristic humility, “because the competition was so great.”

And the members of WWCH are honored to have such a fine member and example to follow in Glenn Edwards.



The envelope please . . . The 2008 Golden Hammer award goes to . . . Jim Robertson.

Jim is a fixture at any WWCH gathering. His commitment to the club is evident, and not merely for carrying the unenviable task as the rafflemeister. Jim also leads a splinter group in Southwest Houston, and he and his wife Charlotte are often the first in/last out when it comes to the Saturday monthly meetings.

Here is the Golden Hammer award. May WWCH have many more men and women that qualify for this award!



# CONTESTS FOR 2009



### Chair-Making Contest

What: Make a chair out of any material, and you can enter it one of two categories:

1. Heirloom—judged on joinery, finish, & comfort
2. Art—judged on art value, uniqueness, & comfort

When: Due by March 14 Meeting



### Box-Making Contest

What: Build a box out of any material, to be submitted in one of two categories: Beginner or Expert, and judged by

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

When: Due by October Meeting

## THE LAST LAUGH . . .

### THOSE TEXAS GIRLS

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.

The first man had married a Woman from Iowa and had told her that she was going to do dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple days, but on the third day he came home to a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man had married a woman from Illinois . . He had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. The first

day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a girl from Texas . He told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, and the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, enough to fix himself a bite to eat and load the dishwasher.

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## Coming Events

Saturday, February 14  
*Monthly Meeting at Bayland Comm. Center 9-11:30*

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

Saturday, March 14  
*Monthly Meeting at Bayland Comm. Center 9-11:30*

April 3-5  
National Woodworking Show in Katy

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

Saturday, April 18  
*Monthly Meeting at Bayland Comm. Center 9-11:30*  
*(Date moved to 3rd Saturday of the month because of Easter)*

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