

# Woodworkers Club of Houston

**Remember your  
Valentine!**

*Forget, and your  
Valentine never will!*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Brrrrr!!!!** I hate feeling cold, which made me wonder how many of our members work in temperature controlled shops versus how many work in unheated and un-cooled garages and other areas in spite of Houston's cold or humid heat.

**Getting to know you.** We'll be asking members more about yourselves in the coming weeks because we want to know more about you. How many of you came to your first WWCH meeting with someone else? What was your biggest woodworking disaster? What piece or project are you most proud of? How did you get started in woodworking? Is there anything you'd like to know about our membership, or anything you'd like us to know about you? Let me or anyone on the board know these windows into your world so we can get a better picture and appreciation of each of our members. Don't be bashful!

We know we all do very special work, now we want to know just how special our people are too.

Roslyn Hager, President

## Welcome New Members

Ted Clements  
Chris Farquhar  
Brian Honey  
Henry Majoue, Jr.

## THE WINNERS for 2010

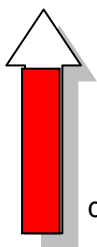
### WOODWORKER OF THE YEAR

**JEREMY GRUBB**  
FOR DEMONSTRATING THE FINEST  
WOODWORKING CRAFTSMANSHIP  
THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN WWCH'S  
SHOW AND TELL PROGRAMS.

### GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD

**DENIS MURAS**  
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE  
TO THE CLUB DURING THE  
PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

## ALMOST THERE



We're almost at full membership renewal for 2011. That's phenomenal!

The new membership directory will be printed soon, so make sure you're included. If you have yet to "re-up!" you can pay dues at a meeting or mail your check to Norm Nichols, 10426 Overview Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478. You can abbreviate the club name on your check to WWCH rather than writing out the full club name.

*Way to go! Thank you!*





**WWCH members** demonstrated their craft and displayed their handiwork on Arbor Day at the Houston Arboretum. **Cliff Ober, Alan Schofield, and Norm Nichols** on scroll saws. **Don Singer** and **Andy Anderson** worked the band saws. **Denis Muras** made miniature chairs and tooth awards. Norm and others made oven sticks.



**Matt Adams** showed his handmade spoons, **Steve Dittrich** demonstrated the fine art of pen making and **Rick Spacek** discussed his wood burning techniques.



Over 10 WWCH members, John Gay and others, came and helped at the tables, showing the items and talking to the visitors.



Two Wise ole owls: Bill Cole and the Hanc the Arboretum's mascot.



Smokey the Bear with WWCH member Cliff Ober's granddaughter.



**WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN**

**COFFEE!!!** To keep that nectar of the gods coming at meetings, we need to find someone to back up our wonderful coffee man Dave Kissinger on the rare occasion that he can't attend a meeting. Duties are just to bring thermos decanters to meetings and make coffee...and enjoy the aroma.

## IN LIEU OF THE MARCH MEETING

**FIELD TRIP – Saturday, March 19, 2011**  
**Richard Black's Custom Crafted Pool Cues**  
**Humble, Texas**

**NOTE: There will not be a WWCH meeting on March 12th at Bayland Center.**

Instead, there will be a field trip to nearby Lake Houston for a presentation/demonstration by **Mr. Richard Black** on crafting custom pool cues. Richard started making pool cues as a hobby over 30 years ago, but he is now widely recognized as one of the world's best in this field. In 2009, Richard became only the 12th person to be inducted into the American Cuemakers Association "Hall of Fame".

His cues grace numerous private collections as well as The National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution. If you appreciate true woodworking craftsmanship, art, or both, then this is definitely one field trip not to miss! See his website for a preview of this event:

[www.blackcues.com](http://www.blackcues.com).

We will meet at 9 AM  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**at 19410 Nehoc Lane**  
**in Humble, TX.**



Coffee and donuts will be provided by WWCH. Although there should be enough parking space, members are encouraged to carpool if possible.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### February 11 – MONTHLY MEETING

**Speaker: John Laine**, Executive Director, Texas Ramp Project, whose model organization of volunteers building free wheelchair ramps now serves over 16 regions across Texas and is being imitated nationwide.



### March 12 – NO MONTHLY MEETING

### March 19 – Field Trip Black's Custom Cues

### April 1-3: Woodworking Show in Katy

See their website for all the details and forms. The Katy show link is at the bottom of the page. <http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com>

### April 9 – APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

### April 30 – Field Trip to M&G Sawmill

Bill Cole arranged, for the first time in several years, a field trip to M&G Sawmill, a fully functional sawmill, on April 30, 2011 in Huntsville, Texas.

**Be sure to set this date on your calendar.** Many of the details of the trip such as start time, length of visit, and types of wood available for purchase have yet to be confirmed. However, as these details jell up, I will keep you informed via the clubs newsletter. In the meantime be sure to plan on attending the trip as prior trips to this location have proven very popular and profitable for our members.

### July 20-23 – Woodworking Show in Las Vegas

Contact **Denis Muras** if you are interested in joining the caravan to Las Vegas, The Las Vegas show has more consumer sales than at the Atlanta show. See the website for more information: [www.awfsfair.org](http://www.awfsfair.org)

## SPEAKER COMING IN APRIL

**Steve Proctor, WWCH member**, will have a presentation on interior architecture design.

# JANUARY SHOW AND TELL

## PRESENTERS

1. Bob Wink – Tramp Art, Fireplace Screens, Lamp
2. Lon Kelly – Mystery Box
3. Bill Harris – Ball holder
4. Bill White – Sculpture
5. Lorraine Lewis – Cane
6. Jeremy Grubb – Cabinet Base
7. Fred Sandoval – Jigs
8. Randy Abramson – Pen Case
9. Mark Behring – Dispenser
10. Ted Ojevich – Sign
11. Monte Richard – Nativity
12. Rick Spacek – Table top
13. Charles Voltek – Ships
14. Umberto Gherdovich – Slides of his projects
15. Steve Wavro – Nativity
16. John Gay – Book stands



**Bob Wink** demonstrated his specialty: the intricately cut Tramp Art. Bob's garage holds seemingly box car loads of art. Bob talked about the history of tramp art which was mostly done by immigrants starting in the mid 1800s. Wooden cigar boxes made great sources for tramp artisans especially since revenue laws prohibited cigar boxes from being reused for transporting cigars.

Chip carving with a pocket knife is the traditional technique, however, Bob showed how he "motorized" a pocket knife.



**Bill White's** beautiful contemporary sculpture in cedar and metal stand.



**Lon Kelley** shows the secret to opening his well crafted mystery box. The box uses quarter sawn mahogany.



**Bill Harris** made this baseball holder for his son. Now to be in the right place at the right time to fill 'er up!

## JANUARY SHOW AND TELL



**Lorraine Lewis** holds a hand carved cane of Chinese Tallow. Strong support and sure to get lots of admiring interest.

**Jeremy Grubb** holds up a curved walnut piece that is a base to a cabinet -- not your ordinary cabinet base.

**Fred Sandoval** explains how he makes and uses these woodworking jigs.

**Randy Abramson** created this nice hand crafted counter display for pens. It's made of mesquite with a Lucite panel cover.



**Bob Wink** also brought examples of decorative AND functional fireplace screens and a decorative lamp



**Ted Ojevich's** hand made sign says it all! Trust God!

How sweet it is when candy gets dispensed from **Mark Behring's** M&M machine. Mark's son helped out; they made ten and his son sold two.

## JANUARY SHOW AND TELL

**Monte Richard** crafted this life size nativity set of baltic bird. His granddaughter in junior high did the detailed painting.



**Rick Spacek** burned a photo from a magazine into this table.



The skilled hands of **Charles Volek** created the sailboat plaque of blue pine and white aspen.



**Umberto Gherdovich** showed slides of projects that he and his company did some years ago half a world away.

**John Gay** volunteered for American Heart Association's project, **Go Red for Women** ([www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)). They needed book stands for their displays at Discovery Green for heart month in February. He created the stands from recycled pieces of his neighbor's fence and finished them with a redwood water seal. During February visit the all displays at Discovery Green.



**Steve Wavro** shows a piece of his intarsia "Amish Children", another beautiful design by Judy Gale Roberts, at the January 2011 Scroll Saw Splinter Group. It is comprised of 88 separate pieces of mahogany, aspen, oak, walnut, cedar, and cherry. He plans to bring it to the February meeting.



This email came to our WWCH email account. If anyone can answer this gentlemen's question please reply and I'll forward it to him.

Hi. I know this is a long shot but I'll try most anything at this point. I have been using the program Woodtrax for a few years and really like it. My computer crashed and my new computer has Windows 7. The Woodtrax disk no longer works. I came across your club's web site. In your meeting of July 2003 you had a Representative from Globalsoft which sold Woodtrax. I have not been able to locate their web site. Is it possible for someone in your club to send me an email address for Globalsoft or the Representative whose name is Michelle Dudley?

## CLUB AND MEMBER INFORMATION

Please send inquiries to [wwch@wwch.org](mailto:wwch@wwch.org). All comments will be forwarded to the appropriate person for response.

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Wood Marvels**, [www.woodmarvels.com](http://www.woodmarvels.com)  
Plans for various toys. Mostly for CNC machines.

**Fine Scroll Saw Works**, [www.finescrollsaw.com](http://www.finescrollsaw.com)  
Plans for sale of some intricate fretwork:

**D&M Woodcraft**, <http://d-mwoodcraft.itgo.com>  
Toys and Other Interesting Works

**Scrollsaw Splinter group** [www.dfwscrollers.com](http://www.dfwscrollers.com)  
will feature Lyndal Hutcherson talking about spiral blades.

Do **you** have a web site that promotes or displays your woodworking? If you go to our site at [wwch.org](http://wwch.org), follow the instructions to [Click Here](#) to enter our workshop, you'll find a link to visit web sites of our members. We'd like to add even more web sites. Let's get all the members listed.

### OPPORTUNITIES

**Andy Anderson** is bringing toy patterns for members who would like to make toys from start to finish but are unable or wish not to attend Friday night splinter group. Note: Check with Andy.

**Dennis** at Woodcraft has a friend with a radial arm saw needing a new home. Would like to find a charitable organization that could fix it up and use it.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

**Andy Anderson** spoke to **John Jackson**, ex-president of WWCH. John's been at MD Anderson since before Christmas with an infection. He asks about the club and would be happy to receive cards and some friendly words from friends. His home address is in the club directory.

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## NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2011  
9AM TO 11:30AM  
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
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## FEBRUARY PRESENTER

### JOHN LAINE

Executive Director  
Texas Ramp Project,

(No March Meeting)

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## **T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Accomplishes More!**

What better way to ring in the new year than to share a heartfelt THANK YOU with everyone who generously gave their time and resources to the 2010 Holiday Book Drive!


As always, we are deeply humbled and grateful to have the support of our friends in Harris County.

Our TEAM is ever-growing, and we are honored that you are a part of it.

**Susan Mullins Brisbane**  
President, Gifts with Heart

## WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## **CLUB SHIRTS AND CAPS STILL AVAILABLE**

**Get your own club shirt and cap to wear at all the upcoming field trips and workshop seminars!** Shirts with the custom embroidered Woodworkers Club of Houston logo can be ordered through Bill Cole or just pick up a "ready to go" cap at the meeting.

**Shirts: \$22.00 Caps: \$6.00**

### **Newsletter Publication**

**This newsletter is edited and distributed by Joyce Saylan, who may be contacted by email at [sayjoyce@hotmail.com](mailto:sayjoyce@hotmail.com).**

### 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 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*