

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

## Quotable quotes...

It's too late to start earlier! ...*Anonymous*  
have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that  
don't work. ...*Thomas Edison*

No piece is cut too short. It was meant for a  
smaller project. ...*Anonymous*

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens  
another. *Proverbs 27:17*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you were able to enjoy Houston's Museum Day September 17<sup>th</sup>. Not only were the museums free, but buses shuttled visitors from museum to museum for free.

WWCH had a table at the Houston Museum for Contemporary Crafts again this year. It's a wonderful place to visit any time of the year, but especially during this particular event when you find tables staffed by many local guilds and clubs including doll makers, calligraphers, cloth makers, polymer clay workers, weavers and much more. I wouldn't be surprised if some of our folks incorporate what they saw into their wood projects.

Thanks to our members whose work we displayed. And a special thanks to John Gay for coordinating this day for us.

Don't forget to round up friends and family for flu shots after October's meeting. If you didn't fill out the paperwork at September's meeting, you'll need to fill it out when you come, so bring your insurance cards.

I won't see you at the October meeting but will see you at the picnic.

...*Roslyn Hager, President*

## Welcome New Members

Douglas Etienne  
Jeff Larsen

## FLU SHOTS AT WWCH – BRING THE FAMILY

## NEXT!!!

Roll up your sleeve and step forward for your FLU SHOT at WWCH's meeting on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. CVS will inoculate WWCH members, your friends, family (over 14 years of age), neighbors, high-school buddies, etc.! Anyone can line up for a flu shot. Get yours before the aaahhh-cchhooo's get ya and you're watching infomercials till 4 am.

Bring your insurance card, or if no insurance \$22. CVS will give you a \$5.00 discount coupon for use at the CVS pharmacy. What a deal!

## INFORMATION PLEASE

Members, don't be shy.

Tell us of your successes and awards and speaking opportunities.

Let us share your talents with the newsletter readers.

After all imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. WWCH members can inspire that imitation by setting an example to follow.

## OCTOBER SPEAKER – JOE POLICHINO

**Joe Polichino** has been an entrepreneur since the age of 15 who has started or owned over two dozen businesses. Currently, he is a small business consultant and broker, a principal in a business management company, and a Volunteer Business Counselor for SCORE—"Counselors to America's Small Business". He will discuss **converting a woodworking hobby into a small business**.

SCORE is a **resource partner** with the Small Business Administration (SBA) mentoring small business owners and offering small business entrepreneurs confidential business counseling services at no charge. Through **local workshops and events** and **online workshops available 24/7** they help small business owners to start, grow, and maintain their businesses. SCORE also provides resources, templates and tools to assist entrepreneurs in developing tools and plans to reach small business success.

**BEFORE YOU START YOUR BUSINESS...KNOW THE SCORE!**

## GATHERING OF THE GUILDS AT HCCC

Well, it was another successful day at the Gathering of the Guilds where the WWCH members displayed a variety of their works and met the public who stopped by. Members were inspired by the work and materials used by several of the other guilds at the Houston Center for Creative Craft, and I'm sure they got ideas from our work. Ya gotta love the networking that these types of events offer. Next year: Bigger and Better!!

Samples of our member's works displayed at the HCCC.



Here's contact websites for anyone interested in the other guilds:

### Contemporary Handweavers of Houston:

<http://www.weavehouston.org>

### Polymer Clay Guild

<http://www.houstonpolyclay.org/>

### Functional and Creative Table Ware (Pottery)

Marilyn Cameron – [mmcameron2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcameron2000@yahoo.com)

### Houston Area Fiber Artists

<http://www.fiberhouston.org>

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### October 8 – Monthly Meeting

**Speaker: Representative from SCORE**

### Oct. 21 & 22 - Lie-Neilson at Kellogg Furniture Design

October 22 - Annual WWCH Picnic – Prizes, Food, Contests, Fun, etc...

### Oct. 29 – WWCH Demonstrations at Rockler Volunteer today with Denis Muras

### November 12 – Monthly Meeting

**Speaker: TBA**

November 12 (after the meeting) – Shop Crawl  
Open YOUR shop for visitors or join the crawl!

## NOVEMBER SHOP CRAWL

The **(CRAWL)** is coming! List your shop for the tour and we'll come knocking! Sort of an after-Halloween house-to-house without costumes! We'll set out after the WWCH meeting on **November 12**. To show off your shop **sign up** with either Mark Sweigart or Bill Cole both of whom are listed in your club directory or see them at the meeting, or the picnic, or etc...

**Tell us a little about your shop** for the newsletter so members can start building their anticipation!!!

## LIE-NEILSON TOOLWORKS

### The Lie-Neilson Hand Tool Event

Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 2011

*(better go Friday...Saturday is picnic day!)*

**Kellogg Furniture Design, 2303-B Dunlavy**

Lie-Nielson Toolworks brings their free hands-on showcase to Houston, so come try out their tools.

- Test our full line of woodworking hand tools
- Participate in hands-on demonstrations
- Learn tips and tricks from our staff
- Meet our guest demonstrators
- Enter our door prize drawing

See their newsletter for further information or their website:  
<http://www.lie-nielsen.com/?pg=91>

Frank Strazza from Homestead Heritage Woodworking School in Waco will be doing demos, and (if time and space allow) I will be doing a letter-carving demo. These events have always been a lot of fun and a great way to see some amazing hand tools in action.

Questions? Contact Clark Kellogg at <http://www.kelloggffurniture.com>

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER RECAP – JIM THOMPSON



**Jim Thompson**, representing the Lone Star Chapter of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers, spoke to Club Members about the society and presented a slide presentation of their member's works which were displayed at the Telfair Art Museum in Savannah, GA. He described the differences in styles that place a piece in a particular era. The beautiful antique pieces gave a great appreciation for the work produced with hand tools, and many craftsmen continue the tradition and use hand tools.

He discussed the mission of the SAPFM to create a forum for the understanding, education, and appreciation of American period furniture, to develop and encourage the use of standards and ethical practices in the reproduction and conservation of period furniture, to offer membership to all with an interest in period furniture, to assist members with the identification and location of resources including people or organizations having specialized expertise, and to conduct public exhibitions for the recognition of members' work.



### WWCH PICNIC DETAILS -- SEE PAGE 7



#### DO THE RAFFLE SHUFFLE.

Keep the line moving as you check out all the great raffle items.

See some of your WWCH members works at the **Bayou City Arts Festival** **October 8 & 9, 2011** in downtown Houston <http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com>



## OUR BOYS BROUGHT HOME THE BLUE

Club members **Norm Nichols** and **Rick Spacek** entered several pieces of their work in the Ft. Bend County Fair, Creative Arts Department.

Norm entered four pieces in the Arts and Crafts Division and one in the Holiday Division. The four in Arts and Crafts included his multi-striped basket, Victorian fretwork cross which won a purple rosette, Victorian fretwork picture frame won a blue ribbon, and a box. His Easter Story cross won another purple rosette and the coveted tri-color Best of Show ribbon in the Holiday Division. .

Rick entered three pieces, all hand burned, in the Arts and Crafts division. His table with a mill scene won a purple rosette and his plaque of St. Paul's Cathedral won blue. Overall, it was a very good year at the Ft. Bend Fair for our two club members.

*Congratulations! Now who's going to make the ribbon case??*



# SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

## PRESENTERS

1. **Andy Anderson**—Gears and game board of mahogany and oak.
2. **David Garcia**—Pen and Pencil desk set of Paduk, walnut, ash, and cherry.
3. **Jeremy Grubb**—Door header
4. **Brian Honey**—Dresser drawer
5. **Lon Kelley**—Jewelry boxes
6. **Cliff Ober**—Lighted Sconces
7. **Mark Sweigart**—Moxon Vise in Maple
8. **Steve Wavro**—Lighthouse Intarsia
9. **Bob Wink**—Chicken Leg Art Car, mini version, and bucket of bones from “leftovers”.



**Steve Wavro's** intarsia of the Cape Blanco lighthouse is made from a 77-piece pattern by Janette Square. The pieces are carved from poplar, yellowheart, lacewood, maple, bloodwood, walnut, blue spruce, spalted cypress and several other woods. See the insert of the actual lighthouse, which is located in Port Orford, Oregon.  
Read about its fascinating history and statistics at <http://www.portorfordoregon.com/blanco.html>

**David Garcia** crafted this pen and pencil set from a design purchased through Cherry Tree. It's carved on both sides with clouds and birds. Made from Paduk Cherry, walnut, and ash with a finish of two coats of tung oil, two coats of lacquer, and two coats of polyurethane.



**Andy Anderson's** at it again, with gears and gadgets and games! The board game is interesting. Called **Nine Men's Morris** (and other names), it's an abstract strategy board game that emerged from the Roman Empire and still played today in international competitions.



## MEMBERS,

SIGN UP FOR THE SHOW AND TELL AT OUR MEETINGS.

Show us what you're working on. Tell us how you do it. And share your tips and tricks.

BRING A FRIEND.

BRING A FRIEND TO THE PICNIC TOO!



**Bob Wink** made a chicken leg! But the only grease you'll find in this chicken is underneath in the go-kart chassis, but there is gas involved!

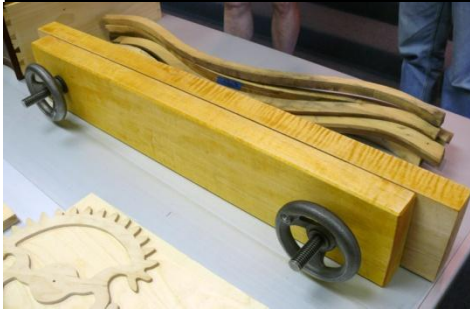
Look for this tasty tidbit in the next Art Car Parade, and find Bob Wink curbside operating the little remote-controlled leg to the delight of the children.



**Brian Honey** made this drawer in a 4 ½ day class project with Jeff Hadley in Indianapolis. The veneer is Crotch Mahogany with hand cut dovetails, screws and glue. The inside is finished with shellac.



# SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



**Mark Sweigart** created this Moxon Vise in maple. He incorporated wheels to raise and lower the vise.



**Lon Kelley** pleased his two grand nieces with these two jewelry boxes with their initials on the tops. The girls certainly will treasure these boxes made just for them. The wood is sweet gum (at least that seems to be the consensus of some top people in the trade). Finished in spray can polyurethane.



**Jeremy Grubb** chiseled the design in this door header from a pattern he found in a book. Good thing the design was flexible because the door frame wasn't and he had to adjust it by 2¼ inches. Actually he had to make two ...it was a double door. It's made from African mahogany and turned out beautifully.



**Cliff Ober** presented a pair of lighted sconces made from an idea that just "popped into his head with this illuminating result!

The ends, side trim, and bows are made of walnut and the shades are sycamore veneer, so thin the light readily shines through.

The bows are bent laminations (6 layers). A 1/8th inch thick aluminum plate is mounted to the back panel of each sconce to isolate the bulbs from the wood. The plates have 90° tabs bent out at the bottom ends to mount the light sockets. The finish used is "rattle can" lacquer (Deft).



**John Gay** has been invited to enter his Trophy House in **Barkitecture Houston 2011 Dog House Competition.**  
**Noon to 6PM Saturday, October 15 Houston Pavillions.**

**Silent Auction • Pet Adoptions • Pets Welcome • Vote for People's Choice**

Houston's best architects, designers, builders and artists have been selected to create dog houses to be auctioned off to benefit Pup Squad. One hundred percent of all proceeds from this year's silent auction will directly benefit Pup Squad. For more information see the website: <http://www.barkitecturehouston.com>

**Scrollsaw's** regular meeting is the same day as the club picnic. Therefore there will be **no meeting at Woodcraft**. We will meet at the picnic in Bayland Park. Do support the WWCH club activities by our attendance so please come to the picnic instead of the meeting. There will be some really nice items in the raffle, lots of fun, and above all another opportunity for friendship and fellowship.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## ROCKING HORSES TO CANCER VICTIMS

The **Wood Whisperer** supports a fundraising drive that involves building a rocking horse. For each **rocking horse photo** received, donations will be made to woodworkers fighting cancer. To get the most bang out of this project, **make a rocking horse and then donate it** for the club's Christmas toy project. The Wood Whisperer Club also has a video on making the horse on its website. If you would like to participate, download the plans from [www.thewoodwhisperer.com](http://www.thewoodwhisperer.com).

A full instruction booklet can be downloaded from [www.woodworkersfightingcancer.com](http://www.woodworkersfightingcancer.com). For more information, contact **Walter Hansen** at [www.woodwhisperer.com](http://www.woodwhisperer.com).

## LADIES ONLY WOODWORKING COURSE

Fred Sandoval is offering a **ladies only woodworking course** on two weekends (four days total) on October 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 8:00am to 5pm. Each weekend will cost \$150 dollars or a total of \$300 for the two weekends. The course is "**Basic Woodworking-Plus**". The Plus means that all students will be introduced and taught to use and operate the following woodworking tools, equipment and machinery: drill press, 14inch bandsaw, 20inch scrollsaw, Delta belt/disc-sander, 12inch jointer, overhead pin-router/shaper, 15inch thickness planer, mortise, wood lathe, 4x24inch belt sander, hand drill, and various hand planes, chisels and other hand tools. Sharpening and care of all hand tools will be taught.

**You do not need to have any of your own tools**, Fred has everything you will need, but if you wish to purchase some of your own tools, he will help you to get the best price and quality for your money. Fred has been a cabinetmaker/luthier for over thirty years and has a very well-equipped woodshop in Richmond, Texas near 59 and FM762. Class size is a minimum of four students to no more than six students.

You may contact Fred Sandoval and get further details on the upcoming class at 281-793-3502 or at his website: [sandovalfrederick96@yahoo.com](mailto:sandovalfrederick96@yahoo.com).

## VOLUNTEER FOR CAREER DAY

Last year **John Gay** gave a talk at Poe Elementary school for their **CAREER WEEK** about woodworking as fine art. This year he has a conflict and is unable to do the talk. **We need volunteers to step in.**

If you would enjoy a fun day, maybe do a demo, have the kids help put some toys together, and show and tell some fine art woodworking and interesting tools, they would be most grateful.

John borrowed the works of several WWCH members to show: fine musical instruments, intarsia, classic American folk art, toys, carvings, boxes and more. He included hand tools—a Yankee drill and a large Japanese hand saw. The kids loved it and John had a great time. **"It was tons of fun."**

Choose your time:

**Mornings 8:45 to 11:15:**

Tuesday 10/18, Wednesday 10/19, Thursday 10/20

**Afternoons 12:15 to 2:45:**

Monday 10/17, Tuesday 10/18, Friday 10/21

If you can help, just contact Ayesha Tiscare at Poe Elementary at [ayeshapai@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ayeshapai@sbcglobal.net)

Or anyone interested can email [career\\_week@poept.org](mailto:career_week@poept.org)

## INVITATION

The Woodworker's Club of Houston has been invited to represent the club on the **sale day at Rockler** on October 29, 9am – 6pm.

### WE NEED WWCH VOLUNTEERS!

Rockler will provide a space to promote the club and demonstrate scrollsawing and wood turning. Being just a few days before Halloween, think of making Halloween themed items. ***Ohhh, what a goulish idea!***

It's a come-and-go event. Stay as long as you like, help in any way you can, bring your samples to display, and talk to the customers about woodworking and our club.

**Contact Denis Muras to sign up!**

## KUDOS TO JEREMY GRUBB

Congratulations to **Jeremy Grubb** on the fine article and photos of his work in the September issue of the Galveston Monthly magazine.

After hurricane Ike, the Galveston Tree Conservancy looked for people to help do something with all the downed trees and save the wood from the chipper. Jeremy Grubb and woodworker Steve Conway answered the call and turned the felled wood into fabulous wood creations, tables, chairs, etc.

Read the full article at the website: <http://www.content.yudu.com/Library/A1tw37/GalvestonMonthlySept/resources/50.htm>

The Club now has a **binder** containing a copy of each of last year's newsletters. If you have **any back issues to add** to the binder, please bring them to the meeting. See Joyce.

## OCTOBER ANNUAL PICNIC – SHAPING UP NICELY

### October 22<sup>nd</sup> Bayland Park Pavilion—Fun for friends and family!

Come prepared to eat as much barbeque as you can hold. The club furnishes the food, but we're **asking club members to bring a dessert** to share! Here's where you creative cooks can show off another talent, even if it's creative shopping! However, the homemade varieties are always something to behold.

For those of you who will be attending the picnic but will not be at the club's regular meeting on October 8, please either **send an email or call Bill Cole** and let him know **how many meals you will need for yourself and family and/or guests** so we can be sure to have plenty of barbeque to go around. We don't want anyone going home hungry. Bill's phone number and email address are both in the Club Directory.

The picnic is going to be a great one this year, so come enjoy the day with your fellow members. Dust off your "luck of the Irish" to take some of these fabulous raffle items home!

**A WorkSharp WS3000** with the knife and scissor sharpening accessory  
**Ryobi Trim Router Kit** with 3 bases  
**Bad Dog Tool's complete Router Bit set**

**From Hock Tools:** A Hock Block Plane Kit (new item)

**From Lee Valley Tools:**  
 Veritas Medium Shoulder Plane  
 Veritas Flat Spokeshave  
 Veritas 14 tpi Dovetail Saw  
 Veritas Dual Marking Gauge

#### RAFFLE ITEMS

**From American Woodworker:**  
 Seven books and a DVD of American Woodworker Magazine

**From Incra Tools:**  
 Miter V120 Miter Gauge  
 INCRA Rules 4 Piece Set, 12" Length  
 INCRA Build-It Starter Set

#### DVDs

David Marks  
 Fine Woodworking Magazine Archive  
 Mark Spagnolo (The Woodwhisperer)

**From Kreg Jig:**  
 Kreg jig K4 Pocket Hole System  
 Kreg Multi Mark  
 Kreg Crown Pro

**From our local Rockler store:**  
 A Leigh Jig D4R system (missing router bits though but readily available)  
 Avenger Dado Set

**Other donors include** Klockit, and more coming.

*Hope you all have lucky tickets!!*

**See you at the picnic!**

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# Woodworkers Club of Houston

782 Maler Rd.  
Sealy, TX 77474

## NEXT MEETING

**OCTOBER 8, 2011**

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
6400 Bissonnet

## OCTOBER PRESENTER **JOE POLICHINO**

SCORE – Converting a woodworking hobby into a business.

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**We're on the web!**

[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

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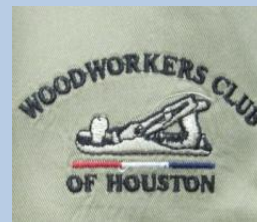
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**AM I A STUFFED SHIRT? RIGHT!**  
*My WWCH shirt is filled with PRIDE!*  
**AM I A HARD HEAD? RIGHT!**  
*My WWCH cap is hard to part with.*

**Get yours today!**

**Be an official stuffed shirt or hard head, or both!**

Place your shirt order with Bill Cole at any regular club meeting. Pick up a cap at any meeting!



Get your name custom embroidered on your shirt. Order with Bill Cole and he'll get it done for you.

**SHIRTS: \$22.00**

**CAPS: \$6.00**

## **Guests are always welcome at WWCH**

### 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!*

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