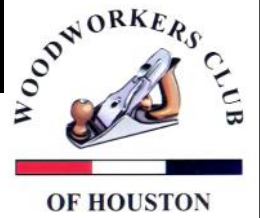


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	07/13
Hardwood Derby 2024.....	07/13
CNC Router Meeting.....	07/16
Hand Tool Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	TBD
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	07/27

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH July 2024 Toy of the Month



Bumblebee Puzzle

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time for a Refresh

Our Club brochure has been a handy invitation for visitors to learn about the Club, its purpose, its processes, and the amazing craftsmanship of its members. It has been several years since the brochure was last printed, and several aspects of the Club have changed in the interim. First and foremost, we no longer meet at Bayland. While a sticker can correct the meeting location, there are other issues with the brochure that need to be corrected. And lastly, we handed out nearly all our existing stock at the Texas Woodworking Show! So, it is time for a refresh.

One of the critical components of the brochure are the many pictures of Club members' work. The front of the brochure has three prominent pictures, and the inside has a whole section with 14 pictures of wonderful projects. Unfortunately, we seem to have lost the file(s) that were used to create the brochure.

However, that presents the opportunity to have the brochure present more recent examples of Club members' work. I am asking a favor of all the Club members. Please look back over the Show-and-Tell photos from the last several years and tell me what pictures you think represent the best examples of outstanding craftsmanship.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

Give me enough details to find the pictures such as “Steve Wavro’s heron intarsia from June 2024.” Submit as many as you think are worthy of inclusion in the brochure.

If I do not hear back from you regarding the best of the best, the brochure is likely to feature lots of wooden action toys and cutting boards! Please submit your suggestions by the end of July so we can get the brochures printed soon.

You can find all of the photos of Club members’ work here:

[Show 'n Tell Projects \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Send your favorites to: tpaulley@gmail.com

WWCH President
Tom Paulley



Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is July 16th at 7:00PM. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; wateague@gmail.com

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is July 27th; meetings are held at the Bayland Community Center at 9:00AM. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras; denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Furniture Group: Currently the Furniture Group does not have a meeting place. Until a new location can be found, there will not be any meetings on the calendar. Any questions, please contact: Ron Kirchoff; kirch76@gmail.com or George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting, TBD For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com or Henry Majoue; hjma-joue@gmail.com

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net

Toy Group: Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; christopher7schwartz@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri; andy.tofuri@comcast.net . You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

Hands on Houston

Hands on Houston

Annually the club participates in the 'Hands on Houston' program hosted by the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts (HCCC). Children (about ages 5 – 10) participate by decorating and putting wheels on a toy made by our club members and they get to keep the toy. The event is scheduled for

Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

At Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts

4848 Main Street, Houston (first block south of Rte 59 on Main)

We need 300 toys for this event so please help by making some. We already have 40 cars, and could use some more, but animals like turtles, ponies, elephants, alligators, etc. are very popular. Patterns are available on the WWCH.org website by clicking on 'Plans & Drawings' at the bottom of the Home Page, then on St Luke's UMC Workshop Toy Templates. Drill 7/32 " holes for the wheel axles but do not put on wheels and do not apply any finish. Bring the toys to the club meetings before October and give them to Andy Tofuri. Use wood of 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 thickness. Andy will have some poplar blanks available at the next meeting.

We will also have tables showing our wood projects and introduce people to our club. In addition, we'll have some activities using the club workbench. WWCH participation at HCCC events is a community service working with children and has brought in new members.

Thank you.

Chuck Meeder



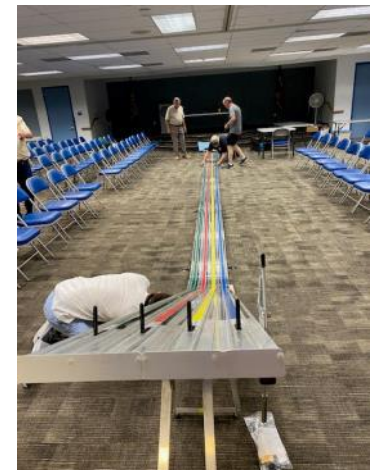
Hardwood Derby 2024

2024 Hardwood Derby

Don't forget, the Club's Annual Hardwood Derby will be run during the July meeting. There is still time to build a winning entry or two (but time is running out). Club members can enter the Derby by purchasing up to two wheel/axle kits (\$5 each kit) and then following the rules that are posted on the Club's website. Cars must be made only from wood, except for the plastic wheels and metal axles provided in the kit. The owners of the three fastest cars will be awarded gift certificates of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively, while the best-looking car will be awarded a \$15 gift certificate.



Wheel/axle kits are still available; contact Tom Pauley and he will do his best to get you a kit! The more racers the more fun!



Pictures from the Hardwood Derby 2023

2024 Houston Woodworking Show



Club Members, a big shout of THANK YOU to the many Club members who came out to the Woodworkers of Texas Woodworking show and spent time in the booth promoting the Club.

A big shout of THANKS to Tim Shaunty, Norm Nichols, Larry Page, Patti Page and Bob Wink for the organizing effort.

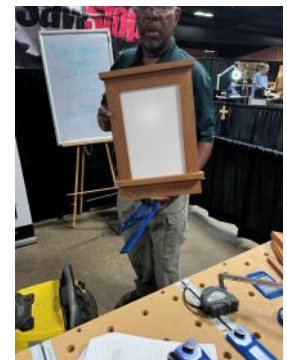
An equal shout of THANKS to Mike Hardy, Jack Bailie, Dave VanDewerker, Maria Carlo, Brian Murrah, Bill Harris, Greg Solberg, Denis Muras,

Bryan Bailey and Chuck Meeker for spending time in the booth. My apologies if I missed anyone!

We had two people fill out applications during the Show, and several more who expressed significant interest in coming to a meeting to see what we do. A successful weekend!



Tom Paulley



Photos credits to: Steven Dittrich, Chuck Meeder, Tom Paulley & Chris Farquhar

Toy of the Month

A link to the Toys of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

This Month: Bumblebee Puzzle [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://www.wwch.org)

Program of the Month

There will not be a program for the July meeting.

Instead, we will be holding our 2nd Annual Hardwood Derby.

Come out and enjoy the races and cheer on your favorite car(s).

Monthly program will continue in August with a Virtual Shop Crawl.

Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - July meeting (07/0813/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
 - ◇ Start your engines, the 2nd Annual Hardwood Derby is this month.
 - ◇ Woodworking Festival in Austin, TX November 9th & 10th.
- Go to [Texas Woodworking Festival – Keep Woodworking Weird](#) for more information.
- ◇ If you are interested in being high-lighted in “Meet the Member”. Please see Chris Farquhar at a meeting or contact him at: wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com

New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **3** new members in May:
Martina Cartwright, Terry Foster & John Shaw

Show and Tell



Charles Volek

- 254 Texas counties of various woods



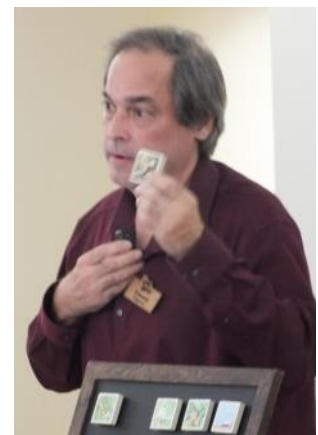
Alex Peay

- Chair



Edward Holtgraver

- Fridge magnets on poplar
(his photos)



Show and Tell



Rick Spacek
- Lynx of spalted pecan



Rod Griffith
- Toddler ride toys



Steve Wavro
- Intarsia egret



Show and Tell



Brian Murrah

- Magic box



Chris Farquhar

- Intarsia grizzly bear of oak, ebony, and black walnut

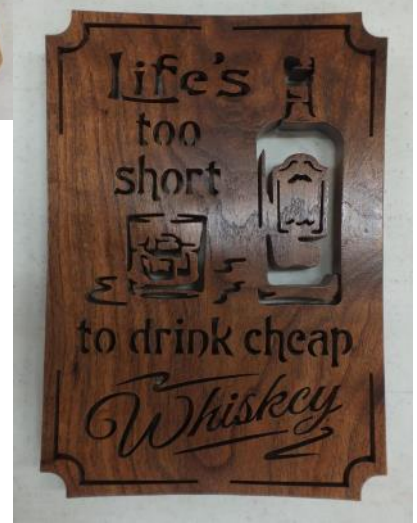


Tom Paulley

- Cutting board and hardwood derby car checker



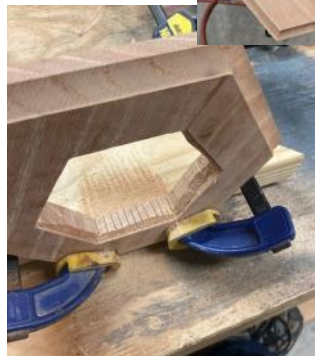
Show and Tell



Norm Nichols
- Two signs and cross



Frank Fuss
- Flag Stand



Show and Tell

David Janowitz

- Red oak table, six white oak table tops, Osage orange cork rack, red oak box



Meet the Member

Alan Lipman

Club Member since 2023



Alan has always enjoyed building toys as a child, in high school he enjoyed drafting classes and wood shop. He did some home repairs and bought tools as projects/repairs required. Met a friend that had tools to do small wooden projects. They had a few craft items for the yard and then together bought lumber and cut enough pickets to build fencing for two yards. They then spend the next 3 weekends building the fences. Alan made toy boxes and teer tots for grandchild as other gifts. Three and half years ago a friend of a co-worker heard he liked making projects and asked if he would make dough bowls for her to turn into candles.

After giving her one, Alan started making more of them. Then friends asked for candle holders, baseball toss games, corn hole sets and other items. While looking for a sanding tool for these bowls he was asked, and then learn to make bandsaw bowls.

Alan wish he had started this hobby 30 years ago; never knew how much pleasure he would derive from the work. Alan has a list of projects ideas that he never has time to do; because other ideas get in the way.

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Houston Southwest

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281-988-9449

WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President	Tom Paulley
Vice President	Rod Griffith
Secretary	Mike Hardy
Treasurer	Jack Bailie

DIRECTORS

Dorsey Rushing	Bill Harris
Curtis Love	Jim Price
Rich Ostermeier	

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Andy Tofuri
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Web Master	Gary Rowen

NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 13th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,
 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

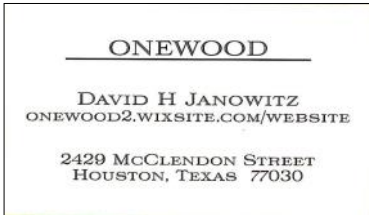
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before July 31st to be included in the next newsletter.

We're on the
Web
www.wwch.org

Join our Facebook Group!
Woodworkers Club of Houston

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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!

Members Business Cards



If you would like to have your Business Card shown here
and you are a member in good standing.

Please see Chris Farquhar