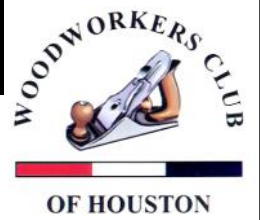


# The Sawdust Sentinel

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## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	11/09
CNC Router Meeting.....	11/12
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	01/25
Hand Tool Meeting.....	11/07
Furniture Meeting.....	11/20
Texas Woodworking Festival.....	11/9-10



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's Award Season at the Woodworkers' Club

As we approach the end of the year, there are several awards that are up for consideration and/or voting. Think of this President's Note as your sample ballot!

First up is the Golden Hammer award. From the Club's Bylaws:

The Golden Hammer may be awarded to a Club member in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to the Club. The Golden Hammer may or may not be awarded in a given year. Nominations are made by the Board at its November meeting. The Board votes on the Golden Hammer in executive session at its December meeting.

So, if you think someone is deserving of the Golden Hammer award, let one of the Board members know who and why you think they are deserving.

Second up is Woodworker of the Year:

The Woodworker of the Year Award is presented annually to the Club member who demonstrates the finest woodworking craftsmanship during the year through presentation of newly completed work to the Club. This includes Show and Tell programs, and presentations at Club meetings and workshops.

Nominations for the award shall be made by a committee consisting of the previous three winners of the award. Voting on the award will take place at the November meeting of the Club.

Mike Hardy, Dave VanDewerker, Chris Farquhar and Rick Spacek are preparing the list of nominees, and we hope to have the list out to the Club shortly. I encourage everyone to review the Show-n-Tell pictures on the Club's website and monthly presentations to determine who they will vote for at the November meeting.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

Lastly is the Lifetime Achievement award. This is a rarely awarded honor to Club members who are truly deserving. Key elements from the Bylaws include:

The Lifetime Achievement Membership may be conferred upon a member who has rendered notable service to the Club for a minimum of five years. A maximum of one Lifetime Achievement Membership may be conferred per year. Any member in good standing may recommend another member for a Lifetime Achievement membership. Recommendations must be received by the Board before December 1st each year and may be submitted via written communication to a Board member (letter or email) or may be presented in person at a Board meeting. If you think there is someone in the Club who has contributed significantly to the Club, please make a formal submission to the Board. You can see a list of the past honorees for each of these awards on the Club's website and in the Membership Directory. Awards are how we recognize the significant craftsmanship and service of our members. Please take a moment to review these awards and who might merit them.

**WWCH President**  
**Tom Paulley**

## Splinter Group Information

**CNC Router Group:** Next meeting is November 12th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; [wateague@gmail.com](mailto:wateague@gmail.com)

**Scroll Saw Group:** Next meeting is January 25th; meeting at 9:00am; location is TBD at this time. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras; [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**Furniture Group:** Next meeting is November 20th at Andy Tofuri's shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

**Hand Tool Group:** Next meeting is November 7th at George Alderete shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

**Sawmill Group:** For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:christopher7schwartz@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory). You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

# Hands on Houston

Once again Hands on Houston at HCCC was a huge success. There were 411 participants in addition to HCCC staff and volunteers, and all of you. The weather cooperated nicely, Painting the toys may have been a little messy, but it worked out well. The children seemed to love it.

Painting takes a while, so we used more tables than usual. Something we learned for next time. We should have separate tables for assembly with wheels and painting. It was much easier to keep under control, assist the participants, and keep the assembly kits together.

Total number of tables used;

3 at the club display area and 2 canopies.

1 for paint distribution

2 for sign-in and toy distribution

2 for assembly (small ones)

5 for painting

2 portable work benches for display of completed toys

total 13 tables thanks to David J. for bringing tables and Andy for the work benches.

Thanks to Michael Siegel for delivering and picking up the club workbench

Thank all of you for making this event a big success. We were a bit shorthanded with only eight of us vs the usual 12, but you made it work just fine.

And thanks to HCCC for hosting such good events for the community.

Thank you.

Chuck Meeder

WWCH participants

Peter Doe

Jeff Larsen

Norm Nichols

David Janowitz

David VanDewerker

Andy Tofuri

Tom Paulley

Chuck Meeder



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# Hands on Houston (con't)



Photo Credit: Norm Nichols & Chuck Meeder

# Texas Woodworking Festival

The Texas Woodworking Festival is happening this year on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, just across the river from downtown Austin. Club members should check their email for a discount code on admission. This year, they are offering a one-day pass for Sunday only, which works out perfectly if you plan to attend both our November meeting on November 9th and the festival the following day. This is a good chance to meet other Texas Woodworkers and meet national level craftsman. Several vendors will have some of their products for sale.

For more details, check out their website at [texaswoodworkingfestival.com](https://texaswoodworkingfestival.com)



NOV. 9TH & 10TH  
2024

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# WWCH Picnic—October 12th

Good time was had by all. Good food; fellowship and Show-N-Tell. The new location worked out well. Special thanks to the our donors for the raffle items



**\$5 Ticket Winner**



Photos credit: Chris Farquhar

## Toy of the Month

There will not be a “Toy of the Month” until the New Year.

## Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - November meeting (11/09/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ WWCH is invited to do a demonstration at the Christmas at Winedale Folklife Event at the Winedale Historical Complex, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top, Texas 78954, on December 14th, from 12-4 pm. This is about a two-hour drive. Winedale is a beautiful country setting, with barns from the 1800s built with hand-hewn beams. We will have the club workbench and be demonstrating using old hand planes and woodworking tools. The Christmas at Winedale website will show other expected exhibitors. It is my understanding that if we want to sell anything there, we would need to request prior permission from The University of Texas. Let Jeff Larsen know soon if you want to try that. There are good restaurants there and on the way. Jeff’s buying. For questions or if interested, let Jeff know: [larsbeck@swbell.net](mailto:larsbeck@swbell.net) or (713) 894-1633.
- ◇ Hand Tool & Furniture Group Splinter Groups are back to having meetings. Please check out the “Splinter Group Information” section on page 2 for contacts and more information
- ◇ 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](mailto:wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com)

## New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **1** new member in October:

Devon Dunn

# Show and Tell



**Jack Bailie**

- Cross



**David VenDewerker**

- Dogs and Whales



**Jeff Larsen**

- Gouge Handles





## Show and Tell



**Tom Boisture**

- Table



**Chris Farquhar**

- Christmas Ornaments made with: Walnut, Cherry & Padauk



**George Graves**

- Scroll Sawed Angel



**Show and Tell**



**Steve Wavro**  
- Intarsia Boston Terrier & Labrador



**Rick Spacek**  
- Santa and Sea Turtle



# Show and Tell



**Mike Hardy**

- Box made with Walnut



**Norm Nichols**

- Colt & Mare, Butterflies and Horse



## Program of the Month

Join us for our November meeting, where we're excited to welcome skilled craftsman Henry Majoue, Jr. as our presenter. Henry, an experienced woodworker who has taught classes at both Rockler and Woodcraft, will lead an in-depth discussion on finishing techniques. He'll cover a range of essential topics, including different types of finishes, dyes, and methods to enhance and protect your woodworking projects.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Henry's expertise and bring your finishing skills to the next level!

## Upcoming Programs in 2024 at a Glance

We are now planning our monthly meeting presentations several months in advance. We will publish the schedule in our monthly Newsletter. However, please note that the topics are subject to change. We believe that knowing the planned topics in advance will be of interest, even if they occasionally need to be adjusted.

### 2024 Meeting Topic Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
November 9th	Henry Majoue, Jr	Finishing
December 14th	Alex Peay	Machining a Circular Dovetail Joint
January 11th	Tom Blanko	Finishing with Lacquer
February 8th		Shop Made Work Benches
March 8th		Topic Pending
April 12th		Bed Construction Project

If you have an idea for a meeting topic or wish to share a project or skill that requires more time than is available during Show and Tell or Favorite Tool, please contact Rod Griffith at one of our meetings or by email at:

[rodneywgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:rodneywgriffith@gmail.com)

## Meet the Member



### Tom Boisture

Club Member since 2023

*Tom is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and became interested in woodworking in junior high wood shop. He started off making a poplar cutting board, then made a couple of lamps, some bookshelves, a hall bench, probably a dozen bowls and a lot of candlestick holders. Tom finished his three years of wood shop building a mahogany bookcase headboard. His hobby activities since then have been mostly carpentry where he had built a few headboards for his grandkids, a bird house and taught almost all of them how to use and respect power tools. Additionally, he has done a lot of home repairs for those in need through his church. A couple of years after retirement, Tom got interested in woodworking again thanks to a chance meeting with Steve Wavro who he has known since the early 1980's at Exxon but had not seen in 20 years. Steve said, "let me show you my hobby" and he was hooked. Since joining the WWCH Tom has enjoyed making toys and the table he recently showed during show and tell. With his mechanical engineering background, he also really get a lot of enjoyment out of the design process.*

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## WWCH General Information

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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
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Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Andy Tofuri
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Web Master	Gary Rowen

### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday November 9th**  
**Starting at: 9am**  
 St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,  
 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

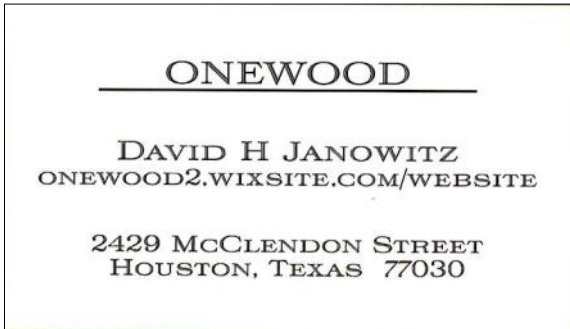
**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [wwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwchnewsletter@gmail.com). Please submit the item before December 4th to be included in the next newsletter.

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