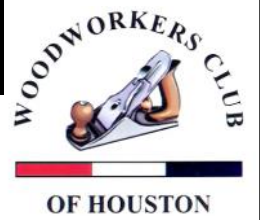


# The Sawdust Sentinel



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finishing the frame saw,

Last month, I talked about selecting, laminating, and milling the stock for my frame saw project. I can now say that the saw is complete, and it is something of a beast! At 34" long and 18" wide and made from white oak and mahogany, it is a bit more to handle than I was expecting.

For the rails, I had to mill down the laminated stock to final dimensions, while keeping the orientation correct. I wanted the mahogany center strips to flow across the handles and rails. The instructions call for leaving the rails extra long until after the first tenon is cut on one end. My guess is that they know my penchant for mistakes and wanted to give me some cushion!

I used a dado stack to cut the 3/4" x 3/4" tenons on the ends of the rails, and a 1/8" deep dado where the rails will fit into the handles. Then it was the work of matching the tenons to their mortises in handles. My dado stack does not cut as smooth a tenon as I would like, so it was a bit of work to get a smoothly fitting tenon. I also had to cut a shallow notch in one handle to accept the iron bracket for the blade.

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## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	09/14
CNC Router Meeting.....	09/17
Saw Mill.....	09/28
WWCH Picnic.....	10/12
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	10/26
Hand Tool Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	TBD

## Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH September 2024 Toy of the Month



Female Polo Player Puzzle

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

Now that all the joinery was done, it was time to shape the handles. I used my bandsaw fitted with a 3/16", 4 tpi blade to get the shape close to the lines, then sanding to the lines, roundovers wherever needed on the handles and rails, and final sanding to 180 grit.

The finish is Odie's Oil for a good upper body workout and a light coat of wax for additional protection. I think it turned out quite well and I am looking forward to mastering its use. Next up is the frame saw's companion, the kerfing plane.

**WWCH President  
Tom Paulley**



## Splinter Group Information

**CNC Router Group:** Next meeting is September 17th at 7:00PM. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; [wateague@gmail.com](mailto:wateague@gmail.com)

**Scroll Saw Group:** Next meeting is October 26th; meetings are held at the Bayland Community Center at 9:00AM. 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:** 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](mailto:kirch76@gmail.com) or George Alderete; [brodie1200@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:brodie1200@gmail.com) or Henry Majoue; [hjma-joue@gmail.com](mailto:hjma-joue@gmail.com)

**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; [andy.tofuri@comcast.net](mailto: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



Peter Doe  
3rd Place

Jack Bailie  
1st Place

Greg Solberg  
2nd Place



Photo Credit: Bill Teague & Chris Farquhar

# WWCH Picnic—October 12th

Get ready for the Annual Club Picnic after the October 12th meeting.

Picnic will start right after Show-N-Tell. Be prepared to purchase your food tickets for \$13 at the next meeting in September.



Photos from Picnic 2023

## Toy of the Month

A link to the Toys of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site  
This Month: Female Polo Player Puzzle; [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwwch.org)

## Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - September meeting (09/14/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ Time for another tool and wood sale and trade. Bring your junk; it may be someone else's treasure! There is sure to be at least some free stuff. It is best to have at least some idea of an asking price, and label your items with your name or initials
- ◇ David Janowitz will break out & host the Saw Mill on Saturday September 28th starting around 8:30am (cutting time 9:00am). There is a Pecan log about 28" x8', and a few other moderate size pieces too. As usual, he could use some help to move boards coming off the mill, but all are welcome to just come and watch. Please let David know if you might be willing/able to help. This will be in front of David Janowitz' shop, 2429 McClendon St. You can reply by email to [elstupido@att.net](mailto:elstupido@att.net), or to his number in the directory by phone or text.
- ◇ WWCH Annual Picnic coming in October. More information at the September meeting. Be prepared to purchase food tickets; price of tickets \$13.
- ◇ 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 August:  
Joe Masche

## Show and Tell



**Maris Carlo**

- Cutting Boards



**Steve Wavro**

- Tiger Intarsia

Made with: Walnut,  
Aspen, Yellowheart,  
Bloodwood & wood  
from a fallen fence



**George Graves**

- Wood Box



# Show and Tell



**David VanDewerker**  
- Rocking Horse



**Randy Pickut**  
- Transition Plane



**Bill Teague**  
- CNC Engraving





# Show and Tell



**Denis Muras**

- Knife Box



**David Janowitz**

- Cutting Boards, (3) Bowls, a Tiny Bowl  
Bottle Stoppers, Ice Cream Scoops,  
Pizza Cutters, (2) Bandsaw Boxes &  
Knife/Holder



## Program of the Month

Get ready for an extraordinary experience at our September meeting! We're thrilled to announce that Dr. Munir Shah, a renowned orthopedic surgeon with a passion for hand care, will be joining us as a special guest. Not only will Dr. Shah share his expertise in hand safety, but he'll also showcase his stunning woodworking projects. This is an event you won't want to miss; come prepared to be inspired and learn from a true master of both medicine and craftsmanship!

*We will not have a program in October because of the Annual Club Picnic*

## 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>
September 14	Dr Munir Shah	Fine Woodworking and Hand Safety
October 12	Group Activity	Annual Fall Picnic
November 9	Henry Majoue, Jr	Finishing
December 14	Alex Peay	Machining a Circular Dovetail Joint
January 11	Tom Blanko	Finishing with Lacquer

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:

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

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*Or*

*Houston Southwest*

*11707 S. Sam Houston Pkwy W*

*281-988-9449*

## WWCH General Information

### WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President	Tom Paulley
Vice President	Rod Griffith
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### 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 September 14th**  
**Starting at: 9am**

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

<http://www.wwch.org>

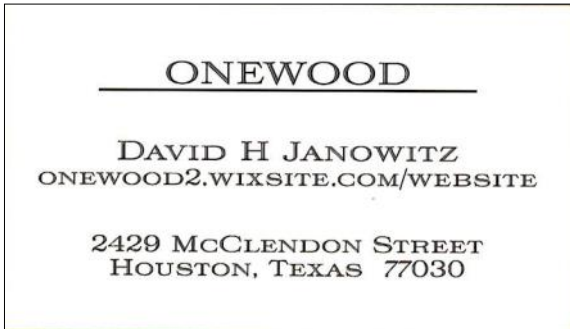
**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [wwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwchnewsletter@gmail.com). Please submit the item before October 2nd to be included in the next newsletter.

*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