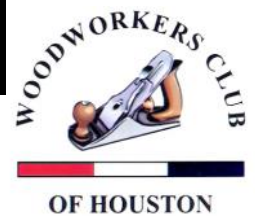


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mistakes Were Made...

Our dining room table has become the de facto drop zone for all of the books, papers, files, etc. that are in use for managing the household, volunteer activities, extended family, and all other detritus. To make clearing the table efficient so we can actually eat there, I am building a library cart to hold the mess and allow it to be wheeled away to a storage location under the stairs. It is a simple cart, with two sides, a bottom panel, and two shelves. Dimensions of the box part of the cart were to be 30" wide, 33" tall and 14" deep and wood is red oak. Nothing fancy.

To stretch my skills, I decided to make the two side and bottom parts as bookmatched panels. I found an 8/4 red oak board that was 9" wide and just over 98" long. It was just long enough to make the side panels at 33" each and the bottom panel at 29-1/2", but there wasn't much room for error in length. The shelves would be made from lumber I already had.

I cut the 8/4 red oak into rough length for the sides and bottom panel and milled the parts flat with one straight, square edge. I successfully resawed the blanks into two pieces that were reasonably flat and straight. I let those pieces acclimate for several days, then milled the parts flat, straight and to final thickness, 5/8". I left the parts slightly oversized in length and width. I glued up the panels and shelves and everything was looking very good.

It was only five pieces, two sides, two shelves and a bottom. How hard could it be to keep the parts organized? I did not label the parts thinking I couldn't possibly screw up which parts go where. After glueing up the parts, I stickered the stack until I could get back to them. First order of business was to cut the parts to final length. The two shelves and bottom were 29-1/2" long and the two sides were 33" long. I set a stop block on my cross-cut sled at 29-1/2" and cut the two shelves. (Cont. on Page 2)

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	04/15
Hardwood Derby.....	05/13
Hand Tool Meeting.....	04/20
CNC Router Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	05/04
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	07/22
WWCH Picnic.....	10/14
Woodworking Expo.....	December

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH April 2023 Toy of the Month



Seaplane v2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

I then grabbed a one of my book-matched panel and cut it to the same length.

I reset my stop block to 33" and cut the next book-matched panel. Imagine my surprise when I put the final panel on the sled, only to find out that it is only 30-1/2" long! I had cut one of my side panels to the wrong (and much shorter) length!

Now my cart is 30" tall instead of the design height of 33". And I now have all of the parts clearly labeled after fitting stopped dados for each of the two shelves.

**WWCH President
Tom Paulley**



Lifetime Achievement Award 2023

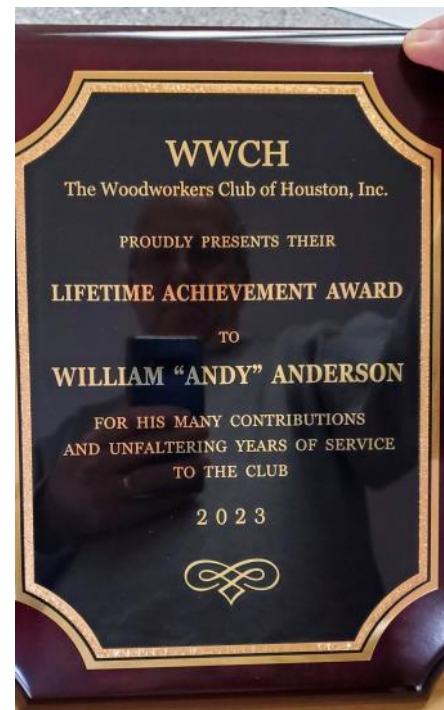
Congratulations to Andy Anderson



Andy has been a member for 30+ years
President 2012

Board Member 1988, 1995-1996,
2008-2010 & 2013

Received the Golden Hammer Award 2009
Lifetime Achievement Award 2023



Club Announcements

- ◇ April club meeting will be held on 3rd Saturday (April 15th) instead of the regular 2nd Saturday, due to Bayland will being closed for the Easter weekend.
- ◇ Make sure you pick up the new 2023 Membership Directory. Patti Page will have them ready at the next Club Meeting.
- ◇ Texas Woodworking Show at the end of April has been cancelled
- ◇ All-day meeting has been changed from July 8th to August 12th. Mike Farrington will be the guest speaker
- ◇ Woodworking Expo coming to the Houston area. Pending dates are December 8th thru December 10th. For more information go to: www.wwexpos.com
- ◇ Mistakes discovered in the 2023 directory! **1) Page 1** Message from the President – The Woodworking Show of Texas that was mentioned in Tom Paulley’s message has now been cancelled. I had just printed 120 copies of this page when I was informed that the show unfortunately had been cancelled. **2) Page 38** Former Woodworker of the Year Award – Andy Tofuri is listed as the 2021 recipient. My error. The correct 2021 co-recipients should be Chris Farquhar and Rick Spacek. **3) Page 39** Former Golden Hammer Award – Chris Farquhar and Rick Spacek are listed as the 2021 recipients. My error. The correct 2021 recipient should be Andy Tofuri. My apologies to Chris, Rick, and Andy for having inadvertently crediting each of you with the incorrect awards. With my proofreading skills, I should be a shoe-in for a government job!!! Regards, Patti
- ◇ Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts has resumed the old Hands on Houston programs. These programs are free to kids of all ages to come in and do some type of craft. May 2023 program is soap carving with clay sculpting tools. When WWCH has participated in the past, we provided simple wood toy cars, axles, and wheels, and stickers and markers to decorate the cars; and of course some volunteers to work with the kids. The children put the wheels on the cars and decorated them, and could take them home. Hands on Houston takes place the first Saturday of each month from 11:00 am to 3:00pm and they plan for 150 - 200 kids per event. HCCC is interested in having WWCH participate again for one Saturday a year. The next available date this year is the first Saturday of August and any 1st Saturday after that. HCC has \$200 available to give the club to cover costs. I think the club should consider this opportunity to support the community. Chuck Meeder

Community Craft Day at HCCC

The Community Crafts Day at Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts was beyond successful! And what a debut event for our workbench! Jeff Larson and Peter Doe had their hands full all day showing kids and adults how to use hand tools, but they loved it. It was fun to watch the kids handle a hand tool or even a power tool for the first time. I do not know how many frames were made, but it was a bunch. The work bench is a success!

And then there were the display tables! There was a terrific representation of member's work. Guests were really impressed and we heard a lot of "OH'S" and "AWE'S" about the work being shown. It is always interesting to educate folks about wood and show what can be done with it. Several kids spent time playing with the "ramp crawlers". They also enjoyed working the alphabet puzzles. Denis Muras cut out several teeth for the kids who love to get a surprise gift. The guys tending the booth did a fantastic job and had a few laughs.

I cannot thank all of you who gave up your Saturday to come out and help publicize the club enough. Those who got there early made for a rapid and easy set up. You worked the display, talked with the guests, and generally showed the public what a fantastic club we have. THANK YOU!

Norm Nichols



Toy of the Month

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

“Seaplane V2” [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

Join skilled woodworker Andy Tofuri as he shares his expertise in crafting the visually striking 3D End-Grain Tumbling Block Cutting Board. Known for its Q*bert-like pattern, this cutting board demands precision and will test your skills and patience. Andy will take us through his process, from material selection to final glue-up, while providing valuable insights and visual aids, including photos and live visual-aids.

Hardwood Derby

With the date of the Derby shifted to May, there will be one last opportunity to buy wheels and axles at the April 15 meeting. A sizing box will be available, so you can how the sizing check works. You can bring cars to check if you like.

The current plan for the running of the races is that all cars will participate in the first round. Most heats will involve four cars, but some may be only three depending on the actual number of entries on the day. Each car will race four times, switching lanes each time so that any car only runs once in each of four lanes. The car's cumulative time over the four runs will determine who advances to the next round.

The fastest 16 cars from the preliminary round will move on the quarter finals. The quarter finals will consist of four 4-car heats run on the same basis as the preliminaries. The fastest 8 cars move on to the semis, and the fastest four cars from the semi finals will move on to the finals.

When you check in on race day, cars will be size checked. If they pass, a numbered sticker will be attached and the cars will be handed off to the race handlers. You may not touch your car after that point, unless repairs become necessary. [Race Rules](#)

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Date and location; TBD. For more information please Contact Bill Teague; wateague@gmail.com

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is July 22nd; 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: Next meeting is May 4th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: Ron Kirchoff; kirch76@gmail.com or George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is April 20th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com or Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@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.

Show and Tell

Bill Harris

- Tic-Tac-Toe Board Made out of Unknown Wood



Charles Volek

- Intarsia Puffins Made with Various Woods



David VanDewerker

- Scarecrow Made from Various Woods & Crosses, made of Fir and Cherry



Norm Nichols

- Nativity and Love Music Plaque of Maple and Cherry, Person Sitting Reading the Paper



Henry Majoue

- Cross of Old Wood



Robert Williams

- Tray, Coasters, and Ring Box of Various Woods



Tom Paulley

- Cross Croc of Mahogany and Wood Honey



Show and Tell

David Janowitz

- Bowls of Water Oak, Ash, Osage Orange & Found on Floor Wood Burl. Cutting Board & lazy Susan of Osage Orange, Cedar, Elm, & Oak. Rolling Pins & 3-Bud Vase of Osage Orange



Dan Schmoker

- Platter of Maple Finished with Waterlox



Steve Wavro

- Intarsia Bears of Aspen, Western Red Cedar, Poplar, and Walnut



Chris Farquhar

- Howling Wolf of Poplar and Walnut Laminate



George Graves

- Glass Coaster and Bowl



Show and Tell

Denis Muras

- Games, made of Variers Materials



Mike Belovsky

- Speaker and Box of Birdseye/Walnut & Food Coloring



Jack Bailie

- Beeswax Disc and Cross made from Red Oak



New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members: Tom Boisture and John St. John

Meet the Members



Steve Wavro

Member Since 2004; Vice-President 2011; Secretary 2009, 2014-2015; BOD 2007-2008; Woodworker of the Year: 2006, 2012 & 2019

Steve is our "Refreshment Guy", Since he seen Judy Gale Roberts on a PBS shows 20+ years ago he been making Intarsia. Now that he has Grandkids, he been making jigsaw puzzles and animated toys for them.



Chuck Meeder

Member Since 2012; President 2014-2015; Secretary 2013, 2019

Starting off with radial arm saw and a few hand-tools, Chuck did some home improvements. Helped to build an 18 foot river dory in the 80's. Chuck is into Scroll Saw Art, making Furniture, Ornaments, Relief & 3D Chip Caving, scrollsaw fretwork, toys, and many other items like a rocking horse, childs easel, and knitting caddy. His daughter and grandson are beneficiaries of many of his projects.



Frank Fuss

Member Since 2023;

While Frank was in the Army he got his taste of woodworking & built 3 bookcases. Has craved boots out of a tree limb using a hatchet. He's built a busy-board and a cross for a church out of a tree trunk. Frank also likes to build Cabinets, Hammered Dulcimers, Music Stands, Jewelry Box, Simple Furniture & has built a 10 x 12 Shed



Denis Muras

Member Since 1986; President 1992, 2009; Vice-President 1991; Secretary 2012; BOD 1993, 2010-2011; Golden Hammer Award 2010 & 201; Received Lifetime Achievement Award 2014

Denis joined the club after doing some homr remodeling and furniture building. Worked at making cabinets and trim work. Likes to make stands and small tables and scroll saw fret work and small boxes. He is also involved in the Toy Group. Currently getting into some metal works.

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday April 15th
(9am—12pm)**

**Bayland Community Center
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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!