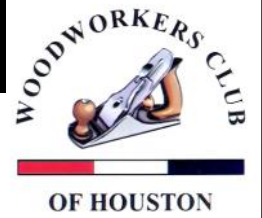


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Exciting News and Updates I thought I should cover some topics to keep Club members updated. First and foremost, we have partnered with St. Stephen's (SSUMC) to upgrade the video system in the Fellowship Hall. The new system is in place, with some minor steps still to finish (relocating a power outlet, final cable wiring, etc.) The initial pictures of the image look outstanding, and I am excited to see what a difference this can make for our monthly meeting.

Tom McLaughlin will be here for our April meeting, and you can read more about that in this newsletter. Tom is a fantastic woodworker and presenter and I think everyone that attends will greatly enjoy his presentation.

The Hardwood Derby is scheduled to return in June. We are looking for someone to Chair this event. If you are enthusiastic about racing small wooden cars, please contact a member of the Board.

The picnic is still a fixture for October, and we are working with SSUMC to see if we can host it in the Fellowship Hall.

Hopefully, everyone is making some toys for our charitable work. I have knocked out 37 toys so far this year, and I hope to hit 200 by the November distribution meeting. If you have any questions about making toys, please contact Andy Tofuri or myself. If you have an organization that could benefit from having toys to distribute, let Andy know.

As usual, we are a member-driven Club. If you have any ideas for monthly presentations, or Club activities, we would love to hear from you. Please contact any member of the Board.

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	04/13
CNC Router Meeting	04/16
Hand Tool Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	TBD
Scroll Saw Meeting	07/27

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH April 2024 Toy of the Month



Cultivator Puzzle

**WWCH President
Tom Paulley**

2023 Golden Hammer Award

Congratulations to Ben Tillison
2023 Golden Hammer Award



Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is April 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.

Tom McLaughlin



We are just a few weeks away from our day long meeting with special guest; Tom McLaughlin on April 13th. Tom's presenta-

tion is titled "The Art of Chairmaking". The presentation will begin with an explanation of the fundamentals using as an example a classic mortise and tenon Craftsman style chair. Then Tom will show how the principals involved in building this chair extend to the more curvilinear Queen Anne style.



Finally, he will explore chairmaking design and construction in the style of one of a modern-day masterpiece, the Hans Wegner Classic (round) Chair. Tom McLaughlin apprenticed in the early 90s with Master Craftsman P.A. "Pug" Moore of Rocky Mount, NC. Over his 30+ year career he has designed and built a myriad of custom pieces for clients seeking to own pieces that are as much a work of art as they are functional. Hope to see you there.



Check out Tom's web site at:

[Epic Woodworking | Get to the Heart of Woodworking with Tom McLaugh-](#)

Girl Scout Troop 110036



Girl Scout Troop 110036

Birds of a Feather, Build Together!

Spring has sprung! The weather was perfect. Sawdust was flying, the twang of the chop saw was blurring, and the chatter and laughter of 10 energetic tweens and their troop leaders flocked Tim Shaunty's workshop in Rosenberg Sunday afternoon, March 10th. It was time for the Girl's Scout Troop 110036 to earn their woodworking badges by building their individual birdhouses. Big Bird (aka Tim Shaunty) along with Heckle & Jeckle (aka Larry & Patti Page) educated the girls about the importance of woodworking safety and provided individualized hands on experience with measuring, gluing, board planning, and cutting with the chop saw. Looking at all the adorable birdhouses and ear to ear smiles . . . mission accomplished.

Now That's something to "Tweet" about!

Field Trip Time



We're excited to announce a field trip scheduled for Saturday, April 27, where we'll be exploring three North Houston lumber suppliers in north Houston, along with a cabinet shop affiliated with one of the suppliers. Here are the details:

- **Helmwood Lumber** (sawmill) located in Houston off FM 1960
- **Helmwood Lumber** (cabinet shop) situated in Houston off FM 1960
- **Wood Flippers** (Hardwood supplier) in Spring, near Louetta and Kuykendahl
- **Boss Hogg Loggs** (sawmill specializing in spalted lumber) in Porter, just off Grand Parkway 99



To join us, simply sign up at our April 13th event with Tom McLaughlin. If you're unable to sign up during the event or have

questions, please contact Rod Griffith via email at rodneywgriffith@gmail.com.



Exact timings and the route will be finalized shortly after our April 13th event. If the number of participants exceeds 10 people, we may organize into smaller groups for a better experience. Due to limited parking at these locations, we might arrange a carpool plan to minimize congestion.

2024 Houston Woodworking Show

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21-23, 2024

Houston Woodworking Show

A WOODWORKING SHOW FOR WOODWORKERS BY WOODWORKERS



The Gulf Coast Woodturners will have lathes and turners to support individuals who want to be a part of the PEN TURNING FOR VETERANS. They will assist anyone interested in turning a pin that will then be donated to Camp Hope in Houston, an organization dedicated to supporting our veterans. You can then turn a second pen that you will be able to keep.

Something for everyone!

The 2024 Show will feature all of the latest tools and supplies our local woodworkers need to support their efforts.

Demonstrations and presentations will help know how to use the latest techniques in the woodworking arena.

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Show and Tell



Tom Blanco
- Chisel and box



Norm Nichols
- Kitchen tools of
Cherry and Maple



Edward Holtgraver
- Wood prints and frames
finished in Shellac



Show and Tell



Alex Peal

- Doberman chair of Sapele and Hard Maple



Steve Warvo

- Mandarin Duck of Purple Heart, Aspen, Lacewood, Yellow Heart and Bloodwood



Dan Schmoker

- Bowl finished with five coats Waterlox



Show and Tell (con't)



Mike Seale

- Sculptures made of Bass finished with Acrylic



Rick Spacek

- Pictures made of "Wink" wood



Show and Tell (con't)

David VanDewerker

- Trays of various woods



Dan Fogg

- Boxes of various woods



Bill Teague

- CNC paper plate holders of Pine

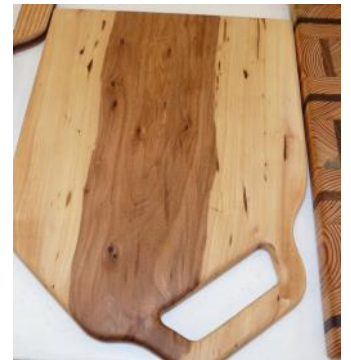


Show and Tell



David Janowitz

- Box of Cedar Elm (Spalted) and cutting boards of Cedar Elm, Hickory, and, Wine Press Oak



Mike Hardy

- Conductor podiums of cherry and White Oak



Toy of the Month

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

Program of the Month

Join us for a highly anticipated day-long event featuring Tom McLaughlin of Epic Woodworking as he presents "The Art of Chairmaking". This special presentation will take place on Saturday, April 13th, replacing our usual monthly meeting. The event will kick off shortly after 9:00am and conclude around 3:00pm.

Please note that the deadline to order sandwiches is Tuesday, April 9th. If you haven't placed an order by then, we recommend bringing your own lunch or grabbing a sandwich during the break.

Admission is complimentary for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Non-members can also sign up for membership at the event and pay a prorated annual fee, granting them free admission.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - April meeting (04/13/2024) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ Our all day meeting will be April 13th with Tom McLaughlin. Lunch will be provided and will cost \$10.00 per lunch. Jack Billie and Rod Griffith will collect and take your sandwich order(s) no later than next Tuesday (04/09/2024). Cash is preferred but checks and credit cards are acceptable too. You can read up about Tom on page 2. Don't forget to mark your calendars.
- ◇ Start your engines, the 2nd Annual Hardwood Derby is returning. The BOD is focusing on the June monthly meeting for the next derby. Stay turn for more information. Looking for a member to chair this event.
- ◇ Mark your calendar, Houston Woodworking Show comes back, June 21-23 2024. See the flyer on page 4 for more information.

New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **9** new members in March:
Steve Brady, Alexander Cumpian, Frank Hawthorne, Jeff McFarland, David Marusa,
Alex Peay, Allen Rice, Mike Seale & Ronald Webb

Meet the Members



Stephen Dunkelberger

Club Member since 2023

Stephen's woodworking experiences came in starts and stops until the last few years. At the young age of 11 he told his dad he wanted to build a dog house. It was more about the "creation" of something than for need. More on that later. In high school, he had a shop class that only lasted 3 months. After college, took a community college class and built a mirror frame out of red oak. It is one of his favorite projects to date. After a 10 year hiatus he shifted to more necessary projects like, refinishing kitchen cabinets, helping a kindergarten class make wooden cars and later, helped his son with pinewood derby cars. Then 3 years ago, Stephen decided to build his wife a bird houses for Christmas. Of course this required the justification of a new table saw to finish those. That got him back into his garage shop and has enjoyed all the time since then. All his tools are on wheels allowing the shop to expand out onto the driveway. After the bird houses he has done different types of light wood projects including cabinets for some tools and several pieces of furniture. He learned a lot of basic skills mostly from social media over the last 3 years. Stephen is still very much in the learning phase and looking forward to learning and being inspired by other club members and their fantastic projects presented each month. For Stephen, woodworking is as much the learning as it is the creation. And for the dog house - his father required that he submit a plan before he start building; which he had, was reminded that the dog slept at the end of his bed, not outside. The dog house never got made.



Quentin Hoffman

Club Member since 2016

Quentin became interested in woodworking some 20+ years ago after watching Norm Abrahams on 'The New Yankee Workshop'. Showing viewers how to build something step by step he figured he could do that too.

His projects mainly meet a family need such as book-cases, children's play table, TV cabinet, stepstools, table leaf and trivets. Quentin has turned a few pens as family gifts. In addition, he enjoy repairing and refinishing old furniture for family and friends. He also has been fortunate to have been given leftover hardwood from a family friend who is a contractor for most of his projects. Quentin also has a supply of Oak from a tree he had milled after it fell in his yard. He also likes to use lumber he has reclaimed.

At club meetings Quentin appreciates 'problems and solutions', 'show and tell' and the willingness of club members to share their skills and knowledge.

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday April 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 May 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

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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!