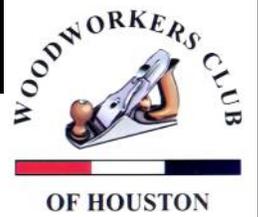


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	08/24
Hardwood Derby 2024.....	08/24
CNC Router Meeting.....	09/17
Hand Tool Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	TBD
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	10/26

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH August 2024 Toy of the Month



Female Golfer Puzzle

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Making a Frame Saw

For some time now, I have been interested in making a frame saw and kerfing plane to allow me to resaw lumber without having to reconfigure my bandsaw. At the Texas Woodworkers' Show, Bad Axe Tools had a booth and offered a discount on the kit so I jumped in. (<https://badaxetoolworks.com/collections/diy-kits/products/kpfs-r-kits>).

The first step was finding suitable wood for the frame saw's handles and rails. The instructions list quarter sawn wood as the best choice to minimize shrinking and swelling from throwing off the alignment of the saw. The second choice was to laminate wood together to create a stable arrangement.

Fortunately, I had recently acquired several nice pieces of quarter sawn white oak, which would make for a classical look on the saw. The problem was that you need 1-5/8" thick stock, and my material was well shy of that. So on to lamination.

I chose some mahogany I had available from a friend's front door replacement which would be a nice contrast to the white oak.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

A little table-saw resawing (always an exciting process) and I had enough white oak and mahogany to create the two handles and two rails for the saw. Using nearly every reasonable clamp in my arsenal, I managed to glue up the long rails and handles.

In the home stretch now, cutting out $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " mortises in the handles before cutting to final shape. Then will come the 1" long tenons on the rails to finish the build. Nothing gets glued together so you can disassemble the saw for storage/transport.

Keeping my fingers crossed that the kerfing plane comes together nicely and that I'll have them for a Show-n-Tell in September!



**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

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 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



Toy Build at St. Luke's UMC Woodshop

We had 20 folks come out to build toys Saturday morning, July 2024 at the new St. Luke's United Methodist Church Woodshop. We managed to complete 129 toy cars and animals that will be used in October for the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts' Hands on Houston program. For those of you that are not familiar with this program, the children will select a toy, decorate it with markers and stickers, install the wheels & axles, and run their cars down our track. There will be other activities that WWCH will be putting on, but the toys are the main focus. Normally we bring the club workbench, and Jeff Larsen and Peter Doe normally provide an opportunity to use a hand plane, hand saw or hammer and nails. Denis Muras has brought his scroll saw and demonstrates how to cut a 3D tooth. It's a great event, and more info with the exact date and time will be announced soon.

We were shooting for making around 300 toys, as we did last year, but thanks to the May 16th windstorm and Hurricane Beryl, I was a bit behind on the prep work that allowed us to make about 350 toys last July, even in the old shop with some struggling window AC units in a not-so well-insulated building. And the new facility has some top-notch dust collection, too. We started at about 9:00 AM and shut down at 1:00 PM, cleaned up our mess, and bugged out by 1:30. We took a short break to have some Domino's Pizza and soft drinks at Noon.

Several of the folks took home toys in various stages of completion (estimate of about 200) to finish up by the September WWCH meeting so they will be ready for the HCCC HOH event. We need about 400 toys for that event, and presently have about 230 toys with today's effort. There If you have any interest making toys for this event or for our regular Holiday toy distribution to worthy charitable organizations, please feel free to contact Andy Tofuri - andy.tofuri@comcast.net or 713-851-2217 for details. The club provides axles and wheels, and there is always scrap wood available.

The Club would like to thank our WWCH members Hugh Parker and Alan Bachrach for paving the way to using the air conditioned St. Luke's woodshop. The new facility is a fantastic shop where SLUMC members build over 10,000 toys each year in addition to various special projects for the St. Luke's Community.

Andy Tofuri

Attendees:

1. Bill Harris
2. Bernard Bynum
3. David Janowitz
4. Tom Paulley
5. Peter Doe
6. Steve Wavro
7. Hugh Parker
8. Dave VanDewerker
9. Andy Tofuri
10. Tom Boisture
11. Rick Ostermeier
12. Alan Bachrach
13. Chris Schwartz
14. Greg Solberg
15. Dan McCue
16. Greg Smith - new member
17. Martina Cartwright - new member
18. Beth Weissinger - planning to join
19. Stephen Dunkelberger - new member
20. Greg Smith - new member

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Toy Build at St. Luke's UMC Woodshop—Photos



Photo Credit: Andy Tofuri

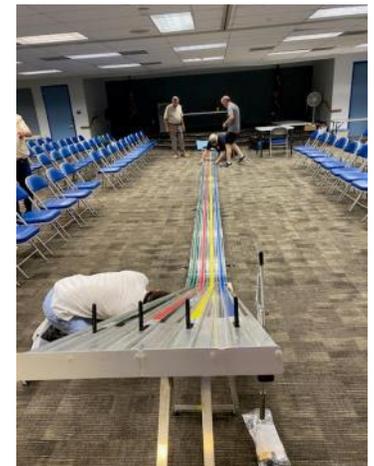
Hardwood Derby 2024

2024 Hardwood Derby

Since the July meeting was canceled, Hardwood Derby will be held at the August 24th meeting.

Don't forget, the Club's Annual Hardwood Derby will be run during the August 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 Paulley and he will do his best to get you a kit! The more racers the more fun!



Pictures from the Hardwood Derby 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 Golfer Puzzle [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://www.wwch.org)

Club Announcements

- ◇ **NOTE: August meeting is being held the 4th Saturday; August 24th**
 - ◇ **“REMINDER”** - August meeting (08/24/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
 - ◇ **Attention CNC Splinter Group** the August 13th meeting has been canceled.
 - ◇ 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 **2** new members in July:
Jennifer Kilgore & John Liestman

Program of the Month

There will not be a program for the August 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 September with:
“Fine Woodworking and Hand Safety”
with Dr Munir Shah (Hand Surgeon & Woodworker)

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>
August 24	Group Activity	2nd Annual Hardwood Derby
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

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

Meet the Member

Jerry Gooch

Club Member since 2021



Jerry thought about getting into woodworking for years, but did not do much about it until he moved back to Houston in 2000. He bought a Craftsman contractor style saw at an end of year sale and started doing small projects around the house. He collected up a chop saw and a good DeWalt router over the next couple of years and used them in remodeling. In 2003 his wife, who is a portrait artist now but was once a design draftsman, presented him with a new design for their kitchen/living area, complete with shop drawings. Over the year or so following, Jerry learned a lot about making and installing cabinets (and how much he didn't like working on dry wall). To give his wife the credit she deserves, she was always there to lend an extra pair of hands or to help solve a problem.

Their new house has a three car garage. All the tools live in the third bay on wheels. When he wants to do something, backing the cars out and then wheel out what things that are needed. The drawback is that things have to be done in manageable sections so that he can put things up and bring the cars in overnight.

Over the last couple of years, most of the effort has gone to making things for his wife's art. Jerry has made a number of palettes for her and another local portrait artist. A recent trend in frames for paintings has been to use "floating" frames and he has been building jigs and learning how to make these frames. Jerry also tried his hand at end grain cutting boards and made one for his wife and one for his daughter who just got married.

Later in the year he wants to try his hand with some furniture. Jerry's younger daughter is a lawyer and they have plans for a set of barrister bookcases. Additionally he wants to populate the spare bedroom with some Arts and Crafts style night stands and a table and, who knows, maybe a Morris Chair.

WWCH General Information

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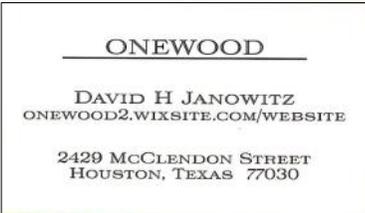
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before September 4th to be included in the next newsletter.

NEXT MEETING
Saturday August 24th
Starting at: 9am
St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,
2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

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