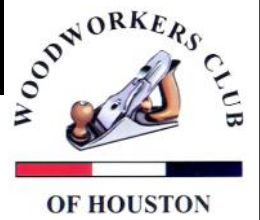


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, my name is Tom, and I am a wood hoarder. I did not start out to be, but like most addictions, it happened slowly over time. I did not notice my problem until recently after I sold a miter saw stand and noticed I had some wall/floor space that was clear. My first thought was "I can put a wall rack there to store more wood." That is when I knew I had a problem.

Early in my woodworking journey, I was always careful to purchase just the wood I needed for the project at hand. But each project resulted in a small amount of wood I just couldn't throw out or give away. "Someday, I'll have a use for that incredibly small cutoff" I told myself. And the offcuts quietly grew in volume.

Recently, several woodworkers have been closing their shops and selling off their tools, and more dangerously, their stashes of wood. Some of the lumber is high-quality, well-aged, hard-to-come-by material at a good price. It would be a shame not to purchase it and risk it ending up in a dumpster somewhere. At least, that is what I told myself. The stash of lumber has grown, without a project in mind for its use.

As mentioned above, I recently sold a miter saw stand. In exchange for delivering it, the purchaser gave me some beautiful 8/4 Jatoba. I have no idea what I will do with it, but it is here when the inspiration strikes.

James Krenov in "The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking" said "A good rule of thumb is to buy as much as you can sensibly afford of any wood that excites you and then, quickly, buy a little bit more." But be careful, that path can lead to hoarding!!

**WWCH President
Tom Paulley**

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	03/09
CNC Router Meeting	03/12
Hand Tool Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	TBD
All Day Meeting	04/13
Scroll Saw Meeting	04/27
Woodworking Show.....	06/21-06/23

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH March 2024 Toy of the Month



Hungry-Hungry-Hippo Animated

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-](#)

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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SATURDAY 9 - 6
SUNDAY 11 - 4

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SHOW

THERE WILL BE A
SPECIAL AREA
WHERE UNIQUE
WOODEN ITEMS
WILL BE DISPLAYED

Show and Tell



Steve Warvo

- Intarsia Birds
(spring gathering)
of aspen, birch,
bloodwood, blue
spruce, mahogany,
padauk, poplar,
walnut, and, yellow
heart



Curtis Love

- Phone Holder



Lon Kelley

- Epoxy and maple vases



Show and Tell



Frank Patout

- Boxes and lance holder



Norm Nichols

- Puzzle



George Graves

- Turnings and angel



Show and Tell (con't)



Denis Muras

- Puzzles



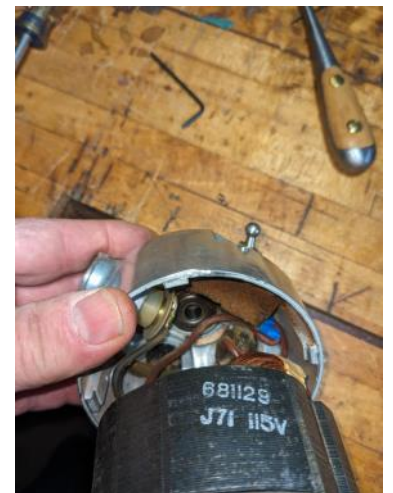
David VanDewerker

- Router bowls



Mark Bolinger

- Porter Cable 1102 Planer



Show and Tell

David Janowitz

- Planter of cedar, bowl of apricot, and, cabinet of red oak



Jeff Larsen

- Spruce guitar tops



Toy of the Month

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

This Month: Hungry-Hungry-Hippo (Animated) [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](https://www.wwch.org)

Program of the Month

Working with small parts can be challenging whether you are working with intarsia, toy making or just a smaller project.

Club Announcements

- ◇ **“NOTE”** - March meeting (03/09/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ If you haven’t paid you 2024 dues, Jack will be collecting at the March meeting on the 9th. If you cannot make the meeting contact Jack. Contact information is in the directory.
- ◇ 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) at our March meeting. 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.
- ◇ Mark your calendar, Houston Woodworking Show comes back, June 21-23 2024. See the flyer on page 4 for more information.

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is March 12th at 7:00PM. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; wateague@gmail.com

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is April 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; 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.

New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **4** new members in February:
Bryan Bailey, Steve Brackney, Mark Rowe & Philip Woodland

Meet the Members



Brian Murrah

Club Member since 2023

Brian got into woodworking around 25 years ago. One of his earliest projects and one of the ones he is still proudest of was making a display case for his grandfather's burial flag. It was made from red oak from a log that he cut down, had sawn to lumber and air dried. When he gave it to his grandmother, Brian let her know it was just a prototype to make sure he got all the angles correct and that he was going to redo it in walnut from a tree he had cut down and milled as well. She liked the display case so much she refused to allow Brian to make the "better" one from walnut. And the case made from red oak is the one they used to display his flag. Due to various living situations over the years Brian had to store the tools away for long periods of time during that 25 years. But when he did have access to the tools and a shop to use them in, he mainly made furniture and gifts for others. Currently and fortunate to live in a space that allows his wife, Maria Carlo, and him to have a shop in their garage. Many years ago she was helping him make Christmas gifts and it seems to have sparked an enjoyment of woodworking in her as well. Brian really enjoy getting to share his hobby with Maria and some of his happiest times are when they get to work together in the shop!

Maria Carlo

Club Member since 2023



Maria's love of woodworking really began as a kid while watching Norm Abram and Roy Underhill on lazy Sunday mornings with her dad. They always liked to fix and tinker with things, and although he was not considered a woodworker, he instilled in Maria a belief that she could always learn to solve problems and fix things herself with a little determination and hard work. That philosophy has carried over into her work as an artist, an educator and now as a woodworker.

Maria got more seriously into woodworking about ten years ago after her husband Brian and her began setting up a little workshop in their garage. It gave her a space to get into wood turning and making gifts for family and friends. They also both wanted to be able to have a space to make small things, repair or refurbish household items and eventually make some practical things for their house. Together, they redesigned a sectional sofa, built a dining table, created hundreds of gifts and are now working on building a Roubo bench in order to help complete a set of dining chairs. Their strengths, Maria in art and design and Brian in engineering, are complimentary. Plus, she always been a little timid with doing projects on her own, so it's wonderful to be able to share this with Brian. Honestly, she doesn't think she would have ever gotten this far into woodworking without his encouragement and support. Maria really enjoys being able to sketch out ideas and work through plans together in the shop!

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 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. Please submit the item before April 3rd to be included in the next newsletter.

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www.wwch.org

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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!