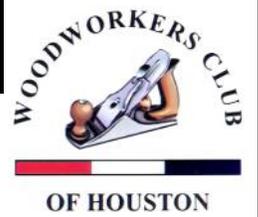


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Improved Toy Making Anyone who knows me knows that I am a big proponent of the Club's toymaking efforts for charity. As such, I try to "lead by example" by making as many toys as I can over the course of the year. My annual target is two hundred toys. I am always on the lookout for ways to make my toymaking efforts more efficient and enjoyable.

My primary process was cutting out the shapes from 2x pine using a 14" bandsaw with a 1/4" blade and Carter roller bearing guides. While this process worked, the limitations on turning radius left me with a lot of work to sand back to the lines. Time spent on disk sander, narrow belt sander and spindle sander working through the grits limited my production rate significantly. This is especially true for the animal shapes that I have been focused on this year.

Many of you have seen Alex Snodgrass, either in person or on YouTube, cut out an elegant 3-D reindeer on a bandsaw in a matter of moments. Tight turns are not a problem, and it looks like minimal sanding would be required to finish off the project. This was my target, but I was a long way from there.

So, I finally bit the bullet and purchased a Carter Stabilizer guide and 1/8" blade for my bandsaw. After solving an issue with the tension system on my saw (and a broken blade),

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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	05/11
CNC Router Meeting.....	05/14
Hand Tool Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	TBD
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	07/27

Toy of the Month Preview

Swimmer Puzzle



WWCH May 2024 Toy of the Month

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

I was able to cut out the shapes of the elephant, whale, pig, horse and seal with much greater accuracy, smoother cuts, fewer stop/start marks, and a much more enjoyable process.

While no one will confuse my bandsaw skills with those of Alex Snodgrass, I am on my way to much more efficient toy creation with greatly reduced time spent sanding. And everyone appreciates having less sanding work!

WWCH President
Tom Paulley



Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is May 14th 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



During our recent gathering on April 13th, more than 80 members of our club were treated to an engaging presentation titled "The Art of Chairmaking" by the esteemed Tom McLaughlin, a renowned furniture maker, woodworking educator, and influential figure on YouTube through his Epic Woodworking channel. Tom expertly guided us through the creation process of various chairs, including a simple craftsman chair, a pseudo Chip and Dale chair, and a beautifully sculpted round chair in the Chinese/Danish style.

Tom's presentation was a treasure trove of insights, featuring his unique approach to chair building, which encompassed techniques such as utilizing three views, employing full-size drawings, transferring chair parts patterns with precision using pricks, and mastering the art of cutting angled tenons. Members were effusive in their praise, with remarks like, "Tom's presentation has undoubtedly streamlined my chair-building process" and "The quality of the presentation rivaled, if not surpassed, that of last year's Titebond session."

Our newly acquired video projector was showcased in all its glory, significantly enhancing the viewing experience in the Fellowship Hall. Numerous attendees marveled at the projector's ability to showcase intricate details on the screen, even from the furthest corners of the room. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Chris Barcus from St. Stevens United Methodist Church for his invaluable contributions in designing and installing this cutting-edge system just in time for our event. For those unfamiliar with short throw projectors, prepare to be amazed!

Kris McLaughlin, affectionately known as the Camera Lady, raised the bar with her exceptional videography skills, showcasing the intricacies of hands-on woodworking like never before.

If Tom's presentation left you eager for more, I encourage you to explore his extensive library of presentations spanning five years on YouTube, as well as his Thursday evening podcasts on his channel "Shop Night Live." Consider subscribing to "The Neighborhood" for detailed instructions on furniture building and other projects, along with access to a vibrant community of fellow woodworkers.

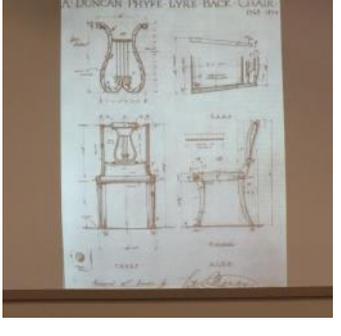
A hearty round of thanks is due to several individuals within our club who played pivotal roles in making this event a success: Denis Muras for his unwavering A/V support, Jack Baillie for efficiently managing lunch orders and entry fees, Bill Harris for his collaboration with Jimmy John's in preparing delectable lunches, Larry and Patti Page for graciously providing beverages, John Gay for the delightful donuts, and Steve Wavro for ensuring a steady supply of coffee to accompany them. Lastly, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who helped with cleanup and organization at the end of the day. It truly takes a dedicated team to orchestrate such all-day meetings, and our volunteers executed their duties with excellence.

Check out Tom's web site at:

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

Tom McLaughlin (con't)

Here are photos from Tom's presentation



Door Prize Winners

Field Trip 4/2/2024 Summery

On Saturday, April 27th, our members embarked on an enriching field trip to explore three prominent lumber suppliers in North Houston. Our journey commenced at Helmwood Lumber, where Jason Fricke graciously guided us through their workshop. With expert knowledge, Jason demonstrated the utilization and capabilities of their commercial woodworking machinery, including a multifunctional jointer/planer combination device capable of milling rough lumber with precision, a sizable table saw equipped with a sliding table, a robust slab flattening mill, and a substantial 52-inch drum sander. Additionally, he showcased the section of the shop dedicated to traditional woodworking tools while elaborating on the array of services available to woodworkers utilizing these advanced machines.

Following our insightful visit to Helmwood's workshop, we proceeded to their sawmill facility. Here, Jason detailed the intricate milling process, highlighting their innovative approach with two vacuum kilns and presenting various custom-made jigs designed to streamline the conversion of logs into lumber.

Our journey continued to Wood Flippers, where Paul Price graciously introduced us to their impressive inventory of hardwood lumber and engaged us in discussions about the comprehensive services offered by his company.

Finally, our expedition led us to Boss Hogg Logs, where Randy Parchem treated us to a captivating presentation of his solar kiln and showcased his exquisite collection of spalted lumber. Randy emphasized his commitment to sustainability by exclusively milling logs from previously felled trees, refraining from cutting down trees solely for lumber. He generously shared insights into his approach while displaying his diverse inventory of quality lumber available for purchase.

Overall, the field trip was a resounding success, with all participants thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to learn and explore the world of lumber production and woodworking services.

Rod Griffith



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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SPONSORS AND
VENDORS
THROUGHOUT THE
SHOW

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

Toy of the Month

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

This Month: Swimmer Puzzle [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

We are thrilled to welcome our new member and esteemed craftsman, Don Fogg, as our featured presenter for our upcoming May meeting. Don brings with him a wealth of expertise and talent, and we eagerly anticipate his presentation titled "Crafting a Decorative Box Using Traditional Hand Tools." Combining the visual impact of a slide show with the engaging experience of a hands-on demonstration, Don will illuminate his artisanal techniques, offering us a firsthand glimpse into his masterful craftsmanship. Join us for what promises to be an enlightening and inspiring session.

Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - May meeting (04/11/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ Start your engines, the 2nd Annual Hardwood Derby is returning. The BOD is focusing on the July 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.
- ◇ “Happy Mother’s Day” to all the moms (May 12th)

New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **4** new members in April:
Roger Contreras, Thomas Hackney, Randy Pickut & Young Lee

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday May 11th
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 29th 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!