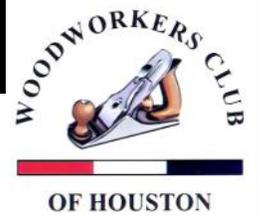


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WWCH Calendar

HCCC.....	11/04
Monthly Meeting	11/11
Toys Sorting/Packing	11/14
Hand Tool Meeting	11/16
CNC Router Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	12/07
Scroll Saw Meeting	TBD
All Day Meeting	04/13



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where do you go for inspiration? I have been looking for a new project to challenge myself and invigorate my woodworking journey. I have made my fair share of cutting boards, turned more than a few pens, and crafted enough toys to keep my grandsons happy for a while. My father-in-law was a hobby woodworker, and our house has quite a few pieces that he made, so there isn't anything my spouse wants/needs for the house. There isn't anything I can squeeze into my shop in the way of a significant jig or tool stand.

I have been combing through the usual suspects of YouTube personalities, but I don't have a house or barn to remodel/build (Matt Cremona), tool to refurbish (Mike Farrington), a closet to rebuild (Wood Whisperer), I don't really want to dip my toes into the epoxy table world (Blacktail Studios), and I don't have room to add laser engraving or CNC work (Jay Bates).

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, I have been thinking about gifts that I could make. Matt Kenney's "52 Boxes in 52 Weeks" is interesting from a design perspective, but a bit short on the how details. Doug Stowe's "Basic Box Making" has some interesting projects.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

I have been paging through my prodigious digital pile of back issues of woodworking magazines, looking for the project that will catch my eye. Christian Becksvoort's Shaker-style projects have always been attractive and might move in the hand tool direction.

I think I have the woodworking equivalent of writer's block!! Where do you go for inspiration for that next project on your Todo List? Have you found any new sources of ideas or projects that have you itching to get back in the shop? Who are your go-to people for exciting projects to tackle?

WWCH President
Tom Paulley

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 TBD; 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 December 7th. 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 November 16th. 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.

October Picnic ~ 10/07/2023

The Big \$5 Ticket Winners



Fun time was had by all. Good food and great weather.
Special thanks to the Major Donors:

- ◆ Franklin International, all that glue
- ◆ Darex, Worksharp
- ◆ Rockler, Hand Planes
- ◆ Woodcraft. Various Items
- ◆ FlexCut, Carving Tools



Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts (HCCC)

Mark your calendars for the 'Family Festival' at HCCC on Saturday November 4, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is an annual expanded version of their 'Hands on Houston' program. Wood is the featured craft media this year. The Woodworkers Club of Houston will be participating along with the Wood Turners and an indoor display about African Blackwood and its uses. WWCH will be providing the regular toys without wheels or finish. The children will select a toy (cars/trucks or animals), put the wheels on, and decorate them with colored markers. We will also have the club workbench outdoors with some hands-on activities for the children and some of our finished projects on display. About 100 more toys are needed and volunteers the day of the event will be needed.

For more information contact Chuck Meeder; cmeeder69@gmail.com



Toy Group Update

The Toy Group has been busy in 2023 producing nearly 3,100 toys for distribution to the WWCH's various charity organizations and for the Family Event to be held on November 4 at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts. In July several members met at the St. Luke's United Methodist Church workshop, courtesy of Hugh Parker, and produced 397 toy cars.

Special congratulations should go to Bill Harris, who has singlehandedly made over 1,000 toys this past year, far surpassing any recent toy makers production in a single year. Honorable mention goes to Denis Muras as 1st runner-up with 338 toys. Other toy makers this year were: Dan Schmoker, Ken Kuntz, Tom Paulley, Dave Vanderwerker, Bernard Bynum, Jim Hiles, Bill Teague, Bill Hoffmeister & daughter Mary Ann, Dorsey Rushing, Jim Davis, Rick Spacek, Lon & Pam Kelley, John Lastrapes, Chuck Meeder, George Graves, Andy Tofuri, Tom Boisture, Aaron Jones, Charles Volek and Norm Nichols.

The toys will be sorted and packed for distribution to the charitable organizations On Tuesday November 14 from 9:30 AM until Noon in the Annex Room at the Bayland Community Center. The following is a list of the organizations that will receive toys:

- First United Methodist Missouri City
- Gigi's Playhouse Sugarland
- American Legion Post 294, Missouri City
- Children's Protective Services, Harris County
- DePelchin Children's Center
- LINC Houston
- Cypress Assistance Ministries
- Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
- Neighbors in Action
- United Methodist Women's Ministry
- Jewish Family Services
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- HPD Blue Santa Program

In 2024 we hope to be able to have additional session(s) at the new St. Luke's workshop, and encourage any of those members that are not making toys to come and see how really easy it can be. As a reminder, the Club provides wheel and axle pegs (and possibly other components within reason), and there is plenty of free scrap wood that appears at regular club meetings. And, if there are any members that have association with organizations that would like to receive toys, let us know. The only criteria is that they are a non-profit group, and that the toys are distributed locally.

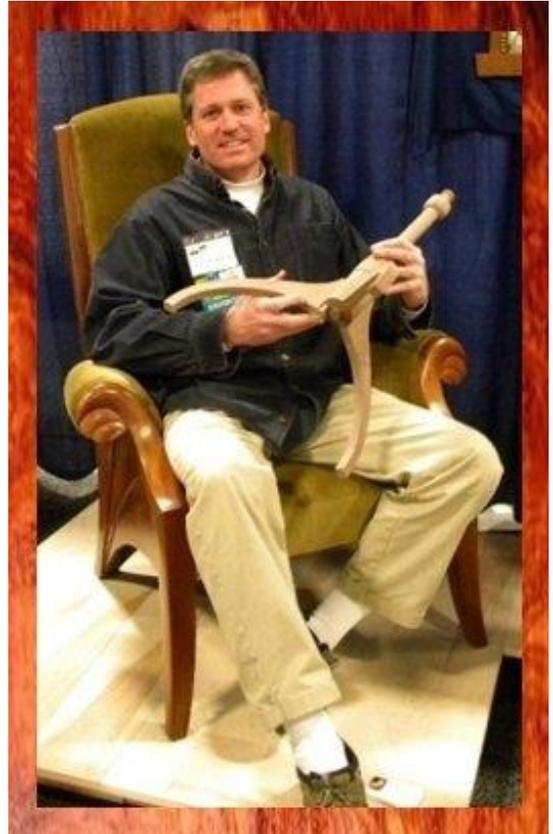
Andy Tofuri

Tom McLaughlin

Please save the date on your calendars and prepare to join us for an exhilarating all-day woodworking event. We are thrilled to announce that **Tom McLaughlin**, a renowned master craftsman and furniture maker, known for his starring role in the PBS show "Epic Woodworking" and the creator of the popular YouTube Channel "Epic Woodworking," will be gracing our town with his presence. Alongside him will be his talented wife, **Kris**, affectionately known as "The Camera Lady." Together, they will be sharing their wealth of woodworking expertise with our club.

Their presentation guarantees to take you on an inspiring journey into the captivating realm of woodworking, offering invaluable insights, techniques, and experiences that will enhance your skills and knowledge.

Stay tuned for forthcoming updates as we unveil the specific topic, agenda, and the venue for this extraordinary event. Trust us; you won't want to



miss this unparalleled opportunity to learn from two seasoned woodworking professionals.

Mark your calendars for April 13, 2024, and prepare to expand your woodworking horizons. We are eagerly looking forward to your presence!

Once again we will be meeting at St Steven's Church for this all day woodworking event.

Check out Tom's web site at:

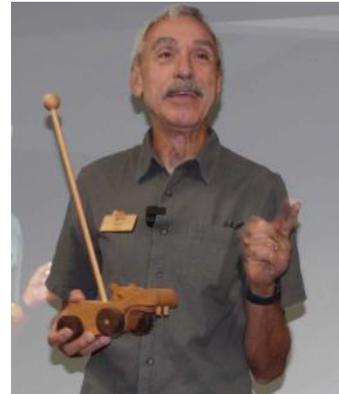
[Epic Woodworking | Get to the Heart of Woodworking with Tom McLaughlin](https://www.epicwoodworking.com)

Show and Tell



Greg Solberg

- Tooth pick holder and tops.



Ken Kuntz

- Hippo toy of Red Oak, wenge, and, wood honey.



Tom Blanco

- Tool tote of Pine finished in shellac.



Chris Farquhar

- Intarsia Cat and Dog of Poplar, Padauk, Pine, Oak, Huisache, Yellow Heart, and, Black Walnut.



David VanDewerker

- Scrollsaw items and small turnings.

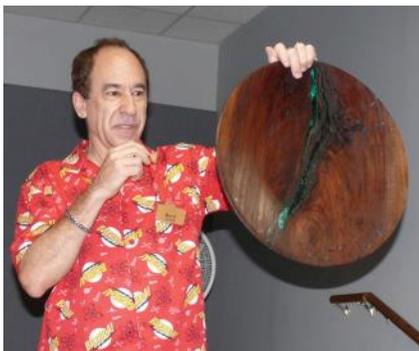


Show and Tell (con't)



Rick Spacek

- Military tribute and cross.



David Janowitz

- Platter of Walnut and epoxy finished with tung oil. Table of Water Oak and epoxy, top finished in urethane and base with tung oil.

Toy of the Month

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

[Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

Join us for our November meeting as we conclude our 2023 "Virtual Shop Crawl" series. This session offers an intimate glimpse into the workshops of our very own club members, showcasing the spaces where creativity and craftsmanship come alive.

Whether you have a spacious shop or a broom closet, there's something for everyone to learn and appreciate. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, share, and draw inspiration from your fellow members.

Club Announcements

- ◇ Toys will be sorted and packed for distribution to the charitable organizations On Tuesday November 14 from 9:30 AM until Noon in the Annex Room at the Bayland Community Center.
- ◇ The yearly all day meeting will be held in April 2024 this coming year instead of August. We have a special guest speaker; Tom Laughlin. You can read up about him on page 6. Mark your calendars and join us on April 13th 2024.



New Members

We are pleased to welcome 1 new member: Don Fogg

Meet the Members



Fred Sandoval Jr

Member Since 1982ish

Fred was a pilot for an airline that had a four and a half hour layover in Chicago every day. What do you do for four and a half hours? He went to the observatory, the aquarium, the science museum and a bunch of interesting locales and one day visited the Art Museum in Chicago, He was always interested in art...his dad was an artist who worked for Disney. One day as he was leaving the museum, he looked over to the left and saw a door with a sign over it that said, "decorative arts section". Next day he entered that door, walked down the steps and saw the most beautiful furniture he has ever seen! Beautiful stuff! The labels said Chippendale, Sheraton, Queen Anne, Early American etc. Needless to say he visited that section of the Art Museum for many, many days. Bought a book about furniture and got pulled in deeper. Then it hit him... he wanted to build furniture like that so he bought his very first book, "Fine furniture for the Amateur Cabinetmaker" by A.W. Marlow, (still has the book). The first thing he made, was the paper knife, as he got better with his hands he completed just about everything in that book. Sold his projects which made it possible to get tools (his first tool was a 10 inch bandsaw! Bought more books, studied, joined organizations. That was his woodworking initiation. Fred played guitar as a teen so he bought books on guitar making and about the only book available was the Irving Sloane book, "Classic Guitar Construction", it was his bible (still has the book). Since then, Fred joined the Violin Society of America, Arizona Violin Society, American Society of Period Furniture Makers....and that is where he is today. Fred is now teaching a guitar making course and he could also be teaching a violin/viola making course but doesn't have any students, yet.

John Gay

Member Since 1998; President 2010; Board Member; Liberian From 2013 - 2017

John has been a member of the Wood Working Club of Houston for a very long time. His favorite wood would be old cedar fences. It is light, dry, strong and free. Good for doghouses. Below are some of John's projects; Trojan Horse Dog House, DH Helicopter & Steam Engine Dog House. www.johnlgay.com



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday November 11th
Starting at: 9am

Bayland Community Center

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<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 November 29th to be included in the next newsletter.

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Web
www.wwch.org

Join our Facebook Group!
Woodworkers Club of Houston

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!