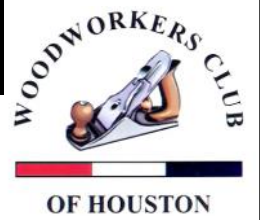


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recent Survey Results

You may recall a recent email from me asking you to complete a two-question survey regarding the Hardwood Derby and the monthly raffle at Club meetings. 54 people responded to the survey, which most polling experts would say is excellent response rate. Here are the results and decisions.

Hardwood Derby

For the Derby, we were interested in whether Club members wanted to continue the Derby, and if so, at what frequency. Here are the overall responses:

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting 10/12
 WWCH Picnic 10/12
 CNC Router Meeting 10/15
 Scroll Saw Meeting 10/26
 Hand Tool Meeting 10/17
 Furniture Meeting 10/24
 Texas Woodworking Festival 11/9-10

Hardwood Derby	
Every year	24
Every two years	23
Every five years	3
Never	0
Other	4

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH October 2024 Toy of the Month



Combine Harvester

Given that no one voted to never see the Derby again, but a few more respondents did not want an annual event, the Board is planning to have the Derby every other year. You now have two years to fine-tune your racing strategy for a Derby that will happen in 2026.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

Monthly Raffle

For this question, we were trying to gauge the interest level for reviving the monthly raffle.

Raffle	
I look forward to and participate in the raffle each meeting	14
I enjoy the raffle and participate occasionally	20
I like the raffle, but rarely participate	8
I don't mind the raffle, but don't participate	6
The raffle is a distraction during Show and Tell	2
Other	4

A majority of respondents enjoy the raffle and participate at least occasionally. The raffle is not truly a fundraiser for the Club as we break even over the course of the year. The Board is willing to revive the raffle, but we would need a volunteer to staff the effort. If you are interested in managing the Club's monthly raffle effort, please contact a Board member for more details and information.

Thank you to everyone that responded to the survey and please let me know if you have any questions or feedback concerning the survey.

WWCH President
Tom Paulley

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is October 15th 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: Next meeting is October 24th at Andy Tofuri's shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is October 17th at George Alderete shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

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



Texas Woodworking Festival

The Texas Woodworking Festival is happening this year on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, just across the river from downtown Austin. Club members should check their email for a discount code on admission. This year, they are offering a one-day pass for Sunday only, which works out perfectly if you plan to attend both our November meeting on November 9th and the festival the following day. This is a good chance to meet other Texas Woodworkers and meet national level craftsman. Several vendors will have some of their products for sale.

For more details, check out their website at texaswoodworkingfestival.com



The poster features a wood-grain background. On the left, a vertical black bar contains the text 'TEXAS WOODWORKING FESTIVAL' in orange. At the top left, an orange map of Texas contains the text 'NOV. 9TH & 10TH 2024'. The main headline 'CALLING ALL WOODWORKERS!' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the headline is a circular logo with 'TEXAS WOODWORKING FESTIVAL' inside. Below the headline, a list of activities is provided: 'WOODWORKING TOOLS & MACHINES', 'PANELS, LECTURES, & DEMOS', 'NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES', 'FOOD, DRINKS & LIVE MUSIC', 'FUN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES', and 'ALL THINGS WOODWORKING!'. Two photographs are shown: one of a man in a blue cap and black shirt speaking at a table, and another of a man in a purple shirt working with wood. At the bottom, the dates and times are listed: 'NOVEMBER 9TH & 10TH 2024', 'SAT · 9AM TO 5PM SUN · 9AM TO 3PM', 'AUSTIN, TEXAS', 'PALMER EVENTS CENTER'. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME' with a red arrow, and the text 'GET TICKETS ONLINE' and 'TEXASWOODWORKINGFESTIVAL.COM' is at the bottom.

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SCAN ME →

WWCH Picnic—October 12th

Get ready for the Annual Club Picnic after the October 12th meeting.

Picnic will start right after Show-N-Tell. It's not too late to purchase your food tickets for \$13, but time is running out. Contact Jack Bailie if you want to have a lunch.



Photos from Picnic 2023

Toy of the Month

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

This Month: Combine Harvester; [Plans and Drawings \(wwwch.org\)](http://wwwch.org)

Club Announcements

- ◇ **“REMINDER”** - October meeting (10/12/2024) will be held at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ WWCH Annual Picnic is happening at the next meeting in October. If you haven’t purchase your food ticket yet, contact Jack Bailie before it’s too late; price of tickets \$13.
- ◇ Hand Tool & Furniture Group Splinter Groups are back to having meetings. Please check out the “Splinter Group Information” section on page 2 for contacts and more information
- ◇ 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 **4** new members in September:

Rob Campbell, Tom Hooper, Carl Regone & Beth Weissinger

Show and Tell



Bill Teague

- Intarsia Frog and Segmentation "Stitch"



Alan Lipman

- Challenge Coin Display



Brian Murrah

- Wine Bottle Holder



Show and Tell



Steve Wavro

- Intarsia Canoeing of 13 Different Species of Wood



Tom Hooper

- Japan Style Boat Ditty Box of Cedar and Copper



George Graves

- Box

Show and Tell



Tom Paulley
- Frame Saw and
Quilted Pine Candle
Box



David VanDewerker
- Rocking Horse and
Sculpted Box



Bill Teague
- Cross and Clamp

Show and Tell



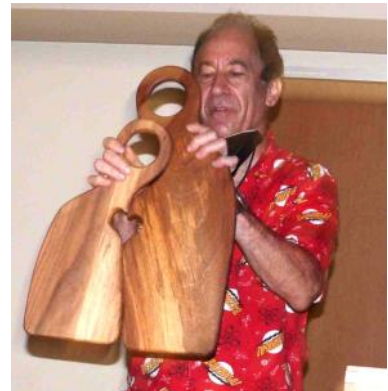
Rick Spacek

- Bowls, cross, and, Piano,
all of Corian



David Janowitz

- Hammers of Osage Orange and
Rosewood, Cutting Boards of Cedar
Elm, Dovetail Chest of Cedar Elm,
and, Bottle Stopper of Loquat



Program of the Month

There will be no program for our October meeting since we are having the picnic. We are anxiously awaiting the November meeting where our member and fellow craftsman Henry Majorie will presenting a program on Finishing.

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>
October 12	Group Activity	Annual Fall Picnic
November 9	Henry Majoue, Jr	Finishing
December 14	Alex Peay	Machining a Circular Dovetail Joint
January 11	Tom Blanko	Finishing with Lacquer

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

ROCKLER® IN-STORE EVENTS

TWO GRAND CELEBRATIONS!

Saturday, October 12th & 19th from 9 AM to 6 PM
We are throwing a party at both our Houston and Spring locations!



Oct 12 — Easy Wood Tools: turning tools in action from 9 AM to 4 PM (Houston only)

Oct 19 — Freud: product demonstrations 10 AM to 2 PM (Houston only)

Oct 19 — Festool: product demonstrations 10 AM to 2 PM (Spring only)
Save BIG on a dozen select items, in-store only!

10% off all Laguna tools & accessories

Register to win a \$100 Rockler gift card! Sign up Oct 12th - 19th for your chance to win! Do not need to be present to win. Light refreshments will be served.



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WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Vice President	Rod Griffith
Secretary	Mike Hardy
Treasurer	Jack Baillie

DIRECTORS

Dorsey Rushing	Bill Harris
Curtis Love	Jim Price
Rich Ostermeier	

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Andy Tofuri
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Web Master	Gary Rowen

NEXT MEETING

Saturday October 12th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,
2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

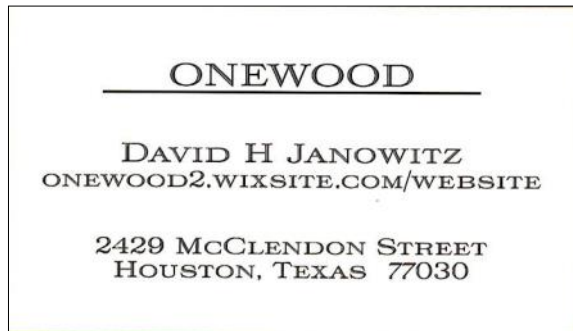
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before October 31st to be included in the next newsletter.

We're on the 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!

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