

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## New Members

### Welcome to WWCH!

**Bob Owens**  
**Bill Holmes**

Pick up your Membership Directory, and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

## Stuffed Animals for the Kids

WWCH is collecting STUFFED ANIMALS to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Thank you,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WWCH is a guild by a modern Merriam-Webster definition of simply an organized group of people who have joined together because they share the same job or interest; especially: an association of people who made or sold goods in the Middle Ages. We're hardly well represented by the Middle Age's guilds, either as a historical period, or in demographics. We are certainly a group with some common interests, namely working with wood and appreciating wood products.

WWCH is also a diverse group. There are professionals, artists, craftsmen, novices, wood whackers, and even non-woodworkers. The crafts represented are varied and include cabinet makers, turners, scroll sawers, intarsia, tinkerers, tool makers, boat builders, and even a few carvers and pyrographers. At the same time everyone seems to be both student and teacher. This sharing our common interest in a casual social environment appears to be the heart of our club.

In addition, WWCH feels a lot like a very large family with diverse interests, politics, and personalities along with motivating common interests. There are the outspoken and the attentive listeners, the activist participants, quiet attendees, and remote members, men and women, conservatives and liberals, widely varying educations, experiences, professions and careers, stoics, comedians, and some of everything else.

This also means there are healthy differences of perspective and opinion which regularly help improve the club, keep it going, and make it fun and interesting. Because of all the positives, like a family, we knowingly accept these differences and nurture the relationships both new and old.

And WWCH welcomes guests and new members like friends that will eventually become part of the family. I certainly have felt very welcomed into this club and am pleased to be a member of the family, and look forward to the club growing and developing further with your help.

Thank you for joining and participating.

Chuck Meeder, President

## Splinter Groups

**The CNC Router Group** will meet on Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place at 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, 77449. We will continue with the CNC router. For more information, contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807.

**The Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** The next quarterly meeting of the scroll saw splinter group will take place on April 25th at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, at 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion will be finishing. There are several different methods of finishing used by our members, and it will be interesting and informative to learn about the different techniques used by everyone. As we are always trying to find ways to do our craft better, it will be good to learn more about how to put the final touches on our work. Bring your work for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions. Group contacts: Norm at [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis at [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**The Toy Splinter Group** The Toy Making Splinter Group will meet on Wednesday, April 8th and April 22nd at Tim Shaunty's shop - 3614 Thistle St. Houston 77047. Our "official" time is from 7 - 9pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Tim is usually there earlier if you want to avoid any traffic. We can use individuals with any (or no ) woodworking skills since we have to trace patterns, cut them out, sand and route edges, attach wheels and axles, and wax the finished product. This is an opportunity for fellowship (we encourage anyone to bring show and tell), refreshments, and good deeds. For more information or direction to the meetings, contact our Toy Coordinator Andy Anderson - 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty 713-503-2284.

**The Sawmill Splinter Group** is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net).

**Hand Tool Splinter Group:** Our April meeting will be on the 23rd at 7:00 PM. See you at 7pm—9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark for directions or details at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net).

## WWCH Calendar

Apr 11 ..... Monthly Meeting  
April 25..... WWCH at Gathering of the Guilds  
April 25..... WWCH at Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event  
May 9 ..... Monthly Meeting  
May 9 ..... Spring Shop Crawl

## May Shop Crawl

WWCH will hold a SHOP CRAWL Saturday after the May meeting from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M at the shops of Steve Proctor, Sid Hockens, and Lynn Cummings. Maps will be available at the meeting .

Mark your calendars and hope to see you at the shops for interesting tips and tidbits.

## Lie-Nielsen Event

Lie-Nielsen will hold a Hand Tool Event in Houston on April 24-25. WWCH plans to have club representation at the event. Details will follow at the March meeting and April newsletter.

Kellogg Furniture Design  
2303-B Dunlavy Street, Houston, TX 77006

Friday, April 24th: 10am-6pm  
Saturday, April 25th: 10am-5pm

## In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the passing of two WWCH members. Jim Rader passed away on March 7th and Blaine Stokes passed away on March 5th.

Jim Rader was from Houston, and he was known for making ornate crosses from wood. His obituary can be found here: <http://jamesraderobit.com>.

Blaine Stokes was from Sugar Land. His family wrote to let us know how much Blaine enjoyed woodworking and time spent at WWCH events. His obituary can be found here: <http://blainestokesobit.com>.

## Upcoming Programs

### April Program: Violin Construction with Fred Sandoval

Fred Sandoval will present his woodworking skills and the tools he uses in violin construction.

### May Program: Bandsaw Boxes with Lon Kelley

Lon Kelley will present information about band saw box construction and how he designs and contrasts wood with different patterns and shapes.

## WWCH at the Gathering of the Guilds

April is the day of the Gathering of the Guilds. It is a great way for people to meet us and find out about our club. In the past, we have had several folks visit our club and some have become members. So we need your help. This is also a big event for HCCC as well. Last year they had more people than the years before due to breaking up into 4 parts. There is more about this at their web site: <http://www.thehoustonmuseumexperience.com/>.

We cannot show off the club without showing some woodworking. With that in mind, if you cannot make it there, your work can still have fun. So if you could bring 1, 2 or even 3 projects to the April meeting, that would be great. We need boxes, turnings, intarsia, scroll saw work, folk art, pyro work, toys, classic pieces, fun stuff, and other works. Something else that would be wonderful is a photo album of some of your projects.

Those who will be helping out and showing their work will have a lot of fun. You cannot sell there, and you will be asked that a lot during the event, but you can give them your card and contact information. Our table is at the best spot and be 'L' shape about 10' long and 4' deep. I would suggest that you bring a chair. I will provide a cooler for your drinks. Also, if you want to have a demo of a tool, that will have to be done outside under a tent. HCCC can supply the power, but you should bring the extension cords. You will have good company with the Smithies and turners. Thanks to every one for helping out. Submitted by John Gay

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### NEXT MEETING

**April 11, 2015**

9:00AM TO 11:30AM  
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
6400 Bissonnet

**Fred Sandoval: Violin Construction**

*Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!*

**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Lisa Sessions, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [lasessions@earthlink.net](mailto:lasessions@earthlink.net).

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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 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*