

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Quotable quotes...

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it; and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.

....**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

How it happened that Mastro Cherry, carpenter, found a piece of wood that wept and laughed like a child.

...**Carlo Collodi**

If someone has great passion {not love} for what they do, it is not work. I have not worked one single day since 1989!

... **Johnny W Morlan**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a wonderful year in WWCH for me. I'm looking forward to the projects and experiences we're going to share in 2012.

The current officers, directors, chairs and other people who supply support have done a fantastic job of providing us with speakers and trips and instruction. They made sure we are solvent and communicated to. Thanks to them we have caps and shirts and doughnuts and coffee and raffle items. Without them we'd have no room, no name tags, no membership books, no picnic. I feel very lucky to be President of an organization that includes such terrific people.

I thank you all.

A great group of people have volunteered to run for office, but there are plenty of opportunities for anyone interested in helping out. And please let a Board member know if there's a project you're interested in or would be willing to work on.

I hope your holidays are joyful and that 2012 is the best year ever.

...*Roslyn Hager, President*

DECEMBER SPEAKERS

From stocking stuffers to stuff to make wooden stockings with, **Lance Miles from Woodcraft** and **John Sears from Rockler** will share their ideas and discuss new items that will make great gifts! Treat yourself!

Welcome New Members

David Haislip
Al Sevilla
Tim Shaunty

IN MEMORIAM

WWCH member, **Mary Elaine Nelson**, joined the Lord on November 13, 2011.

Our condolences go out to her loving companion and WWCH member, Kenneth Fisher.

They also attended Mended Hearts, a support group for heart patients and their families.

Her pleasant smile will missed.



SAMPLE BALLOT FOR DECEMBER ELECTIONS

Lon Kelley, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted this sample ballot for **vote this Saturday**. The bylaws "preclude" anyone from serving more than three years whether elected or not. Therefore, the normal transition of officers passing to a directorship, (ie: Immediate Past President cannot occur) We will need all new directors this year. Although the secretary position remains open, the president is empowered to appoint one on an interim basis. Denis Muras is willing to serve as secretary on an interim basis.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the December meeting.

Nominees for WWCH 2012 Officers

President	Andy Anderson	_____
Vice President	Steve Proctor	_____
Treasurer	Larry Page	_____
Secretary	Vacant	_____
Publications Director	Gary Rowen	_____

Directors (Vote for four)

Bill Cole	_____	Lance Miles	_____
Steve Driver	_____	Linzie Rogers	_____
Jon Sears	_____	Bob Wink	_____
Steve Higgenbothan	_____		

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012 ARE DUE!

Several of you have paid your dues and I thank you for taking care of business. **Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail your check** to Norm Nichols, 10426 Overview Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498. The timely payment of dues is necessary for the club to accurately budget for the 2012 activities. Without your dues the club may not be able to function as well as it should. Don't let this be a reason not to pay your dues now, but the **deadline for payment is February 28, 2012** as per our by-aws. All dues paying members as of that date will be listed in the club directory. If you are not paid up, you will not be in the directory for 2012.

HOW SWEET IT IS

*We received this note from WWCH member **Bill White**. He did the session of art photography of woodworking projects and our newsletters a few years ago.*

Hi,

I have retired and moved to the sunny beaches of Pensacola, FL. I had hoped I would get a last chance to attend a meeting and say goodbye to everyone but my best-laid plans didn't happen. My move was pretty grueling as I decided to go cheap and do it myself. Thanks to U-Haul, friends and family I made it to Pensacola without mishap. It was the most tiring week of my life. I'm mostly recovered and unpacked in the house. Next week the focus of my time and efforts will be the shop.

My plans are to concentrate on my photography and art work. This seems to be a great area for the arts-lots of artists, shows and festivals. If you are in the area be sure to get in touch. I'll be looking for mills in this area and if I find something of interest I'll let you know.

Keep in touch,

Bill White

bwhite444@gmail.com

A HOME FOR TOY SPLINTER GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 12/14

The Woodworkers Club of Houston **Toy Splinter Group has a new shop.**

The toy group will host an organizational and focus meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Tim Shaunty's shop from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. His 3000 sq. ft. shop is located at

3614 Thistle, Houston, TX 77047.

(SEE THE SHOP BELOW)

Workshop meetings are planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7:00p.m. until 9:00p.m. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and **let's get started**. For addition information please contact club members Andy Anderson at 713-723-1030 or cell #713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713-503-2284.



Directions: East of 288 (the South Fwy), off Beltway 8 SOUTH. Exit north onto Scott Street, then right onto Thistle.

For more detail check the address on the internet.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 10 – Monthly Meeting

Speakers: Representatives from Rockler: Don Hartt, and Woodcraft New products and Christmas gift ideas for woodworkers.

January 13-14 – Lie Neilson in Austin Hand Tool Event at Fine Lumber & Plywood in Austin, TX
<http://www.lie-nielsen.com/?pg=103>

January 21 – NEW DATE – Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Don Hartt, woodworker from Dickenson, Texas will showcase his fancy walking canes
www.donhartt.com

Coming in March —

Speaker: Patrick Hood-Daniel Building your own CNC machine.

LIE NEILSON – IN AUSTIN

Lie Neilson will hold another Hand Tool Event in Austin, Texas at the Fine Lumber & Plywood, family-owned lumberyard. FL&P provides their customers throughout Texas with one of the largest varieties of high quality hardwoods, plywoods, exotic woods, and custom trim available.

Guest Demonstrators include the Heritage School of Woodworking, Dowd's Vintage & Antique Tools, The Northwest Woodworking Studio, and Glen-Drake Toolworks.

Details: <http://www.lie-nielsen.com/?pg=103>

Do I sense a field trip coming up??? Take the truck!

WOODWORKING CLASSES

Fred Sandoval is organizing woodworking classes and plans for the last two weekends every month. Interested? Contact him at sandovalfrederick96@yahoo.com

WWCH BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Get yourself a handful of **WWCH's BROCHURES**. Hand them out to prospective members at other groups, shows, anywhere. Do showcase our club, its benefits, its fun and learning opportunities, examples of our member's works, and a partial list of our community service involvement. When you showcase your work, showcase your club too. Pick up a few at the membership table and spread the word about WWCH!

As the club grows, so do our members!

Imagine a car full of woodworkers speeding through a forest of petrified wood to see an impossible staircase built by a mysterious carpenter for a group of nuns, then on to visit a toy factory on the out skirts of Las Vegas to end up at a Woodworking Show instead of the Vegas Strip! Now that's either dedication or fodder for a Spielberg movie!!

NOVEMBER SPEAKER RECAP

However, truth is stranger than fiction. **Denis Muras and Andy Anderson** spoke to

WWCH about the trek across country with Steven and Maria Driver, and Tommy Jo to the Woodworking Show and Toys 4 Smiles in Las Vegas, the Petrified Forest in AZ, and the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, NM. And they took photos of a student competition!



LADIES ONLY WOODWORKING CLASSES OFFERED

Ladies Only Woodworking Classes offered by **Fred Sandoval** on the last two weekends of every month starting in January. Classes start at 8AM and go to 5PM or later, if necessary. The entire class package is two weekends for a total of four days. If the class is not filled up with ladies, I do take gentlemen (max of 6 students). Classes cover all the basic woodworking hand tools and machinery: drill press, belt-disc sander, jointer, lathe, mortiser, bandsaw and scrollsaw, thickness planer, mitersaw, router, 4x24 belt sander, 6in. disc sander and hand drill. The cost for the four-day course is \$300 and an additional \$30 for wood, hinges and chest handles. Students can bring their own lunch but I will furnish varied lunch meats and snacks and drinks, of course. Students do not need to bring anything to class. I have all the tools they will need. Our project will be a small hand-dovetailed chest made of pine. My address is: 6022 Wildbriar Land, Richmond, TX 77469, just off of highway 59 and FM 762 in the Richmond-Rosenberg area. My email is: sandovalfrederick96@yahoo.com. My phone number is 281-793-3502.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! WWCH ON GREAT DAY HOUSTON



Thursday, December 2nd, WWCH members showed off the toys made for and donated by members to the various children's charitable organizations at the Hand Made in Wood segment of Great Day Houston. Deborah Duncan was charming and sincerely impressed with the creativity, intricacy and just plain fun of the works. Denis Muras, our on-camera spokesperson, presented Deborah with a scrollsawed tooth! Andy Anderson, Norm Nichols, and Jerry Harmson scrambled to get their works to the show and set up for the 9 am show. Tim Shaunty dodged the camera. See the segment at the link below. Now on to the big stuff !!! Hope we have other woodworkers on soon so more of your works can be showcased.

www.khou.com/great-day/gdh_12-1-11_seg1-134827983.html



NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Mark Behring**—Luminaries
2. **David Garcia**—Cedar Stool
3. **Jeremy Grubb**—Vaneered Table Top
4. **Lon Kelly**—Cedar Bowls
5. **Jere Kessler**—Ferry Boat
6. **Henry Majoue**—Kitchen Shelves
7. **Hank Merry**—Toy Cars / Critters
8. **Denis Muras**—Caboose Window
9. **Ryan Schorman**—Display Camera
10. **Dan Smith**—Intarsia
11. **Bob Wink**—Art Car awards

Dan Smith fashioned an intarsia piece of a praying girl (hopefully praying for rain to replenish our dying woods). The pattern is by Judy Gayle Roberts.



Give **Lon Kelley** a log, a lathe, and a little time and he turns out two lovely cedar bowls that came from the same log. He's still looking for a finish that will mask the cedar aroma.



Jeremy Grubb kept his project under wraps in brown paper. *Drama and drum-roll please...*

Once revealed, the intricate design elements of the curly maple table top drew a crowd of members who inspected the lamination and finger-traced the cypress veneers.

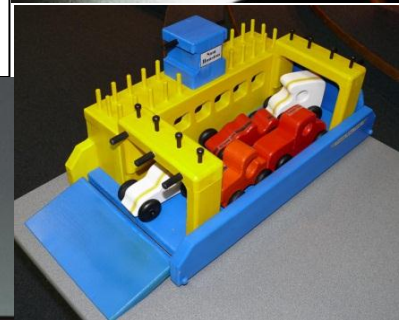
Read more about Jeremy in the American Woodworker magazine -- Winter 2011 issue.



Jere Kessler crafted this ferry boat from European river ferris and this model of a US Air Force cargo plane. A clear coat matt finish protects the decals.



David Garcia holds a stool of cedar with a cherry finish. The dowels for the stretchers are a store bought short cut to save himself from lathing those long skinny dowels.



Mark Behring's scrollsawed projects were really illuminating! From the beautiful ornaments, to the luminary lit by an LED light. He showed an intarsia log cabin, and a rack to cradle those



drippy spoons. Bring on the chill! It's the perfect weather for it!



NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Henry Majoue brought a slide show presentation to point out features of kitchen cabinets and shelves that he constructed and installed. Henry's challenge was to match the molding with the original (circa 1970) by use of router, plane and sanding. He used plywood and yellow pine.



Bob Wink encased a set of decorative tiles in quarter-sawn wood frames. He finds unique tiles at an Arts and Crafts antique show in Asheville, NC.



Dennis Muras holds a window from a caboose, all taped and painted, that he is restoring. This is one of 16. The windows were all rotting, but after Denis's restoration, they'll look good as new.



Whether there's a tiger in the tank, a dinosaur under the hood, a pink elephant the morning after, or a gator on the prowl, these colorful and imaginative toys are just fun, fun, fun. Conceived and constructed by **Hank Merry**. **Andy Anderson** showed them off for Hank in his absence. Heard Hank was somewhere out on the road!



HELP NEEDED: David Solis is looking for help to make 40 wood bases, 3" x 7" with routed ends and a square milled top. It will also need to be stained. I need them made soon.

Contact him directly at: David@compass-mwd.com
office: 281-442-7484 cell: 832-221-7899

Ryan Schorman explained to members how he crafted this "camera". Ryan was **seeking help from woodworkers who could construct more of these**. Ryan needs them for camera classes that he teaches.

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT STILL SEEKING HOUSTON WOODWORKERS

John Laine of the [Texas Ramp Project](http://www.texasrampproject.org), who spoke to our group earlier this year about his organization which constructs wheel chair ramps for people in need, is still looking for woodworkers to join his team. He is establishing a Houston Ramp Project Team similar to the ones that he has organized for other cities in Texas. He has a lead person, but is looking for a few others who are willing to help with either construction and/or oversight. Several WWCH members helped build a wheel chair ramp in Houston earlier this summer. If you are interested in joining the new group or would like more information, please contact John Laine at jlaine@texasramps.org.

2012 SAWDUST TOUR – Chidwick School of Fine Woodworking

The **2012 Sawdust Tour** traveling woodworking class combines quality education with documentary-style filmmaking that will feature the people, places and experiences from their national tour. From late January through early April, sculptural artist Andy Chidwick and his family will be touring the country providing easy access for woodworkers to learn this specialized art form of sculptural woodworking.

While in your area, the Chidwicks will be filming their experience, interviewing other woodworkers as well as local clubs and guilds, and highlighting the local culture and geography that will be produced into a 8-10 episode video series for the internet.

The Woodworkers Club of Houston has been recommended to us as one that is both located along our travel route and active enough to take advantage of this opportunity.

Andy Chidwick, of Chidwick School of Fine Woodworking, has become widely recognized as a clear communicator and an excellent woodworking instructor. This is a unique opportunity to learn this organic style of woodworking in either a **five day intensive workshop** (class size limited to 4 to 6) where each attendee will make a sculpted chair or a **two day, hands-on seminar** (class size up to 15) with discussions, demonstrations and students trying out sculpting techniques, although attendees will not come out with a finished project. This year's classes are Andy's very popular "**sculpted studio chair**" design as well as the extremely informative "**Intro to sculptural woodworking**".

In either one of these hands-on classes, members will gain a greater understanding of this unique art form and will learn practical skills that can be applied to any future woodworking project. Students will learn many of Andy's techniques for sculptural woodworking such as: freeform routing, power grinding, convex shaping, concave shaping, profiling, throwing a line, sand-shaping, cold lamination, precision joinery, etc.

For more information on being part of this year's tour, please contact us: 406/546-7130 or email andy@chidwickschool.com



DATE AND PLACE ARE BEING FINALIZED -- WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE INFO IS AVAILABLE.

THANK YOU TO THE SHOP OWNERS FOR THE NOVEMBER SHOP CRAWL

Thank you to all the woodworkers who graciously opened their shops to touring WWCH members. **Mark Sweigart, Bill Cole, Hugh Parker, Steve Proctor** who showcased his entire house and all the additions since the spring tour, and **Ridg Gilmore** who played CHEF and offered burger sliders and soft drinks. Thank you ALL.

ALL YOU NEED IS A SHARP KNIFE, A BUNCH OF PENCILS, AND TALENT! TRY IT !!!

<http://www.greendiary.com/entry/dalton-ghetti-creates-amazing-art-on-the-tips-of-used-pencils/>





JEREMY GRUBB

A TEXAS REBEL MAKES HIS MARK

BY KATHERINE ADAMS • PHOTOS BY TED CLEMENTS

See the full article on Jeremy Grubb in the American Woodworker – Winter 2011 issue [www.americanwoodworker.com/cfs-fileSystemfile.ashx/ key/CommunityServer.Blogs.Components.WeblogFiles/resources/jeremy-grubb.jpg](http://www.americanwoodworker.com/cfs-fileSystemfile.ashx?key/CommunityServer.Blogs.Components.WeblogFiles/resources/jeremy-grubb.jpg)

HEADS UP – FOR ENTRIES FOR EMPTY BOWLS 2012

While not an official Call for Bowls, this note is an alert about Empty Bowls 2012, **Saturday, May 26**, at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. We'll not be holding any events at Lawndale Art Center, but Lawndale will certainly continue to support us.

We are delighted that Whole Foods Market will again be our Presenting Sponsor, and will host its community giving day at its Houston stores in support of Empty Bowls on Wednesday, March 21. We will need demonstrators to promote the day and Empty Bowls to shoppers and any media who happen to drop by. There will be two-three other promotions such as Urban Harvest Farmer's Market and Earth Day at Discovery Green. We'll be seeking demonstrators and meeter-greeters for those events.

Clark Kellogg, a woodworker/furniture maker and past artist-in-residence at the Craft Center, is challenging himself to make a bowl-a-day in 100 days resulting in 100 bowls which he will donate to Empty Bowls. He will write a blog during this time and we will update his progress and his thoughts on process et.al. through the Empty Bowls Facebook site and web site. Clark challenges others to set a similar objective of 100 bowls, whether 1-a-day or 10-a-week or whatever. Our committee can coordinate and promote these "personal challenges" and hopefully garner some media attention for you artists and for Empty Bowls. We will also highlight everyone who achieves this challenge and her/his bowls at the Empty Bowls event.

The official Call for Bowls will come out mid-January, and bowl collection will start about May 7. Contact one of us if you have questions or to volunteer or participate: Tom Perry--Information tomperry56@aol.com arleblanc@yahoo.com

Renee LeBlanc-- Challenge arleblanc@yahoo.com

Marcia Erickson--Volunteers merickson@consolidated.net

Andy & Virginia Bally--Special Bowls abally1@gmail.com

Paula Murphy--Publicity paula@pattersonandmurphy.com

The each of the past three years, Empty Bowls has raised about \$45,000. With \$25 the Houston Food Bank can feed 25 people three meals a day. Thank all of you for your bowls and support and resulting success the last and past years -- and for the coming year.

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782 Maler Rd.
Sealy, TX 77474

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2011

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

**DECEMBER SPEAKERS
REPRESENTATIVES
From Rockler and
Woodcraft**

New products, gifts, and ideas

CONTACT US

We're on the web!

wwch@wwch.org

NOTE:
January's meeting will be
MOVED TO JANUARY 21ST,
the 3rd Saturday.
Bayland will be
closed on the 14th.

COME VOTE
AT THE DECEMBER MEETING
FOR THE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
FOR 2012

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

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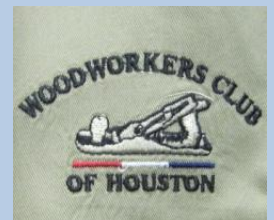
The Club now has a **binder** containing a copy of each of last year's newsletters. If you have **any back issues to add** to the binder, please bring them to the meeting.

SHIRTS! CAPS!

Get yours today!

**Join the members who already have purchased
an official WWCH shirt or cap.**

Bill Cole will take your order for a shirt or a cap. Caps are available at the meetings. Shirts with your name custom embroidered must be pre-ordered from Bill Cole.



SHIRTS: \$22.00 PRIDE: Priceless
CAPS: \$6.00

Guests are always welcome at WWCH

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 \$24 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!

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