

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Did you hear about the woodworker who died when he fell into a vat of varnish? It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish.

Haven't you felt a peculiar sort of worry about the chair in your living room that no one sits in?

-Nicholson Baker

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am relatively new to the Woodworker's Club, having only been a member since 2011. When I retired from my regular employment, I knew I had to find some new friends and activities. I have dabbled with woodworking for a very long time, but in retirement, I am trying to do significantly more. Participating in WWCH, I have indeed met many new friends and learned a tremendous amount. Active involvement in clubs always brings many rewards. Working with the toy splinter group is both fun and a contribution to our community. Volunteering to help the club as Secretary this past year has also contributed to building friendships and learning from our membership. I look forward to serving the club this year as President and hope you find club activities and participation as enjoyable as I do.

Last year club dues were increased above the level set in 1986. The Board of Directors suggested an increase of \$6 to help offset increased costs for mailings, coffee and donuts, and other expenses. Oddly enough the members at the meeting thought the dues should be increased \$12 to \$36 per year. Apparently the approximately 90 people at the meeting believed they were getting enough value to warrant the dues increase. Unfortunately, there was a decrease in membership possibly related to the increased dues. A conclusion might be that the members not renewing felt they were not getting enough value from the club.

Roslyn Hager took the initiative to draft a questionnaire asking the membership for input regarding what presentations and activities they would like the club to sponsor and coordinate. The WWCH Board assisted Roslyn with finalizing and distributing the survey by email. Please take a few minutes to respond, and consider volunteering to help organize activities and functions that interest you and others.

The club has several splinter groups including the Toy Group, the Hand Tool Group, the Scroll Saw Group, and two new ones developed starting last fall; the CNC Router Group, and the Sawmill Group. Are these groups you would like to participate in or should there be other groups? Last year's field trips to the library furniture shop and the sawmill were well attended. What field trips are of interest to you? What presentation topics, or workshops, would interest you? Please help your club's board put together activities, classes, field trips, the shop crawl, and any other kind of activity or event that would interest you and motivate others to participate in our club. The more active members we have, the broader base there will be for learning from each other, developing friendships, and organizing worthwhile activities.

Chuck Meeder, President

New Members

Ben Bowman
Dan Gillingham
Bill Hoffmeister
Jason Holcomb
Ron Lee
Kelly Shields

Be sure to pick up your name badge, discount ID, membership directory, and sign in at every meeting.

Welcome to the Club!

DUES ARE DUE

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING

\$36.00 per year
(\$3.00 per month)

Deadline to be listed in the 2014 Membership Directory is payment by the February meeting

WWCH—the best deal in town.
See you at the meetings!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2014 BOARD AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President: Chuck Meeder
Vice President: Ron Kuenning
Secretary: Steve Wavro
Treasurer: Larry Page
Immediate Past President: Steve Procter

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Bob Wink
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David Garcia

MEMBER SURVEYS ARE COMING TO YOU SHORTLY ONLINE. SURVEYS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY MEETING FOR YOU TO COMPLETE. HELP DIRECT YOUR CLUB BY VOICING YOUR OPINIONS, WANTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

SPLINTER GROUPS

Hand Tool Splinter Group meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7-9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near the Hwy 6 and 90A. For info, email Mark at marksmithb@windstream.net.

The Toy Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Tim Shaunty's shop at 3614 Thistle St., Houston. Over the year, the group makes thousands of toy cars for all those needy kids out there. We are looking forward to a fun and highly productive year in the toy shop.

For directions to Tim's shop please call Andy at 713-409-7030, Tim at 713-503-2284, or Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220.

The group had a great year in 2013 and is looking forward to what this year will bring. A lot of kids were able to smile at Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the group's efforts. We will bring out even more smiles this coming year with your help.

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet Saturday, January 25th, at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8. The meeting runs from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Come see WHAT'S NEW in the world of scrollsawing! Gadgets, patterns, news, etc. Bring your current projects for Show N Tell as we always enjoy seeing what you have been doing in your shop. Jot down those questions for Problems N Solutions as we love a good challenge.

The CNC Router Group meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 7:00p.m. at Patrick Hold-Daniel's house, 20734 Settler's Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Go North on Fry Rd, past West Little York. Look for the subdivision entry street, Promenade, turn left. Continue to turn off for Settler's Lake Circle North, then turn right. Call Mike Turner if you need assistance [281-633-1807](tel:281-633-1807).

Sawmill Splinter Group is still getting organized. This splinter group is for people who are cutting and milling their own lumber or those interested in doing so. We would discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. If you are interested, contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net. Regular meeting dates will be set when the group is finalized.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11 — Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Mark Bolinger: Underhill 11 Groove Box

January 25 — Arbor Day at the Arboretum 10am to 2pm

February 1 — Hands-on-Houston at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

February 8 — Monthly Meeting Speaker: TBA

SPEAKER IDEAS? SEE RON KUENNING

Members, if you have information on upcoming events or field trips, please let me or **Ron Kuenning** know so we can include this information in emails or in the newsletter to all the members. Joyce Saylan Sayjoyce@hotmail.com 832-875-7074

FRED SANDOVAL HOLDS CLASSES

Woodworking Classes—Fred Sandoval holds woodworking classes the last two weekends of each month. For information: [281-793-3502](tel:281-793-3502) or sandovalrederick96@yahoo.com.

WWCH AT HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

Saturday, February 1, 2014, 11:00am to 3:00pm.
 WWCH has been invited once again to take part in the **Hands on Houston program** teaching small children how to build wooden cars for them to keep. This event will be at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is located just south of downtown at 4848 Main Street. **Volunteers** are needed to help work and have fun showing these kids how to build their cars. There will be a list with 1 hour time slots to fill. Please see **David Garcia** or **John Gay** at the meeting to sign up.

HELPERS NEEDED TO RESTORE BOAT

John Gay is looking for willing hands to help restore the 1943 Anne Frank, Dutch rescue boat at the Holocaust Museum. Restoration is resuming and there will be a schedule.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO SERVE

WWCH President, Steve Procter handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the 2013 Board members and Directors and those who served far and above as a very sincere "thank you" for their commitment to the club during the year.

Some recipients were not at the meeting, and others moved so fast I couldn't get a photo, so here's photos of those who paused or stood still. When the camera is loaded and pointing at you, remember it's just a picture, not a projectile!!

Thank you all so much for your service to WWCH!

David Garcia Speakers and Show & Tell
 Larry Page Treasurer
 Bob Wink Serving and "Wink Wood"
 Gary Rowen Web Guru and Photographer and Publications

Blaine Stokes Video Library and Magazines
 Denis Muras Technology
 Roslyn Hager Donuts...yummm
 Chuck Horton Coffee...double yummm
 Patti Page Over 2 years of producing the Membership Book
 Lorraine Lewis Name Tags and Registration Table
 John Gay 10 years as Book Librarian



SPOTLIGHT ON THE TOY SPLINTER GROUP

Toy Splinter Group Report

One of the main activities of the Toy Splinter Group of WWCH each year is to make wheeled toys for charitable organizations to distribute to children. About 4,000 wheeled toys are made each year by these dedicated, caring individuals. Some of the toys are made in home shops and some made by the group at Tim Shaunty's shop on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. In 2013 the toymakers included 36 club members that contributed more than 1800 man-hours to finding wood, making toys, and delivering them.

The 2013 participants include;

Andy Anderson, Charles B, Mark Behring, Bill Byrne, Joe Cook, D.L. Dickey, Steve Dittrich, Tami Eagleston, David Garcia, Jerry Harmsen, Bill Harris, Payton Harris, Ray Jones, Bobby Jucker, Ed Karstedt, Lon Kelley, Pam Kelley, Dave Kissinger, Ron Kuenning, Chuck Meeder, Denis Muras, Norm Nichols, Monica Ober, Cliff Ober, Joe Rice, Austin Rice, Citalli Romero, Ken Serdar, Tim Shaunty, Charlie Sembera, Mark Sweigart, Chris Schwartz, Charles Volek, Fusheng Wang, Larry Wenner, and Bob Wink. Please let us know if we have inadvertently left anyone off this list.

A total of 3,000 toys were distributed to charitable organizations during the first 2 weeks of Christmas, and throughout the year including;

Aishell House, Bear Creek United Methodist Church – Angel Tree, Casa de Esperanza, Christian Community Service Center, Cypress Assistance Ministries, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, House of Amos, Houston Area Women's Center, HPD Blue Santa Program, LINC Houston, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Premie Prints-Houston Chapter, Shriners Hospital for Children-Galveston, Shriners Hospital for Children-Houston, Spirit Key, Brazoria County Women's Shelter, and the Laredo Orphanage. If you know of a group that could use some toys next Christmas, or anytime throughout the year, please provide Andy Anderson or any WWCH Board Member the name, address, and contact information for that organization.

In addition to member volunteer time, the club bought the wheels, axles, and mineral oil and beeswax for finish. Special thanks go to Andy Anderson for coordinating the group activities and Tim Shaunty for providing the use of his woodshop.

Thanks to Woodworkers Club of Houston and its active volunteers, our community is a better place and some deserving children have received a little bit of our hearts this Christmas.

Chuck Meeder, President



Tim Shaunty, Andy Anderson, and Norm Nichols delivered boxes of toy cars to the Shriners Hospital in Houston. On the same day we delivered more toy cars to the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston and to two other agencies in Houston including the Blue Santa at the Houston Police Department. **Thank you to all the members who had a hand in making this a wonderful Christmas for so many kids!**

JANUARY SPEAKER: MARK BOLINGER – THE ROY UNDERHILL 11 GROOVE BOX

Member, **Mark Bolinger** will present The Roy Underhill 11 Groove box: A Primer on Combination Planes at the January 11 membership meeting. The Roy Underhill 11 groove box is a pure hand tool project that illustrates the utility of combination planes. Mark will discuss the high and low points of making the box and compare and contrast the various types of combination planes.

He has been coordinating the Hand Tool Splinter Group since January 2006. It started out as the Hand Plane Splinter Group, but after a few years ran out of pure hand plane topics and expanded it to all hand tool topics. We cover a mix of techniques and small projects that utilize some special aspect of hand tools. Once a year, a meeting is devoted purely to sharpening. It's an informal and relaxed atmosphere, and there is only one rule: the hand tool splinter group coordinator will demonstrate how to flatten the back of your plane iron, but will not do it for you.

WOODWORKER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

The nominees for Woodworker of the Year for 2013 are:

John Gay

Chuck Lickwar

Norm Nichols

Rick Spacek

Charles Volek

These members have been an integral part of our meetings, the Show and Tell, and practice their love of woodworking throughout the year. Each one of them is deserving of the Woodworker of the Year, but we have only one award. Members will cast secret ballots at the January meeting. The award will be presented at the February meeting

Congratulations to all the nominees.

DECEMBER SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Mark Bolinger** — Pear Wood Bowl
2. **Chris Farquhar** — Fish Clock and Texans Plaque
3. **Lon Kelley** — Palm Wood Bowl
4. **Chuck Meeder** — Celtic Crosses
5. **Norm Nichols**— Walnut Table
6. **Steve Wavro** — Log Hauling Truck and a Cat Wall Plaque
7. **Larry Wenner** — Hall Table
8. **Bob Wink** — Whimsical Guitars and Tambourine

Chris Farquhar shows his clocks in the spirit of Texas and Texans. The fish clock is made of pine. And it is FINE!



Bob Wink certainly has the music in him, along with a heightened sense of whimsy. One guitar is made of a tennis racquet, another of an LP record, a cigar box, and the others? Who knows but Bob. One guitar is a certified (?) replica of a guitar played by Jimmie Hendricks, yeah right! Then there's the tambourine made with antique boxes with rocks inside to make the sound.



Steve Wavro received an email from his daughter showing the penetrating eyes of her cat. Couldn't resist! The sign is made of walnut and Baltic Birch. The log hauling truck is a design from the Book of Trucks Steve won at the BBQ raffle. It's made of pine and dyed.



Mark Bolinger did a little recycling by pulling a log out of the fireplace and a blank from a garage sale.—with beautiful results. The plate is maple, and the bowl is pear wood, finished with boiled linseed oil and a buffing of Libron oil.
You rummage well, Mark.



This entrance hall table is **Larry Wenner's** first project. The poplar top was purchased 8 years ago. It has turned walnut legs and the skirt is tiger maple veneer glued to pine 2x6s. The metal feet are Crocus Claw from Home Depot. A framed mirror and sconces are coming soon. From the look of this table, the ensemble will be beautiful!!



Sean O'Connor says he has "big paws" so making this mallet with a wider top, and a thicker handle, in this heavy, dense chakte viga wood fits him to a T. The tight grain turned so nice, he's going to use the leftovers for pen blanks!

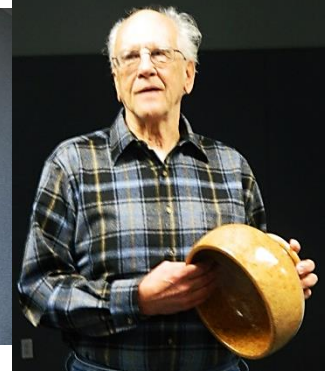
DECEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Lon Kelley salvaged the wood from a forty year old lost palm tree that donated the wood, but it took weeks of coping with the water-laden wood. Turn a little, drain a little, wait a little. After it dried out, a new lathe, a polymer glue filled the holes and cavities Lon spoke of other trials and tribulations of working with palm and of making sure you wear protection from the fibrous dust! *Hey, Lon...see Norm!*



Chuck Meeder deftly crafted these fine crosses; the Celtic crosses of cherry & mesquite the ornate of cherry. The one has a bracket on the back so it can slide over the ends of scarves or shawls holding them together as a fashion statement.



Norm Nichols made the musical plaque as a Christmas gift for his grand son. It's a Sue Mey pattern in Red Oak with a backing of velour paper on a 1/8" piece of Baltic Birch plywood. He cobbled this shoe-plaque for his daughter who may be distantly related to Imelda Marcos - or so it seems. The shoe is quilted maple on mesquite.



Ah, HA! Keep thee at bay, devil dust!
Norm Nichols found this hunter's mask, an RZ Mask with a carbonated filter in the sports department for \$22 on sale, regularly \$26 - \$28. What a deal. *Psst, tell Lon!*

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ARE RENEWAL MONTHS FOR YOUR WWCH MEMBERSHIP DUES.

WWCH dues is \$36 per year. That's only \$3.00 per month.

See Larry Page at the meetings, or mail your dues to WWCH, 782 Maler Rd., Sealy, TX 77474.

Please verify your name, address, phone numbers and email are correct. Many email addresses are obsolete.

Please note: that if dues are not paid by the February meeting, you will no longer be considered an Active Member and will not be included in the Membership Book, and your email address will be removed from our distribution list.

Members, bring your projects to Show and Tell. Bring your friends and neighbors to a WWCH meeting to see all the wonderful work YOU do! Show and Tell shows off your work, answers questions, inspires members and guests to explore their talents!

KUDO'S



Steve Wavro's Intarsia Project took 2nd place at the Texas State Fair this fall.

Congratulations, Steve!

EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!

The Houston Chronicle Dec 20 issue features WWCH's pie box making efforts with Three Brothers Bakery. WWCH members get together to make boxes then use proceeds from the sale of the boxes to help support the WWCH Toy Gift Program. Check out the Star section (Section E) and read the article by Kyrie O'Connor.

WWCH member, **Hugh Parker**, has made the news. He and others at St Luke's United Methodist Church were interviewed, taped, and it was broadcast on Channel 13 regarding their volunteer efforts to *make Christmas toys for kids.* <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/video?id=9370522>

SPEAKER RECAP – ALLAN SCOGGAN, WHAT'S NEW AT ROCKLER

Allan Scoggan, Manager at Rockler brought a fistful of literature, a new catalogue and several new gadgets and helpful tools for the members to see what's new at Rockler. The buzz is about a simple thing: silicone glue brushes and glue paddles. They're reusable, easy to clean cause the glue just flakes off! Demonstration coming soon for Nexabond Glue that works on porous or nonporous surfaces and sets up in 1 to 3 minutes. Then there's new carbide inlay kits with smaller handles for pen turners and service ribbons. Craig has a new jig, a K5 with wings and new adjustable clamps with a redesigned stop.

Allan suggests to be the first to know about these new products and when they'll be in the store, call Rockler and get on their email list.



THE WOODWORKING SHOWS

THE WOODWORKING SHOWS March 28-30, 2014

Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-4
Leonard E Merrell Center
6301 S Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/webapp-shows/houston>

Price: \$10 online / \$12 at the door

Seminars

Your admission at each show gives you three days of access to FREE seminars presented by woodworkers. Learn tricks of the trade, perfect your skills and ask questions while attending any of the seminars we offer. There are MANY classes to choose from so be prepared to learn, be entertained and ask questions.

SPEAKER RECAP: ERIC COMSTOCK – PUDDLE DUCK RACING BOATS



Eric Comstock spoke to club members about boats. Eric represents a group of amateur boat builders and sailors based in Houston. The boats they build are called "Puddle Duck Racers". They are 4' x 8' scows, that can be sailed, rowed or

motor driven. They meet in the afternoon of the second Saturday of each month at Buffalo Run Park (near Fondren and South Beltway 8) to sail, race and generally have fun. They are a family oriented, easy going, informal group.

One of the important activities that the group practices is holding "Hatches" where they get together and help others to build boats of their own. Most boats are built using inexpensive materials that are available at Home Depot or similar stores for about \$200. They are currently working on plans for a boat that, they hope, can be built in a single day.



Yep, that's a boat and that's a mast. And that IS a rudder, swings up for those shallow places! Oh...no keel. Sail? Piece of tarp. BUT those side airboxes are sealed, so it won't sink! So off they go sailing the coast of Texas, some 200 miles in open water. Hey, this group is hosting this year's championship races! Who knew!



Magazines for the Taking

So, what do you do when you have to downsize? You box up the good stuff and share, share, share! Those are woodworking magazines in those boxes, brought to WWCH last month for members to take what they wanted, share armloads wherever good prospective woodworkers gather, and leave nothing behind except the empty boxes. Mission accomplished...almost.

Whatever magazines are left, will be available at the meeting! Many magazines had plans in them, good information, and best of all...free for the taking.

A Father With No Money Hand Built This Crib 30 Years Ago. Look What That Baby Just Did.



Three decades ago, when one man was expecting a baby boy with his wife, he was a little short on money. They were immigrants from Poland and didn't have jobs or a big savings. So, instead of buying a crib in a store, he built one himself. That baby grew up to start a family of his own and he decided to do exactly what his father did when he was expecting a little girl. He decided to build the very same crib, adding on to the adorable tradition. The original crib had been passed down through the family till only one headboard piece was left. Using that piece as a template, the son recreated the crib, with a few decorative additions to the sides and sits in the same pose as the picture of his father with the original crib.

SAD PASSING



Paul Moore, the Crazy Canadian, and the woodworker who demonstrated how to make band-sawn boxes at our April 2013 Club meeting passed away. Here is a link to the Facebook announcement:

<https://www.facebook.com/CrazyCanadianWoodworker> He wrote us a lovely note on how impressed he was with WWCH.

From the Crazy Canadian Woodworker facebook page: *The Crazy Canadian Woodworker fans have been so overwhelmingly supportive of our family through this entire journey with my dad's brain tumor and because of this I feel it's important to keep you up-to-date with where things are with him. My dad will be ushered off to Heaven soon...perhaps even in time to spend it with the Big Man himself.*

Despite the circumstances there is much to be thankful for. My dad is comfortable, we know where he is going, we are surrounded by loving family and friends and we have a God who has promised to never leave us!

We are Thankful for every single one of you for walking this difficult road with us. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated more than you will ever know as we face the next step of this journey. Of course I will keep everyone updated as things unfold.

Hug your loved ones a little tighter this Christmas...do it for CCW!



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Sealy, TX 77474

NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2014

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

Speaker: Mark Bolinger
Underhill 11 Groove Box

Regular Meeting with
Show and Tell
Favorite Tool

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*Members, wear your club shirts and caps!
Show off your membership in WWCH!*



Get yours today!

SHIRTS: \$22.00
POLOS: \$16.00 and up
CAPS: \$ 8.00

SEE TIM SHAUNTY TO ORDER YOUR CLUB APPAREL!

Guests are always welcome at WWCH

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