

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Quotable Quotes:

I don't like things that can be reproduced. Wood isn't important in itself but rather in the fact that objects made of it are unique, simple, unpretentious.

...Georg Baselitz

I'm better with my hands, and I always loved the slightly romantic idea of starting with bits of wood and being able to create something to sit on, to eat from, to store your clothes in.

...Jamie Oliver

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the Colonial times of our nation, the skills needed to learn a trade were taught through an apprenticeship. The time required to work from apprentice to journeyman status varied according to the trade and the skill level of the learner. Some programs took perhaps three years, others might require five or six years of training. Many young men learned the skills from a mentor who was a skilled craftsman himself. That person may have been the apprentice's father or another relative. One of those crafts was carpentry or some other form of working with wood. In the rural setting, the farmer had to learn the skills necessary to make and repair his home and farm equipment. These skills were passed down to sons and daughters. Thus we had the makings of the mentoring program.

As America became more urbanized, families no longer passed these skills down to new learners. Thus many of these skills have been lost.

A member approached me at last month's meeting suggesting that members act as mentors to members who would like to learn a particular skill, like how to sharpen and align a hand plane or how to properly set up and install recently sharpened jointer knives. It could be how to properly and safely use a radial arm saw or table saw. The possibilities are endless but each one very important.

I suggest that if a member wants to know something in particular, or has a question or concern, that he post the question or concern or desired skill to our web master Gary Rowen (www.wwch.org). Any member who feels he can help could then respond and work out the details. This is an opportunity to **pay it forward**. We all had to learn from someone. Now is a good time to respond to a need.

Andy Anderson, President

Welcome New Members

Lloyd Crockford
Jimmie Hendricks
John Smith
Charles Storer

Remember to get your membership card,
your name badge, and your directory!

FIELD TRIP AFTER THE JUNE MEETING

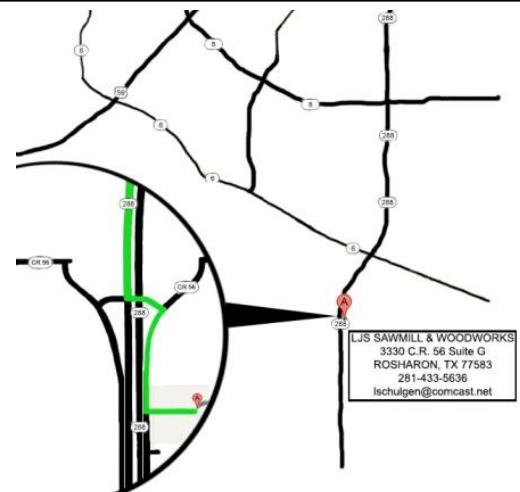
There will be a **field trip to Larry Schulgen's bandsaw mill** after the club meeting June 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Troy Carlson of CNC MILL will be at the sawmill Saturday. He will be displaying some of the type of work he does. He has used some of the slabs that Larry has provided Larry will have for sale various species and sizes of wood he cuts.

Don't miss an opportunity to see how a band mill works. There will be printed detail maps available at the June meeting. The address is 3330 G County Rd 56, Rosharon TX. 77583

Don't miss this opportunity for an interesting and educational field trip. Hope to see you there.

Larry will have cold water. Remember this is TEXAS and it is summertime.



Go south on 288 and cross Hwy 6. In about 3 ½ miles you'll pass the Sterling Lakes subdivision water fountain and waterfall on your right, but turn left onto C.R. 56. Cross the north bound lanes of 288 and at the stop sign, turn right (C.R. 56 becomes a two way access road for 288). About ¼ of a mile you'll see 6 metal warehouses on the left. Turn into the complex. You can't miss the large stacks of logs in front of the mill and shop.

OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested, make him an offer. You can contact him directly.

I am selling all my tools in the garage because I am leaving the country for a while; I am only going to name most of what I have. These tools are in good or great shape, I like to take care of what I have. But the time comes for some of us to move on, I am selling this as a whole and the total cost of these items together would end up being about \$7000+ but I am selling for \$2800 great price (more than what I have here but a lot of stuff you can look if you come by) you just can't beat it, some of the items are: 6' fiberglass ladder, 4' fiberglass ladder, 2' steel ladder, Bosch-18 gauge air gun, Ridgid 3 pc air gun set 18/16 gauge with case, Husky 1.8 hp 20 gallon air compressor, Husky 3 gallon air compressor, Hose with retractable case, Many compressor fittings, Ridgid mini router R2401 series with case, Porter Cable 22 hp router with case, Triton 2 ¼ Hp router w/case, Many different kind of router bits some not used and still in case, Woodpecker router table, Rockler router guide for table, Woodpecker coping kit, Kreg rip-cut circular saw guide for 24" cuts (new item), Ridgid Electric drill R7111 ½" Heavy duty only used once plus has case, Ridgid electric drill 3/8" R7001 professional only used once plus has case, 2 Makita circular saws in cases with blades, Milwaukee saws-all with kit and extra blades, Bosch lithium drill with 6 batteries and charger small 10 volt, Ryobi lithium drill (green drill not the blue one) with two batteries and charger, Irwin clamps, 6 Wood clamps - 4' each, 4 "Bosch palm sander, 4 "Dewalt palm sander, Sand paper galore, Roto-zip kit with bits and case, Dremel tool set with case and bits, Wood burner with bits and kit, Bosch 4" Grinder, Ryobi 4" Grinder, Angle finder (expensive never used in case), Many different kind of drill bits/hole bits still in cases, Many different kinds of basic tools, chisels, screwdrivers things you would find in a tool box, Heat gun, Moveable wood storage rack with nice pieces of different woods, Ridgid 12' miter saw with fold up stand, Saw horses, Granite slabs around 2' x 2 different kinds. If you would like some pictures sent let me know.

My email is cornell.will@sbcglobal.net,
Will Cornell, 281-299-8081

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a WWCH club member and are interested in these inquiries, please contact us at wwch@wwch.org or contact Gary Rowen at his phone number in the membership book.

Alyssa Steinruck needs assistance: I have six stair treads that I am about to have installed and the left side does not have a bullnose. Can you recommend someone to add the bullnose by routing the edge?

Mechanic for old and worn woodworking machines.

Randy Jacobs, a retired engineer, refurbishes and restores large woodworking machines such as drill presses, cast iron table saws, jointers, planers and ShopSmiths.

If he's just what the doctor ordered, let us know and we'll refer you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 9 — Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Scott Holmes, Finishes and Finishings

July Speaker — TBA

Field Trip TBA — Save the date: August 22-25, 2012 to Atlanta for the International Woodworking/Furniture Show. www.iwfatlanta.com

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

Check this site for videos, projects, contests, and lots of information: www.woodworkingformeremortals.com

COMING SOON ... CNC Sawmill Visit

Details will be distributed as soon as they are available.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES Continued...

My name is SFC James Hurtt. I am currently serving in Afghanistan for a year tour. We have recently given a US Army Officer Sword to our Operations Officer, who lives in the Houston area. Since we are both from Texas I wanted to purchase a case or rack for the sword from our beloved state.

Who would I talk to about possibly getting the item built and where to send the dimensions of the sword as well as the price?

I appreciate your help and look forward to talking to someone about the project!

My name is Joe Johnson and I'm currently President of Hill Country Woodturners in Kerrville, TX. I lived in the Katy area for several years before retiring to the Texas Hill Country.

A friend in Houston is looking for someone to rebuild and refinish an antique Oak table. He wishes to give this restored antique table to one of their children. If you have someone in your organization who specializes in this kind of work and is looking for a project, please have them email me at johnsoj8a@stx.rr.com I will in turn put them in contact with the appropriate person in Houston.

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MAY SPEAKER RECAP

WWCH's very own **Fred Sandoval** demonstrated to club members how to hand cut dovetails. Fred stressed that if you are creating a period look it is imperative that you hand cut the dovetails. Fred can cut them fast and not fool with a jig. The first step is to orient the pieces as they will be joined. Then measure and mark and label each piece to help keep your work oriented (tails and pins). Fred recommends doing the pins first. He demonstrated each step: sawing the joints, carefully chiseling, cutting and cleaning each dovetail. Fred provided many tips along the way.



Fred is multi-talented, equally adept at traditional furniture and as a luthier, making and repairing violins, violas and other stringed instruments. His shop is impressive and includes some truly heavy duty equipment like a massive 12" jointer.



He is now retired from being an airline flight instructor and pilot, and is now devoting more time to woodworking, including teaching woodworking classes.

Fred feels that handmade pieces have "personality" because the little imperfections. Machined items are all the same.

He makes and uses his custom designed jigs and winding sticks and has been a frequent presenter at the WWCH Show and Tell.

See his website for more insight into the many facets of Fred Sandoval: <http://www.fsandoval-luthier.com/>

His tools fit into a small tote bag. Note the decorative aspects of the contrasting dovetails in this piece.



SPLINTER GROUPS

The Toy Splinter Group

The toy group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at Tim Shaunty's shop at 3614 Thistle, near 288 and Beltway 8 from 7pm to 9pm. Coffee and cake are always provided.

All are welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship as we build toy cars for the Christmas donations. 1700 and climbing! For more information call Andy Anderson at 713-723-1030 or cell 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713-503-2289.

Hand Tool Splinter Group

The 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. Email Mark at marksmithb@windstream.net for directions and the speaker's topic.

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group

The scroll saw splinter group meets on the 4th Saturday at Woodcraft Southwest on Beltway 8 and Hwy 59 at 9:30 AM. Scrollers, please bring your show and tell items and things that you are working on. Let's have a meeting where those who have scrolled for some time can provide assistance and mentoring to those who are getting started. This means that you should bring any projects in progress so that we can show some of the techniques that we use.

Woodcraft has at least 3 Dewalt Scrollsaws that we could use for mentoring. I may even bring my Hegner and assortment of blades that you could practice with.

This is what we would like to see with the scrollsaw splinter group, hands on, mentoring, and providing information to get everyone started on this relaxing activity. This is one of the few woodworking areas that can be perused with the minimum of equipment and provides the greatest WOW factor for your friends and family. You will receive comments like "How did you cut inside?" "How can you cut with such a smooth kerf?" and others that amazed people.

I will have the club laptop available to show the many resources online, both free and fee.

See you on Saturday.

Denis & Sheryl Muras

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NEWSLETTER INPUT WANTED FROM WWCH MEMBERS TOO

You DO NOT have to be a Board member to submit an article, an article or informational piece or something you'd like to share with the other members. Have a woodworking tip? Did you learn something fascinating while crafting your project? We welcome all input. Jokes and quotes do have their place.

Send your input to wwch@wwch.org.

Remember! Keep those cards and letters coming. Help keep your NEWSletter NEWSY !!

MAY SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Jeremy Grubb**—Marquetry Bee Table
2. **Brian Honey**—Chest with Drawers
3. **Denis Muras**—Ice Cream Scoop Plaque
4. **Norm Nichols**—Parade Marshal's Baton
5. **Cliff Ober**—Drawer
6. **Mark Sweigert**—Cherry Rocker
7. **Charles Votek**—Intarsia

Jeremy Grubb deftly crafted this table of mahogany and elm burl with poplar legs. His skill of marquetry graces the top with bees...lots of bees.

After Show 'n Tell, members buzzed around Jeremy and the table with questions, comments, and amazement.



Made of western Cedar, the hair and beard are maple burl, and the skin is maple. The sheep is Aspen with a white polymer finish, the deer is cherry and the robe is Peruvian walnut.



Mark Sweigart has a comfortable rocker with curved design elements for that new baby at home. Protected from little leaks with boiled linseed oil and shellac, the cherry wood alone cost over \$200.



Cliff Ober showed off a drawer that he is crafting. We'll soon see what that drawer fits into.

Charles Votek made this intarsia of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, for an auction at his church. Then he had to make another one for his wife!



Bring your projects for Show and Tell.

Bring your neighbor's kids and introduce them to the wonderful world of woodworking. After all, they're out of school now!

Bring your suggestions and input for the newsletter.

Bring cash for the raffle!



Even his shipping crate lined with 1/2" Great Pink foam, generated questions and commentary. The foam compresses and holds the table tight. It's easy to apply...just peel and stick.

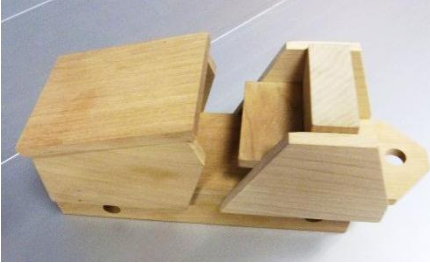
MAY SHOW AND TELL



Norm Nichols turned this parade marshal's baton out of black walnut. Norm carved the horse figures at the ends (a symbol of the organization) individually and inserted them into the center dowel.



Brian Honey crafted this beautiful mahogany spice cabinet with drawers. It has 92 dovetail joints and hand cut birds mouth joints. The door front is of hard tiger maple. The back panel is ship lapped with beading. Lots of decorative dovetailing, too.



Denis Muras made this ice cream scoop plaque for a friend who participates in ice cream socials. It has a "foot" which allows for it to be not only a wall plaque but also a desk set.

Really cool, Denis.

He also described the construction of a tractor from Toymaker Press. The model was being made from cherry and will have the oil/wax finish that the toy group is using. Denis expects to have it completed for the June meeting.



JUNE SPEAKER – SCOTT HOLMES

Scott Holmes returns to WWCH speaking on Finishes and Finishing. Finishing – An Art and a Science

Actually, finishing is a process. You must understand the properties and tendencies of the finish you are using. You must know the steps and the techniques; then you must execute them properly. ...Scott Holmes

Holmes has been woodworking for about 40 of his 51 years and seriously woodworking for the last 25 years. His focus is on finishes and he is a frequent contributor to web blogs where he shares his knowledge and ideas. He says that finishing is a process, a series of steps, unique to the type of finishing you are using. You must use the appropriate process to achieve the desired results. Done correctly, you'll have a finish that you'll want to "show off".

Holmes teases that there are several woodworkers and a few wood butchers in his family.

Bring your questions and problems to the meeting. Scott will be happy to provide solutions.

KUDOS TO MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Bob Wink, dressed as Colonel Sanders, propelled his Fried Chicken art car in May's Art Car Parade. The aroma of that bucket of extra krispy under his arm lingered behind him down the entire route. Wonder if Kentucky Fried realized why they had such an influx of customers that afternoon. See the photo and caption on Bob in the Chronicle, Sunday, May 13 edition, City and State Section, page B4.

Denis Muras was the winner of the first fundraiser raffle. He holds his prize...the "Fly Dragster". Congratulations, Denis.

Raffle item #2 will be available shortly.



Photos of these fabulous pieces are available online at the magazine's websites. I cannot print the photos here.

Norm Nichols has two of his works, a Victorian Fretwork Box and the Swirling Diamond Clock that he had at Show and Tell, featured in Scroll Saw Woodworking and Crafts Magazine. They are Sue Mey designs and she authored the articles.

The photos are lovely, so if you are a subscriber, check out the article.

Jeremy Grubb's orchid marquetry table, winner of the Judges Special Award in the Texas Furniture Makers Show in Kerrville, Texas in December, was featured in the Reader's Gallery in Fine woodworking magazine.

AND STILL MORE OPPORTUNITIES

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Lots of woodworking tools for sale:

It's the mother lode of woodworking equipment!! Gentleman no longer doing woodworking and has a large number of woodworking tools, routers, planers, joiners, clamps in all sizes, chisels, table saw, assorted specialty woodworking equipment. On sale now and through the weekend of June 8-9.

Thank you,
Andrea Jones

Gentleman needs beehives.

I was referred to your site by the folks at Woodcraft as a possible way to locate a hobbyist woodworker to build some custom beehives.

I am not looking to spend a lot of money, but want them built properly and built to last.

I purchased a set of plans that I can provide. I also have photos of my current hives that were constructed from cypress and examples of the bars that I need made.

Any assistance or referral name and contact would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
John A. Carpenter

Denis Muras is a member of the Inca Woodworking Machine site and saw this message. He asked to pass it along to the club:

Closing Down My Hobby Woodworking Shop. Selling all my Inca machines.

10 inch Furniture Makers Table Saw (USA Model 290), Built 1995 as sold by Garrett Wade. Includes 52" runners, router extension table by Woodhaven, Three Forrest Blades, Woodworker II 10'X40, Woodworker II Thin Kerf 40 tooth, Dado Set.

Inca Tennon Jig, Two mitre gages (1- Inca, 1- Woodhaven), throat plates for various setups, homemade crosscut sled.

Inca bandsaw 10 1/2 Euro2, model 290 with steel stand, extension table, Inca mitre gauge, ceramic guide blocks
Purchased new 12/9/94

Inca Joiner/Planer Model 570, 10 1/2 Tera blade system, wood stand/with wheels on frame. New 1994

All the above are in very good condition, I would prefer to sell to one individual if possible. I live near Houston TX and would consider delivering to future buyer, if located within Texas.

Total price for all three \$2000.00 I have loads of other tools but they are not Inca. Lots of pictures are available and will post as soon as I learn how!

Contact me at 713-898-8445,
Russell Simon
"Russell" boatguy2@aol.com beauxdad4u

GOING, GOING, ... ALREADY GONE !

Empty Bowls 2012 at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft was a phenomenal success raising \$66,000 for the Houston Food Bank. That amount will provide 200,000 meals for Houston's hungry. Next year I'll know to get a wooden bowl, I'll have to get in line an hour or so before the doors open. By 11:20 when I arrived, all the wooden bowls were GONE! Hundreds of them. Over 900 people attended the event.

There were several tables of bowls in various media, designs, and uses...but the wooden bowls went first and fast! One table of bowls crafted by high school students from several Houston area schools, offered for a donation to support the schools arts programs, were highly imaginative and creative as well as very well executed. I bought three.

After my wallet was empty, I really appreciated the complimentary bowl of soup and ice cream and watching the craftsmen in the courtyard displaying how the bowls were made.

Congratulations if you purchased a wood bowl and congratulations if you were one of the craftsmen who made and donated those bowls. They were a HIT !!!

Designer Rob Southcott has created a wonderful dresser that will surely keep unorganized clothes in order. Made of reclaimed lumber, this concept is not only an eco-friendly one, but also is unique. Southcott's dresser also serves as an interior design element since it looks like a wooden mosaic and can be assembled together in an abstract form however you like. See more at <http://www.igreenspot.com/dressers-made-of-recycled-woods-by-rob-southcott/>



The MAY 2012 WoodTech News IS NOW AVAILABLE! *"The IWF welcomes the return of WoodTech News - the shows Official Monthly Digital Magazine presenting unique monthly editorial coverage of IWF 2012 - created by Woodshop News Magazine's team. The purpose and design is to help spark conversations on many topics important to the IWF event and create awareness of new products and services that will be presented at the show."*
- Jim Wulfekuhle, Director of Marketing, International Woodworking Fair

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NEXT MEETING

JUNE 9, 2012

9AM TO 11:30AM

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6400 Bissonnet

**June SPEAKER
Scott Holmes**

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Wear your WWCH official shirt or cap to all the upcoming shows and workshops.

Order a shirt or pick up a cap at the meeting.

Your name can be custom embroidered on the shirt!

SHIRTS: \$22.00 CAPS: \$6.00



Guests are always welcome at WWCH

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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!