

Woodworkers Club of Houston

*You know you're a seasoned woodworker
if you're...Never Board * Always Knotty *
And have many growth rings.*

*May my circular saw be sharp
My chisel's finely honed
My screwdrivers tidy in a row
My power tools never loaned.*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's time for the annual Woodworking Show. This year the show is being held March 30, 31, and April 1st at the Merrell Center in Katy, Texas. The hours are: Friday 12 noon to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 6pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. The number of vendors exhibiting will be approximately 30 to 35 displaying all national products. Consult the Woodworkers show's web site (www.the-woodworkingshow.com) for specific names. Here is your chance to get that Christmas present for yourself that Santa didn't bring and learn about new products.

The club will have a booth at the show. To get a free ticket for the three days see Norm Nichols at the club meeting and volunteer to attend the club's booth for two hours. If you would like to exhibit some of your woodworking projects at the club's booth, please contact Norm Nichols.

Come to the show and enjoy camaraderie with club members and other woodworkers. Help promote the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

Hope to see you at the show.

Andy Anderson, President

THE WOODWORKER'S PRAYER

Welcome New Members

Joel Bracewell
Stephen Kirby
Tim Livingston
Fred Samuelsen
Chris Shenkman
Curtis Terry

Oh Lord,

So far today, I've not cut myself or anyone else. I've not coveted my neighbor's tools and I've not damaged any of my own. I've not been tempted to buy one of those fancy laser guided clamps that Norm uses on the New Yankee Workshop. I've not messed up any of my projects, nor had to take thy name in vain.

For this I give thanks.

But Lord...I'm going to get out of bed soon and then I'll need all the help that You can offer.

LAST CALL FOR KATY SHOW DISPLAY ITEMS

Your help is needed to fill the club display tables at the upcoming woodworking show in Katy. Your beautiful, handmade items are needed to display on the tables to show your fellow woodworkers what your club does and the vast spectrum of talent in this club.

You can bring your items to the show or bring them to the club meeting on March 10th. Please make sure the items are very well wrapped in bubble wrap or towels to protect them from damage. Place them in a box with your name on the box. It would be nice if the individual items had your name on them as well. We will take the best of care of your items.

Norm Nichols will collect your well-packed items at the meeting, take them to the show, and get them back to you after the show.

Let's show the people out there the talents we have in our club.

Wear your WWCH shirts and caps. Show off your club!

NEED YOUR REFERRALS

Still looking for some great art fairs, competitions, festivals, craft shows, and anywhere where members can show or sell their works. Let's get the word out.

Send me your suggestions, contact info, or links and I'll get the information into an upcoming newsletter.

Send info to sayjoyce@hotmail.com or to WWCH and Gary will forward.

HELP STAFF THE WWCH BOOTH AT THE KATY WOODWORKING SHOW

Sign up with Norm Nichols!

Leonard E. Merrell Center 6301 South Stadium Ln. Katy, TX
March 30 – April 1st Friday 2-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4
www.the-woodworkingshow.com/styled-37/index.html

News You Can Use

MARCH SPEAKER Patrick Hood-Daniel

Building your own CNC machine

Patrick Hood Daniel builds CNC (Computer Numerically Controlled) machines, and will talk about how our members could build their own and/or how to use purchased ones. CNC machines for the hobbyist typically can do signs, complex cutouts, or even 3-D routing from software depicting the desired object. They are reasonably fast, accurate and repeatable. Advantages of using software is scaling (for example changing font size to fit certain size sign) and complexity that would be difficult to hand cut. Large commercial CNC machines can cut sheet goods into cabinet parts and carve duplicates.

<http://buildyourcnc.com/default.aspx>

Patrick Hood-Daniel, Urban Designer, a cross between an architect and a city planner who designs on a larger scale with public's input, graduated with honors from the University of Miami, is a recipient of the Henry Adams Medal, holds a Graduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley with a Masters of Urban Design.

Prior to that Patrick was a computer programmer for about 10 years working in the field of rotating machinery to determine problems through their vibration with experience in Novell Networks (physical and administrative), and programming for client server applications.

Currently, Patrick shares his time teaching college level technical, mechanical and architectural courses, works part time as the director of Planning, Urban Design and Development for Downtown Houston and runs a website (above) as the means of his sole passion and desire to create a resource for spreading the knowledge of automated fabrication.

Patrick's goals are to continue to nurture the website as a business and branch out in the physical world by creating an open shop and lab for those who want a place to make, invent, discuss, design, brainstorm, research and learn. Patrick is also working on various other projects including software development with back-end relational databases (SQL Server 2008), C#, WPF, and LINQ to SQL coding (newbiehack.com).

You can contact Daniel at phooddaniel@gmail.com

Thank You from FamilyTime

We received this lovely thank you letter from the FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center:

We would like to thank you so much for all the wonderful wooden toys for the children from our Domestic Violence Shelter and our Counseling Center for this Christmas.

My name is Dawn Evans. Mr. Emery and Darlene Followell brought the box of toys to us from your organization with a letter. [...] We were very excited to see the toys. I kept one on my desk and have already had a client ask me if they could order some for her son's birthday in September and how much the cost would be.

FamilyTime is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization that assists families in crisis situations with shelter, free counseling to victims and their families of all types of abuse, legal advocacy and case management. We work off grants and donations from other organizations to keep us afloat. With the economy the way it is times have been slow and your donation brought some joy to the over 200 children we served this year for Christmas.

Anytime your organization would like to schedule a tour of our facilities we would be glad to set that up.

Thank you.

Dawn A. Evans, Legal Advocate
FamilyTime Crisis and Counseling Center



Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 10 — Monthly Meeting

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

Coming March 30, 31, and April 1 – KATY WOODWORKING SHOW, Leonard E. Merrell Center 6301 South Stadium Lane. Katy, TX www.thewoodworkingshows.com

April Speaker—Brian Dumaine, President of Impressions Architectural Millwork, a commercial custom woodwork shop.

May Speaker—Pete Kegg of PDC talking about sheet goods.

June Speaker—Scott Holmes, Finishes and Finishing

Call for Empty Bowls 2012 — Awards on **Saturday, May 26**. Bowl collection will start about May 7. Contact Tom Perry if you have questions or to volunteer or participate: tomperry56@aol.com or arleblanc@yahoo.com

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

Archived WWCH Newsletters Available

Want to see previous newsletters online? Posted newsletters go back to May 2009. <http://wwch.org/Newsletter/index.html>

Research past Show 'n Tells from January 2003. <http://wwch.org/SiteDirectory.htm#MoreShowTell>

THE SEARCH IS ON

The club library is **missing many of its woodworking books and videos**. Some have been checked out for many months. Please look around you home and return them at the next club meeting. Some of the books and videos are no longer available for purchase, therefore when they are lost, the club cannot replace them. That deprives all members the opportunity of expanding their knowledge in those given topics. Please search through your shelves and drawers for those items that need to be returned to WWCH.

Andy Anderson, President

MEMBERS: PLEASE RETURN ANY LIBRARY ITEMS YOU HAVE BORROWED – DVDS, VIDEOS, OR BOOKS.

KATY SHOW NEEDS YOU

CALL FOR DISPLAY ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS

(bears repeating)

The Woodworkers Show in Katy is coming at the end of this month. To show the public the many talents of our club, we need to have a good cross-section of items made by you, the members of this club.

If you cannot bring your items to the show yourself, we can help you. You can bring your items to the March meeting and we will take them to the show for you. We ask that you pack your items very well and put them in a container. Mark the container with your name. Please mark each piece as well. A list of your items inside the container would be helpful also.

With your help, we will be able to rotate items on the table to show visitors the variety of what we are capable of doing.

Norm Nichols will coordinate the pick-up and return of your items.

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

Looking for Assistance

Lady needs two chairs.

If you are interested please contact Susan Cauthen directly:

I have six dining room chairs and need two more to extend my dining room table. The chairs are Thomasville Fisher Park Windsor side chairs and I have already asked two wood craftsmen if they could replicate them and they are too complex for their skill level. If anyone is interested I can send you a picture of the chair. Please email me at susancauthen@gmail.com

IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICES

WWCH Emails

If you have provided WWCH with your email address you should be receiving emails occasionally from WWCH@WWCH.Org. If you haven't been receiving any emails from WWCH, please send an email to WWCH@WWCH.org so we can load your address onto our distribution list.

These emails are announcements of website postings of the Newsletter and monthly Show 'n Tell projects plus club business announcements. Occasionally, requests from someone needing to hire a woodworker for anywhere from "plane a board" to craft a custom piece of furniture are sent out to our online members who see them long before those requests are seen in the Newsletter. The early bird gets the worm !!

Directory

A hard copy of the 2012 Membership Directory will be available to pick up at the March meeting. Hard copies will be available only for members without email. The directory will be emailed in pdf format to those with email.

As in the past, directories will not be mailed out to members.

However, any member may request that their copy be mailed to them via the post office. To help defray costs, please send a SASE, (self-addressed stamped envelope—\$0.85) to the treasurer, Larry Page, 19806 Sable Stone Circle, Katy, TX 77450

Directory Online

The Board has approved the posting of the directory online on our website but the link to the directory will ONLY be available to active members. This will allow us to post changes as they occur rather than waiting for next year's directory.

If you prefer to **not be listed online**, please let a Board member know or email wwch@wwch.org. We can omit any or all of your phone numbers, or your address, or even your name. We can even shorten your name to something as simple as "D.B.Cooper", for example.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DUES TO A MEETING OR MAIL YOUR CHECK

to the treasurer, Larry Page, 19806 Sable Stone Circle, Katy, TX 77450

PICK UP YOUR CLUB NAME BADGES

from Lorraine Lewis at the sign in table at the back of the room.

PICK UP YOUR WWCH MEMBERSHIP CARD to show at Rockler and Woodcraft for discounts on purchases.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION: address, phone numbers and emails



Denis Muras shows another car he made for the toy program, and a chair for a Barbie doll house he is making for his granddaughter.

SPLINTER GROUPS

The Toy Splinter Group

The Toy Group met Wednesday, February 22 with eight people in attendance. We already have finished approximately **1000 toys** and many more are in various stages of completion.

The number of completed toys has been increased by the generous contribution of Bill Cole. Thank you Bill.

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. 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. This month's meeting marks our 6th year as a splinter group.

MARCH TOPIC—Hand planes: Everything You Need to Know Just send an email to me at marksmithb@windstream.net and I'll be glad to give directions and other relevant information.

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group Every 4th Saturday at Woodcraft, Beltway 8 at Belfort



Club member **John Zengota** explains how he makes his jewelry. He showed how to connect the pieces together to make necklaces and earrings.



Eddie Morales holds a piece he is making for a friend. The wood is pine. The friend's name will be cut into the bottom of the piece.



Charles Volek holds a nativity cross that he cut from 1/4" maple and mounted on a 1/2" black walnut backing.



A door sign for a UT grad of poplar painted with latex paints. The words and steer are cut on a 5 degree angle for a 3D effect.



Bill Byrne shows a framed angel cut from a thin piece of poplar with a nice red backer.

This DAR insignia made from purpleheart and yellowheart with a mesquite backer, were designed and cut by **Norm Nichols**. It has a natural or clear stain with a clear finish.



FEBRUARY SPEAKER RECAP



Walter Hansen presented a slide show about the agony and the ecstasy of wooden boat building and it wasn't a whale of a tale or two. There are few squares, in any, unless you are talking about onboard mess or makeshift land lubber river rafts, when building a boat.

Crafting a boat is a challenging use of compound and bevel cuts. Walter explains in his presentation how all this creativeness comes about. In the photos below, Walter holds a model boat that he crafted.

To download a pdf file of his presentation, click on [Wooden Boating Building](#)



It's the stuff dreams are made of. Building your own boat. Sailing the oceans blue. It can be the stuff nightmares are made of too, unless you've done your homework and have a lot of luck! Looks like you'll have sweet dreams, Walt.

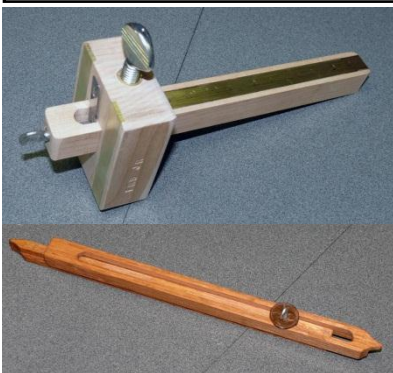
FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Mark Behring**—Valentine Heart
2. **Chuck Graham**—Small Drawer
3. **Briian Honey**—Tall Clock Base
4. **Chuck Meeder**—Jewelry Box
5. **Josh Nichols**—Dining Table
6. **Monte Richard**—Pedestal Table
7. **Bob Roeder**—Stool and Padlock
8. **Fred Sandoval**—Gauge and Measuring Stick
9. **Chris Shenkman**—Privacy Panel
12. **Steve Wavro**— Farmscape Intarsia
13. **Everett Woolem**—Model Sailboat



Steve Wavro displayed a farmscape intarsia. He "paints" these intricate designs with pieces of woods in various colors that are just beautiful. Different mountains – different colors – different woods. The shading of the hills, road, sky are only the inherent graining in the woods.



Bob Roeder showed club members his English sycamore and East Indian Rosewood stool that he crafted—that's sure to elevate Bob's wood-worker status anywhere. Bob's wooden padlock with wood key is a winner too.

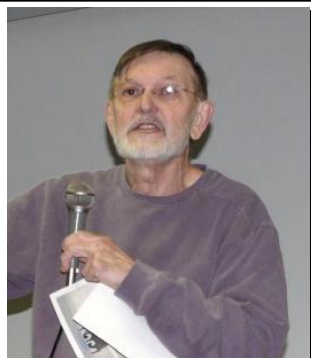


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
MARCH 11

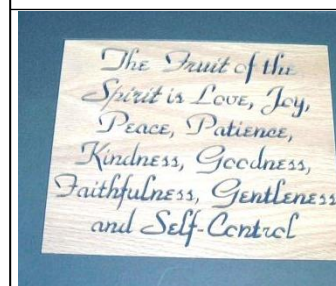
Fred Sandoval not only crafts beautiful violins but makes gauges and measuring sticks as well. Where there's a need, Fred will craft a solution. With these tools Fred can has the problem well in hand.

Members, don't be shy, bring your projects to Show and Tell so we can see your work and be inspired by what you create. Come...show and tell !!

Mark Behring shows off his valentine heart and a plaque of the "Fruit of the Spirit".



Brian Honey is working on this base to a tall clock. It is made of mahogany glued together with hide glue.



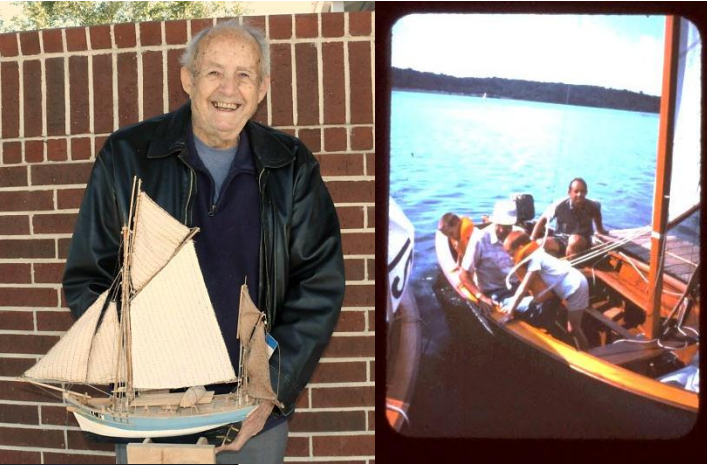
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Josh Nichols presented a slide show on the process of crafting this dining table the he built of red oak. For more views of his beautiful table see the wwch.org website.



Chris Shenkman brought a four panel privacy screen. Parts of the screen that look like wood are really fabric. The actual wood sections are of zebrawood, maple and padouk.

Everett Woolem holds a sailboat that he made many years ago and showed slides of a lake-going sailing boat the he helped build several years ago. Bet the model boat brings back fond memories of wind and water and wonderful days in the sun.



Chuck Meeder presented this finely crafted jewelry box. It is made of walnut and birdseye maple. Shellac and wax finished the piece. Now to properly fill it up!



Chuck Graham fashioned this clever little free-standing single drawer of marble wood, maple and walnut. *Chuck, go see the King Tut exhibit. He had a game box a lot like yours!*



Monte Richard grips the leg of the pedestal table that he crafted from cherry with legs of laminated cherry. His design was inspired by the works of Jeremy Grubb.



SHARE YOUR NEWS AND KUDOS WITH YOUR FELLOW WOODWORKERS. SEND YOUR INFO TO THE NEWSLETTER.

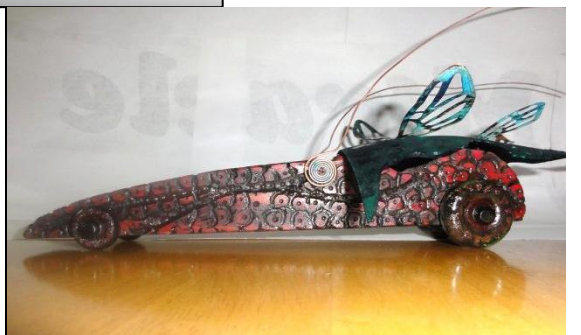
Consider joining a splinter group. The Toy Group can use your help to make all those Christmas Toys.

REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE WOODWORKING SHOW IN KATY MARCH 30, 31, AND APRIL 1 -- VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN

The Artistic Touch



This is one of the WWCH race cars that we took to the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft for the Saturday workshop. Paula Hammon, Artist in Residence, decorated it for us to use as a fund raiser. The car is beautiful as are the photos taken by Norm Nichols.



HANDS ON HOUSTON RECAP

Handmade Wooden Toys Led by the Woodworkers Club of Houston

Saturday, March 3, WWCH members manned the activity tables for the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft's Hands-On Houston, a free, craft-activity open house on the first Saturday of every month. What a day!

Many children decided they "wood" like to assemble and decorate their very own handmade wooden toy car. Well, WWCH gave them a chance to do just that! The members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston brought prepared blanks: car patterns traced on wood, cut out with a band saw, holes drilled for the windows and wheel axels, routed and sanded on a belt sander, all ready for the finishing touches. Whew, it is a lot of work for each car! They made 150 toy cars for Hands-On Houston.



Now here's where the kids came in. Guided by WWCH members **David Garcia, Denis Muras, Bob Wink, John Gay, Chuck Meeder, Norm Nichols, and Andy Anderson** even the littlest of artists hammered to their hearts content, used a jig to hold a car in place, attached the wheels to the car, and decorated it using race-car decals and colored sharpies. Children ages 3 to 13 became woodworkers and Picasos for the day. All the toys and materials were graciously donated by the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

You can see the total absorption in the project and the pride in the faces of the children and parents too. WWCH members enjoyed it too!

Projects like this give a new meaning to "You're in good hands..." These children had not only a toy to take home, but also an experience they will remember long after their car is handed down to a sibling or takes it place on a mantel to bring back memories for a lifetime.



**Good work,
everybody!**

**You've
enriched
lives again.**



Join the Toy Splinter Group and help make cars on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. See page 5.

UPCOMING CLASSES IN WOODWORKING

If you care enough to seek out the very best, then **Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts (Gatlinburg, TN)** is taking registrations for the 2012 workshop season. Weekend, one-week and two-week workshops are available in wood, metals, enamels, jewelry, fiber, textiles, baskets, paper, books, glass, drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, clay, stone, mixed media and special topics beginning March 22. Most workshops are designed for all ability levels. Educational assistance and scholarships are available. Studio assistant and work-study application deadline is March 1. Select scholarship application deadline is March 1 (some scholarships are on an open cycle). Visit Arrowmont's website for more information and to view the 2012 workshop catalog. www.arrowmont.org. Featured instructors in Arrowmont's state-of-the-art wood studio for the 2012 workshop season include:

Woodturning

Dixie Biggs
Trent Bosch
Marilyn Campbell
Nick Cook

Barbara Dill
Sharon Doughtie
David Ellsworth
Jean-Francois Escoulen

Douglas Fisher
Mark Gardner
Beth Ireland & Kim Winkle
John Jordan & Jerry Kermod

Ray Key
Alan & Mary Lacer
Michael Lee
Art Liestman

Joe Ruminski
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Woodworking

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Doug Sigler & Terry Hunt

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Joshua Almond

David Caldwell

Tim Maddox

Furniture

Steve Butler

Dana Hatheway

Katie Hudnall

Brent Skidmore

Steve Tengelsen

ANOTHER TAKE ON ART CARS – ART BICYCLES – IN WOOD



This fully functional bicycle by a Dutch designer is made almost entirely of wood—notice the one solid wood spoke. Read all the details at this website: <http://www.treehugger.com/bikes/handmade-dutch-bike-is-all-wooden-down-to-the-spokes.html>

This **Polish Sculptor** creates bicycles made completely of wood, even the chain links are wood. And he rides a bicycle to work every day. Guess high gasoline prices don't bother him a bit. Most of his art pieces are in museums. But where there's wood and a will ... who knows? See the complete article at <http://www.dogonews.com/2011/5/4/polish-sculptor-carves-functional-bicycles-from-wood>



And from a **designer in Germany**, a bicycle built for two. <http://www.treehugger.com/bikes/timber-tandem-the-baum-bike.html> What a way to site see.



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782 Maler Rd.
Sealy, TX 77474

NEXT MEETING

MARCH 10, 2012

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

MARCH SPEAKER

Patrick Hood-Daniel

Building your own CNC machine

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**DAYLIGHT
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**SUNDAY
MARCH 11**

SHIRTS! CAPS!

Get yours today!

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

See Bill Cole to order a shirt, or pick up a cap at the meeting.

Want your name custom embroidered on the shirt? Bill will take the order.

SHIRTS: \$22.00 CAPS: \$6.00



Guests are always welcome at WWCH

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