

Woodworkers Club of Houston

I love the aroma of wood! It makes me dizzy. I guess that's why my wife calls me blockhead!

....Anonymous

Trees are phenomenal things. They provide homes for animals, birds, people, bugs, fungi, and wayward kites!

....Anonymous

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Maybe spring time is finally here. I've been looking forward to temperatures a little bit warmer. Warm enough to spend considerable time in my garage shop without an additional heat source but no AC. And warm enough that I don't have to share the shop with our outdoor potted plants. They put out too much oxygen and increase the fire hazard.

Spring is also the time of year our club has a few activities and begins planning. We've started with the Hands-On Houston Day at the Houston Center for Contemporary Arts which is followed on April 26 by the Gathering of the Guilds for one of the annual Museum Days. This activity will be coordinated by John Gay and David Garcia. We have started planning some field trips for the April – June time frame and three members have volunteered to host the annual shop crawl in the Sealy/Bellville area in the fall. If you have some field trip ideas, please let a board member know.

It is unfortunate that the Woodworkers Show in Katy was cancelled. This event brought so many woodworkers and vendors together to explore new products and learn from the variety of demonstrations. WWCH always had new members join the club after having visited the table where we showed off some of our projects and talked to our members. New members always bring in fresh ideas and new interests.

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Our 2014 monthly programs are off to a great start, and I'm sure our program coordinator, VP Ron Kuenning, will keep them coming.

Chuck Meeder, President

NEW MEMBERS

**Ron Chadick
Peter Doe
Stephen Hawes
Frank Griffin
John LaStrapes
Clarence Mallett**

Welcome to WWCH!

Please sign in at each meeting at the back of the room, pick up your badges, your discount ID, and a 2014 Membership Directory. Bring your projects to meetings for show and tell, and join our groups!

MARCH SPEAKER — DR. DAVE MUELLER

Dr. Dave Mueller of Bryan, TX will speak on Spalted Wood. He is a wood turner in several groups. Members, bring your turned pieces to the March meeting to show him we don't all work with "plank" wood. See more at <http://www.aggieturner.com>

IN MEMORIAM



Weston Maynard, 69, passed away February 15, 2014. He was born in Marfa, Texas, on October 10, 1944. He graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1963, after which he joined the United States Air Force. He subsequently attended school at the University of Houston attaining his degree in Business Administration. Wes' passion was the Spring Branch/Memorial Alumni Foundation of which

he was the President. He enjoyed woodworking, had a woodworking shop in his garage, and was a member of the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

Wes is survived by his wife of 39 years, Anna Rosenberg Maynard, several children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with his family, especially all of his grandchildren.

Wes organized the WWCH shop crawl in 2013.

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. Throughout the year, the group makes thousands of toy cars for donation to needy kids around Houston/Galveston.

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. Many kids were able to smile at Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the group's efforts. During 2014 donations will be made upon request, not just at Christmas. We will bring out even more smiles this coming year with your help, so come have some fun in the toy shop.

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet Saturday, March 22, at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8. The meeting runs from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. We had a request to talk about bevel cutting. Live demonstrations on the techniques. Watch how bevel cutting can change your cutting style and add more features.

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. Contact Norm Nichols for more information.

The CNC Router Group meeting will be held at Patrick Hold-Daniel's house, 20734 Settler's Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Date to be announced or call Mike Turner. 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 for people who are cutting and milling their own lumber or those interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. If you are interested, contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net for next meeting date and time.

WWCH AT HCCC FREE MUSEUM DAYS

WWCH will be demonstrating our talents at the Gathering of the Guilds at the Houston Center of Contemporary Craft April 26, 2014 10:00am to 3:30pm

David Garcia and John Gay need volunteers to help man the tables and welcome the visitors to WWCH and attract new members.

Please bring an early work and a recent work to display so visitors can see the progress and learn that "you have to start somewhere" and it's okay!

It's fun to meet other crafts clubs (or guilds) in Houston. There is a ton of talent in this city. After a stint at the table, grab the shuttle bus and go see other museums that are open and free...inspiring!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8 — Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dr. Dave Mueller of Bryan, TX on Spalted Wood.

~~**March 28 — Woodworking Show in Katy, TX CANCELLED**~~

April 12—Monthly Meeting Speaker: Ryan Lane, Old Hat Wood Co.

April 29 — Museum Days at HCCC

May — WWCH Shop Crawl TBA

May 17 — Empty Bowls Houston

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 or sandovalrederick96@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

See Patti Page at the Treasurers table to pick up your 2014 Membership Directory. Limit one per member, so sign off on the list when you pick your's up. If any contact information is not correct let her know asap!

SIGN UP FOR THE SHOP CRAWL

Show off your home shops! List your shops with the Shop Crawl whether small ones or huge! We'll find something of interest to try as members tour the shops. The date will be announced once the participants are committed.

WATCH FOR DATE AND TIME

Sometime in June-July the Scrollsaw Splinter Group may be helping kids at the Monarch School make wooden butterflies for their annual fundraiser. If you would like to help, contact Norm Nichols.

WOODWORKING SHOW CANCELLED

We just received word that the Woodworkers Show scheduled for March 28th at the Merrell Center in Katy HAS BEEN CANCELLED. I confirmed with the Merrell Center and they are aware of the cancellation.

WOODWORKER OF THE YEAR 2013

JOHN GAY received this award for his continual participation in the Show and Tells, his civic volunteerism and dedication to creating all those dog houses for Barcitecture where all the proceeds go to the Citizens for Animal Protection and PUP Squad.

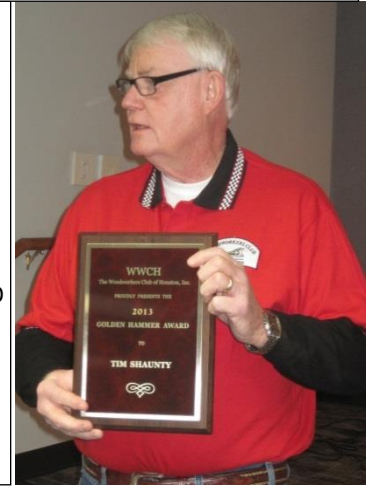
THE GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD 2013

TIM SHAUNTY was presented the Golden Hammer Award chosen by the Board of Directors in recognition of his individual service to the club in fundraising, organizing the Texas Woodworkers Show, and running the WWCH caps/shirts table.

Thank You

As the 2013 recipient of the "Golden Hammer" award, I wanted to send a note of appreciation to everyone involved in the selection process. It was only after I got home and was sharing my pride of accomplishment with my wife that I looked up past recipients and realized just how significant this award is. I am fortunate to have been able to "find" the Woodworkers Club of Houston, or more correctly been directed to it by then President Andy Anderson, and to meet the many outstanding woodworkers who do so much, both for woodworking and for our community. Again, I want to express my gratitude to all involved in the process of selection for this award and I pledge to continue to support the Club and its efforts.

Tim Shaunty



SPEAKER RECAP: SCOTT HOLMES – FINISHES AND FINISHING



Scott Holmes, a master of tips and tricks on finishing, brought a satchel full of tools and tidbits that he uses to make those impossible finishes possible. And yes there are measurements such as a dash, a drop, a smidgen, a pinch, and a tad—he brought the evidence—an actual set of measuring spoons so calibrated! Chuck Meeder said in his President's Message, that Scott's presentation and discussion about finishing (particularly water borne) at the February meeting was interesting and very informative. Many of us have set ways we finish projects because we've found a few methods and materials that work for us well enough. Yet we know there are many others available that can produce excellent results if we only knew how to use them and had the confidence to do so; dyes, stains, glazes, water born finishes, lacquers, shellac, and so on. If you're like me, it's too risky to try a new finish on a project we've spent many hours and days on making.

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SPEAKER COMING IN APRIL 2014

Ryan Lane, Owner of the Old Hat Wood Company in Conroe, will speak on the process of taking down trees and turning them to usable lumber, and he'll bring some of the unusual woods he finds in Houston's wooded areas. See more at www.oldhatwoodco.com.



FAVORITE TOOL



Tim Shaunty favorite tool is this jig he fashioned from four pieces of plywood with a few safety features. He can mount it on a chop saw or miter gauge.

A COUPLE OF "STUMPERS"



Ron Keunung knows this one is Osage Orange, it's been laying around outside since the 1940s. The wood changes color from red to yellow to a deep brown in minutes, and it's a very hard wood.

The other one is still unidentified. It's thorny, short-lived, but beautiful.

FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. Lee Knekow – Scrollsawed Cross
2. Chuck Lickwar — Prophetic Words
3. Josh Nichols — Bookshelf and Box
4. Larry Wenner -- Table top Mirror
5. Bob Wink — Bob Wink.— Floor Lamp and*Wink Whammies!*

Chuck Lickwar offers those prophetic words all woodworkers eventually learn. His cedar sign will be a reminder will surely help avoid a future disaster!



Charles Volek created this Intarsia owl with naturally colored woods: pear, Ebony, Lacewood, walnut, sycamore and maple.
Beautiful bird, Charles!

Larry Wenner made this mirrored top with shelves to match a table he made earlier. It's walnut with a curly maple veneer.



MEMBERS, PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AT THE TREASURERS TABLE.

Josh Nichols crafted this collapsible bookcase, a classic design, from quarter sawn oak, dyed and finished with shellac and glaze. The 11 Groove Box is made of pear wood with a lighter bottom.

Bob Wink created this day-of-the-dead floor lamp from Wink wood and other scavenged components of various bygone eras. It was destined as another Wink Whammy, but Jeremy Grubb dodged the bullet...this time!



Members, bring your projects to Show and Tell. Let us see what you're doing, and what you've accomplished.

Bring a friend, or anyone with an interest in woodworking to a meeting.

Let us know when you've discovered a great crafts fair where members can display their work.



WINK'S WATCHING YOU!

WINK WHAMMIES — NO ONE WAS SAFE ESPECIALLY IF YOU WERE WEARING A RED SHIRT!



Since John Gay does so much in support of the pet organizations in Houston, making dog houses, etc. Bob felt John should have his own Fire Hydrant and “pick-up glove” so he can be prepared for any emergency. Now, that’s a relief!! Tim Shaunty has been a BIG supporter of the WWCH, and as such he deserved a REALLY BIG Golden Hammer award, so Bob presented the aptly-sized tools recognizing Tim’s really big efforts on behalf of WWCH. Don’t know how those tools will do making pie boxes. I hear they’re already mounted on Tim’s wall along with a framed photo of the presentation!

KUDOS TO KLINGSPOR FOR THEIR CORPORATE SUPPORT



Klingspor, a national manufacturer and supplier of sand paper and other sanding materials has made a significant contribution to the Toy Making Splinter Group. Almost all woodworkers dread the task of sanding whatever they have made. It’s no different with the Toy Splinter Group.

Initially, it was much of the problem with my shop and sanding room. That is exactly what it was – a room for sanding. Since I have 5 sanding stations, and I didn’t have any dust collection or ventilation, no one wanted to go in and do the necessary sanding. Much has been improved.

The Club assisted in the purchase of hoses and gates that we hooked up to my large dust collector, added a remote operated ventilation system, and I added an external exhaust fan. The difference is amazing and we now are able to keep up with the production of cars by getting the necessary sanding done.

With these improvements, all that was left was to acquire appropriate sandpaper for all of our stations. That is where Klingspor came in. After visiting with their local representative and following up with corporate, I have just been informed that they are providing a wide variety of belts and discs to allow us to begin the 2014 Toy drive with all new supplies. A “**BIG**” thank you goes out to Klingspor. Remember them when you need to replace your sanding supplies. www.klingspor.com

Tim Shaunty

Members, this time of year the club needs volunteers to help out at the many woodworking splinter groups, woodworking shows, craft shows, shop crawls, and all the events where we can showcase the Woodworkers Club of Houston. Our pride in our organization will attract new members and keep our club growing and learning.

Whether you can donate items you’ve made, donate your time manning a table, or just talk up the club wherever you can, your voice and your commitment are the lifeblood and glue that make the club the wonderful resource it is.

All members are an integral part of the club. You have talents and knowledge only you can share. We appreciate each and every member and are as proud of your accomplishments as you are.

Share your KUDOS with us. It inspires us to do as well as you did.

BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON.



The Annual Spring Arts Market in Friendswood is calling for crafters.
<http://www.springartsmarket.com/>

CALL FOR EMPTY BOWLS BENEFITTING THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014
AT THE HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

Bowls may be dropped off beginning the first week of May at 10am at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (Tuesday through Sunday), or the Ceramic Store, 1002 W. 11th Street (Monday through Saturday). Keep up with news and events at www.emptybowlishouston.org and on Facebook at Empty Bowls Houston or Twitter at @EmptyBowlsHOU.

The Empty Bowls Houston Steering Committee invites all artists—ceramists, woodturners and woodworkers, hot and warm and cold glass artists, fiber artists, mosaicists, polymer clay artists, metalsmiths, painters and sculptors—to help celebrate the event's 10th anniversary by creating and donating handmade bowls for Empty Bowls Houston 2014.

TOP SIX WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER WOODWORKER

Glen Huey, Managing Editor of Popular Woodworking Magazine offers these six ways to elevate your woodworking. Presented in reverse order. This is an excerpted version of the full article you'll find online.

6. Don't point out your mistakes. Learn from them, but don't mention them to viewers.
5. Use the best tool for the job. Know when to use a hand tool or a power tool, you'll produce more.
4. Have an attitude! Believe it will work and it usually does. That's self-confidence.
3. Practice makes perfect. Practice isn't perfect, but you learn as you practice. Then practice being perfect.
2. Know how to fix your mistakes. The only difference between a woodworker and a good woodworker is that a good woodworker knows how to fix the mistakes. Everyone makes them. The key is to know how to fix them, and you learn that below...
1. Read *Popular Woodworking Magazine*. Read every article! With each article the light bulb will go on in your head and you'll want to read more, learn more, do more. Read everything.

If you don't already have a subscription to Popular Woodworking Magazine, get one, it will make you a better woodworker.

<http://www.popularwoodworking.com>

THE CLUB STILL HAS OPENINGS FOR A TREASURER FOR 2014. ALSO NEEDED ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO WILL STEP UP TO CONDUCT THE RAFFLE AT THE MEETINGS ON ODD MONTHS. Tell a board member.

A SITE TO SEE:

Ron Kuenning, VP, thought you might find this article about turning salvaged logs into lumber interesting. Check it out. <http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/Ezine/Articles/Far-West-Turning-Salvaged-Logs-into-Lumber-Treasur-10104.aspx>

Excerpt from the Woodworkers Journal: "And of course, the Evanses will never forget the three giant Sequoia redwoods that came their way in 2011 and required that massive 9-ft. chainsaw and an enormous Wood-Mizer bandsaw machine to process them. The trees were estimated to be between 2,000 and 3,000 years old and were lost to natural causes on the side of a mountain. The first log they extracted was more than 16 ft. in diameter, with 18-in.-thick bark on one side. Jennifer says that even three years later, there are still two more 16- and 20-ft. logs yet to be milled from those trees. To date, Far West has turned the three windfall trees into 100,000 board feet of lumber, and counting. Jennifer has documented the event in exciting detail. You can read the full story, as originally published in the Spring/Summer 2013 "The Wood-Mizer Way" magazine."

See Mike Turner's tool sale on Craig's List.

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Sealy, TX 77474

NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2014

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

Speaker:

Dr. David Mueller
SPALTED WOOD

Dues payments may be mailed directly to
Larry Page at 19806 Sable Stone Circle
Katy, TX 77450

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Show off your membership in WWCH!*

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SEE TIM SHAUNTY TO ORDER YOUR CLUB APPAREL!

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 \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*