

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Hey, it's about time to plan some field trips! Give your suggestions to someone on the board, and let's get going!!

...Ever been to Shangri La?

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The WWCH annual picnic was a huge success. Thank you Denis, Andy, Patti, and Larry for your efforts and contributions, and all those members that brought desserts, raffle items, toys, and Show and Tell items. And of course, thanks to all the club members and spouses, or guests that attended and made this such an enjoyable event. The brief rain showers tried to spoil the fun, but our spirits weren't dampened in the least.

The Woodworking Show was held October 24 - 26 in Conroe at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd. Getting there and back was quite a highway trek, but I enjoyed seeing some of our club members and a few good seminars on router bits and jigs, and the band saw clinic.

Another annual WWCH activity is coming up November 8, the same day as our club meeting; the craft show at the First United Methodist Church-Missouri City. This club fundraiser is coordinated by Norm Nichols. Your donated small wood products will be sold at the fair to help finance the club. Contact Norm for more info and to get the sale items to him.

It's that time of year for the Nominating Committee (John Gay, Roslyn Hager, and Norm Nichols) to put together the slate of officers and board members for the **December election of the 2015 board.** Please help keep our club going and improving by volunteering to serve on the board or to support club events and activities including toy making, working with children at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts, organizing the picnic, finding presenters for club meeting programs, or developing some new programs or events. Anything you can do to make WWCH interesting, fun, and productive is appreciated by all the members.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

Chuck Meeder, President

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to WWCH!

Richard L. Rosen

Lynn Cummings

Pick up your Membership Directory, and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

SOMETHING TO HUG

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Thank you, ...*from the kids.*

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Allen Scroggins

Allen Scroggins from Rockler will be the speaker for November. He will bring some new items that are arriving daily at Rockler to discuss and tempt you to make out those Christmas Gift Lists! Can't tell you now what he'll bring, things are changing as we speak. It'll always be a good show when there's a new tool out there.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

This December WWCH's meeting will feature a video of the water powered saw mill in New England. You recall we saw the first half of it a year or so ago when **Ben Thresher** built a water trough in the mill. This last half will show how he built a log sled to transport logs over snow to the mill. The video is compliments of Dennis Muras and Andy Anderson.

TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee of John Gay, Roslyn Hager, and Norm Nichols are actively soliciting interested members for the following 2015 Board of Directors positions:

President Secretary Treasurer Publications Director
Vice President (Programs) Director 1 Director 2

GET INVOLVED WITH THE RUNNING OF YOUR CLUB. IT IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT.

SPLINTER GROUPS

Hand Tool Splinter Group will not meet on November 27th.

The meeting will be one week later on Thursday, **December 4th**. Members should be alert for email updates to the meeting date.

See you at 7pm--9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark at marksmithb@windstream.net for directions or details.

The Sawmill Splinter Group is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are 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.

The CNC Router Group meeting is Thursday, November 13, at 7:00pm at Patrick's house at 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. We will continue with CNC router joinery and inlay production. For more information, contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group started its quarterly meetings this September. We had a great discussion on the different methods of developing patterns. Our next meeting will be **Jan 24, 2015**. The topic of discussion is yet to be determined. Stay tuned to this publication for more details.

The Toy Group With the Holiday season upon us, the toy making group is wrapping up the 2014 year. We will have our last "construction" day on Wednesday morning, Nov. 12th when we will finish up everything that is in progress. We plan to box up and distribute the toys early December (date to be determined). Everyone is invited to these last 2 meetings to help us get the toys to those who need them. As always, we welcome suggestions as to potential recipients of the toys. Provide any names/contact information to Andy Anderson.

We will have a final accounting of the efforts upon completion of the year but "rough" numbers indicate that over 1,400 volunteer hours created over 3,000 toys. What a great way for us to enjoy our love of woodworking while bringing smiles to many faces we will never see.

I hope to see many of you at the Nov. 12th session and then help us with the distribution in early December. Contact either Andy Anderson at 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713-503-2284 for additional information

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8 — Allen Scroggins, What's new at Rockler

November 8 — Craft Show (WWCH Fundraiser) in Missouri City

November 22 & 23 — Christmas Arts Markets

November Shop Crawl Canceled

December Meeting — Election of Officers for 2015

December 13 & 14 — Bayou Vista School Winter Faire

SPEAKER IDEAS? SEE RON KUENNING

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.

VIDEO LIBRARY DEFINITELY NEEDS YOU

We still need a member to take on the maintenance of the WWCH Video Library. You get to see the videos any time you like. It's a perk of having them right at your fingertips. Please see any member of the board if you can lend a hand.

FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY

THIS SATURDAY IS THE CRAFT SHOW AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2014

Your club will again participate in the craft show at First United Methodist Church in Missouri City. **We need lots of items for the sale tables.** The more we have to sell, the more money we make to support WWCH! Small items are just perfect for a show like this: toys, ornaments, crosses, candle sticks, pens, and just whatever you have. **What can you donate to help your club?** That piece that's been sitting on the shelf, so unappreciated, would make someone else's day so special, and a child so happy!

Please contact Norm Nichols to make arrangements for pick up, since the show is THIS SATURDAY!! Any items that do not sell will be returned to you after the show, so make sure that your name is on each item. If you can help staff the tables...great!

Your donations have allowed the club to make about \$400 a year the last two years. We could do this again if YOU help us fill up those sale tables. Now is the time to clear out your spaces to make room for next year's projects!

IN MEMORIAM – WWCH FOUNDING FATHER



Bruce Carter DeHart, 79, of Wimberley, TX peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 26, during a brief stay at CTMC in San Marcos, TX.. He was born January 18, 1935 in Columbus, KS.

A 1953 graduate of Central Missouri University in Warrensburg, MO. He was a career insurance agent and after retirement became involved with Habitat for Humanity. He also enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, **woodworking**, watching football, playing Texas Hold 'em, camping, and canoeing. He influenced many lives and those who knew him well, along with others whom he had just met, would describe him as devoted, selfless, humble, a kind soul, generous, very methodical, possessing a great sense of humor, encouraging and just an all around good guy.

DeHart was a founding member of WWCH and a contributing member till he moved to Wimberley.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 11:00 am at Wimberley United Methodist Church. A catered BBQ lunch will be provided after the service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1205, Wimberley, TX 78676.

PIE BOX UPDATE

One of the efforts to support the Club has been the construction of pie boxes for 3Brothers Bakery. The club receives a contribution from the bakery for each box built and we have been able to provide over \$1,000 thru this effort.

3 Brothers Bakery has been very supportive and we have quite a few more boxes to build. Anyone interested in getting involved with this program should contact Tim Shaunty, 713-503-2284 for details about the time and date for work. We have about 200 additional boxes to build and welcome your help, either at Tim's workshop or by taking the components and a jig to your shop.

While this is a simple process, the numbers get large and your help will be greatly appreciated

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Christmas Arts Market

November 22nd & 23rd -- Stevenson Park in Friendswood
The event is during that special time of year when people are on the hunt for special gifts for their family and friends.

We are so excited to offer you an opportunity to showcase and sell your work during this time.

Vendors and guests alike will have a first-rate time.

Art Dwellers' Art Markets keep getting better and better.

See www.artdwellers.com to register or if you have questions.

Diane Fifer Owner/Artist

Hope we can help you make someone's Holiday very special!

KUDOS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Congratulations to Chuck Lickwar for making over 300 toy cars this month. This should encourage all of you to make a commitment for 2015, and Chuck isn't even retired!!

Consider this an added encouragement and motivation, the Toy Group will award a **TOY OF THE MONTH** pattern. Details to follow.

FREE OLD CEDAR FENCING

Bessie Ford has old cedar fencing and cedar siding from her house, free for the taking. Just north of Bear Creek Park off Hwy 6. Call her at 281-858-8235.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: THE TOY GROUP, RECIPIENT OF A CASUAL DAY EVENT



Andy Anderson announced a special presentation to WWCH. Joe Rice and Larry Page, in conjunction with Naked Line Marketing's "Casual for a Cause", where employees could wear jeans to work only if they donated \$2.00 to the "cause". The WWCH Toy Group was named recipient for the funds, totaling \$933.00!

Thank you so very much. That's so much more fun than matching corporate donations!!

FAVORITE TOOLS

Fred Sandoval acknowledged everyone's truly favorite tool: Great Stuff!! Then, he showed his new tool, a hand router plane out of Wink wood and an Allen wrench, great for turning tenons. He showed a set of old steel wrenches he ground to very specific sizes. Current retail per wrench is \$135. Fred's remake of old wrenches: \$1.20 from garage sales!

They are so sharp he says he could shave with them!



VENDOR TABLES FOR TOY MAKERS

BAYOU VILLAGE SCHOOL'S 3rd ANNUAL WINTER FAIRE December 13th, 3pm-7pm

This year's theme is *Illumination*. Crafts, live music, King Winter, twinkling lights, luminarias, the Crystal Cookie Cave, community, home baked goods and so much more with make this a truly memorable event to welcome winter.

We are looking for vendors who make wood toys to sell.

Would you be interested in joining us? Ours is a Waldorf school and we are big on wooden toys. The cost for a vendor table is 40 dollars and I can assure you that you will recoup your investment right away.

Bayou Village School, 3701 Hardy Street, Houston, TX

See the website for our school: www.bayouvillageschool.org/
or contact Elena Magallanes at ejmagallanes@hotmail.com for more information.



OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **John Gay** — Desk and Puzzles
2. **Bill Hoffmeister** — Toy Trucks
3. **Ron Kuenning** — Candle Holders
4. **Chuck Meeder** — Dracula's Hearse
5. **Fred Sandoval** — Favorite Tool
6. **Tim Shaunty** — Toy Cars
7. **Bob Wink** — Art Car Trophies



Bill Hoffmeister has a stash of trucks he keeps at Grandpa's house so the kids have something to play with. And the kids love them. The transport truck has a removable top so little things can be stored or transported. The ladder raises and lowers and the hose reel turns on the fire truck, and the winch on the tow truck works too. All have steel axels!

He had to add fenders on one of the trucks. Says you're good if you can fix your own screw ups!

John Gay made good use of his wood scrap pile, and the neighbors', made this very useful desk, complete with cork backing for pinned notes, and drawers, and a writing top and shelves. He even attached wheels to the back two legs. Just tilt it and take it wherever it's handiest. He heard that you can't bend pine, but he already had, by throwing it in the pool for two weeks to soften it, and then he secured it with Gorilla Glue.

His bag of scraps provided a bunch of squares for use as puzzle pieces with grains going two ways to attach puzzles to two sides. And they sit inside a frame to keep them together. Said the scariest part was showing the puzzles to a roomful of giggling kindergarteners.

The woods are maple, walnut and cherry.

What a wonderful grandpa to have who can make these fabulous toys.

Ron Kuenning used black walnut saved for 35 years from Nebraska for these decorative candle holders. The design was an inspiration after seeing the template that he used for some vases laying on the table and showed at last month's Show and Tell. The curves were just perfect to embellish his candle holders.



Chuck Meeder created this "Dracula Hearse" for his wife. Oh, she's very into Halloween and wanted something especially decorative. With the bats, scull wheels, removable coffins, with Frankenstein and Dracula

are drivers, she really has a spectacular conversation piece. This 139 piece pattern from ToyMakingPlans.com had a few conflicting instructions, so Chuck cautions to read all plans before you start cutting.

He used curly maple, walnut, mahogany and mesquite and used Nexabond 2500 Wood Adhesive. Sets in 1 to 2 minutes.



WORDS OF CAUTION

Bill Harris cautioned to watch out for "kick back". Working on a 4" block, it became slightly twisted as it was exiting the blade. The being cut, "kicked back" and struck Bill in the face, ricocheted off his chin, hit the garage door above, and then zoomed past Ron Kuenning's head who was standing in front of the saw. The accident landed Bill in the emergency room!

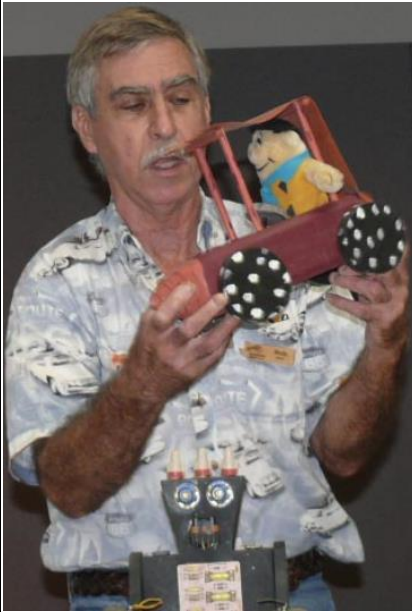
Tim Shaunty drew his own patterns for these cars, freehand. After checking out the pictures of those fabulously designed cars from the 40s and 50s, he drew them out and tweaked them till they worked. Then cut out the 20 or so parts from scraps of spruce and ash with a band saw, and he has a great looking collection! Now go do a '54 Thunderbird!

OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL

Bob Wink with his usual whimsical and imaginative projects. They are awards given to the winners of the Art Car Parade. The Day of the Dead skate board, the art truck with a bevy of strange riders in tow (reminded him of WWCH members on their way to the Atlanta Woodworking show! Who wouldn't love a "shark car", or a hot dogger, hot rod!

Question came up about the origin of the phrase "Balls to the Wall". Our retired pilots knew it in an instant! Push the throttle all the way to the wall! Then there's the Flintstone car miniature of the car Bob drove in the Art Car Parade.

There's a mini Robot and a dog made out of a lot of scavenged things. It's a Bob Wink masterpiece, after all!



SALVAGED FROM IKE

This tree was felled by the hurricane and made into a lovely table at the Klebb Woods park. They have a lot of interesting things up there. Worth a field trip!

TOO LOVELY TO USE

This cutting board was on a chair at the October meeting. Too pretty to use! Maybe put on a glass top to protect it or just hang it on the wall as art!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST CANCELED TILL NEXT YEAR ...GET A HEAD START NOW

SHOP CRAWL POSTPONED TILL SPRING



The world is a wonderful place. There are so many wonderful people in it doing wonderful things.

We are blessed to either be one of those people or to be a person who is able to appreciate what those people do. Explore your world, it's marvelous.

NECESSITY IS...

Found on the Web

Now this rocket "rocker" will certainly get a kid into orbit. The design is from Steve's Wooden Toys, Auckland New Zealand. This could inspire a whole neighborhood of would-be astronauts!



After spilling drink after drink on the tour buses, the narrator had had enough! He grabbed "an old piece of wood" from the stack out back, and made himself a cup holder that rides on the knee-rail. Then I told him to sand it down and see what happens. Can't wait to hear of his reaction when he uncovered that beautiful cedar underneath!

LARGEST MODEL TRAIN IN THE WORLD – AND GROWING

This is a wonderful magical film clip for EVERYONE! Small children will love it and adults will be amazed at the ingenuity of these brothers in Hamburg, Germany! They started out 10 years ago making their model trains, and after over 500,000 hours of work they have 900 trains and 12,000 wagons, countless other every-day vehicles all travelling through miniature cities and landscapes of 8 different countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, America, etc.), ships and ports, and mountainous settings as well as underground. Their newest addition is a fully functioning airport with 40 planes which took 6 years to implement. There will be no end to the around-the-world additions. Coming by 2020 are replicas of France, England, Italy, and Africa. With a staff of 260 working on the sets and more technical experts working on the computerization to keep all the cars, boats, fire trucks, trains, and people moving like in real life, it's really spectacular. They are out to re-create the world in miniature.

These two brothers' wonderful model railway is seen by over a million people. This video is an update for their German Wonderland and a small peek at their enormous accomplishment.

There have been little clips about this place for the past few years. It was started by two brothers as a place to show their hobby, it started growing by leaps and bounds. Soon they were joined by other 'Model Railroad Clubs' and other craftsmen. Some were electricians, model makers, carpenters, and computer programmers. Their wives would stop by to see what they were doing and usually bring them lunch.

One thing led to another. Three of the ladies had worked at a bakery, so when several visitors asked if they had a snack bar, the idea was planted. Some of the carpenters came and built a nice restaurant area for the bakery and a kitchen too. If the aromas from the fresh coffee didn't get to you then the bakery definitely would.

This was about 5 years ago. One of the breweries came and furnished all of the tables and chairs, serving counter and, etc.

After 10 years of building, over a million people have visited their model railway which their latest finished area is the airport. Planes look like they are flying and landing.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/ACkmg3Y64_s?rel=0



JOHN GAY'S RECAP OF POE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAREER WEEK

On Friday, October 17, I was at Poe Elementary School during their career week and told the kids from K through 5 about wood and the fun things that you can make. But before I tell you about this adventure, I must thank Bob Wink for the Tramp Art work that I showed and to Chuck Meeder for letting me show his scary Halloween Hearse. The "K" kids really liked Chuck's work, and it was like herding cats to have them look and not touch. It was safe. I had brought some nice works to look at and some stuff that moved which they could play with. There was a good range of woodworking projects.

This is a school, so I tried to teach them something about wood. I told them about hard and soft wood and took several (same size) examples. They were fascinated that Balsa Wood (the lightest) and Ipe (the hardest) were both hard woods. However, I thought that it was a wise decision that the K and 1st grade kids handle only the Balsa. They had fun hitting themselves on their heads with the Balsa, and it didn't hurt. The older classes got to check out all of the samples.

When you talk about woodworking to kids you need to talk about woodworking tools, too, and bring a few in. Not the common tools but something that looks more like some ninja weapon. That gets their attention. I showed them a large Japanese flat saw, a long turning gouge and a Yankee Drill screwdriver. The kids did not handle them, they were only to show, but they loved the danger element.

Poe is into the arts, so with the wood I got from Bob Wink, I made over 150 puzzle plaques and each held 24 (1 ½" sq.) pieces. There were more than enough puzzles for all of the kids that I was scheduled to see. Also, had puzzles for the teachers and their assistants, special guest helpers, and the principal. I had about 40 left over to take home.

I thought that they were going to draw one of the many projects that I brought to show. That idea went out the window in record time, but the kids had a great time expressing themselves. What they came up with was really good. True, there was a lot of modern art. One girl did an "I love my Daddy" with hearts and fireworks that was for his birthday; he may have a tear in his eye. Another did one that needed only 23 pieces, so it was one of those sliding puzzles. There were characters from "Frozen", horses, dogs, cats, word and number games, crossword puzzles, and many other creative works.

It was a fun and very active day. I had six classes and lunch in the teachers' lounge. I always wondered what that place was like. I would encourage any member to take part in these events with the kids. It is a ton of fun. Whatever effort you put in, you'll likely get much more out of it.

ANNUAL PICNIC RECAP

Good Food, Good Friends, Great Gadgets, Lousy Weather...a Great Day!

A SPECIAL APPLAUSE TO ALL THE SPOUSES WHO ATTENDED THE WWCH PICNIC AND ENJOYED THE DAY WITH US!



The weather cleared, long enough for everyone to haul their armloads of goodies home.



WWCH would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their generous support in providing raffle items and picnic supplies:



- Darex (WorkSharp System)
 - Franklin International (glue)
 - Lee Valley Tools (Miniature Hand Planes)
 - Rockler (Dust Collection System, gift cards)
 - Woodcraft (Router and Forstner Bits)
 - John Gay (Bosch Router)
 - Kreg (Kreg Jig K4 and K5 Systems)
 - Larry and Patti Page (various items)
 - Dave VanDewerker (Lathe)
- and Denis Muras for all his hard work and time in coordinating these donations of raffle items and for conducting the raffle itself



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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 08, 2014

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

Speaker:

**ALLAN SCROGGINS
WHAT'S NEW FROM ROCKLER**

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SEE TIM SHAUNTY TO ORDER YOUR CLUB APPAREL!

Guests are always welcome at WWCH

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