

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Interesting Facts about Wood:

The world's fastest growing specie of tree is the Empress Splendor Tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*). It can grow up to 20 feet the first year!

If you burn Ceylon Satinwood (*Chloroxylon swietenia*), the fumes will put humans to sleep and kill canaries.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is October so it must be **picnic time**. The annual club picnic will be held after an abbreviated club meeting. Because of the time frame, there will not be a scheduled program or raffle at the club meeting. The rest of the meeting will run as usual with a show and tell. If you are not going to join us for the Barbeque be sure to stay for the raffle. There will be many fine tools available for a good price. Again, some name brand manufactures have donated tools to support our club. Please come and support the club in this annual event.

The meal will be served at 11:30. The raffle will begin at 1:00. The list of prizes is included in the newsletter.

Next month, November 10th, the club is scheduled to have a Craft Show with proceeds going to support the club. The show is being held at the First Methodist Church of Missouri City, 3600 Lexington (Lexington & Murphy Road). Please bring the items you are donating to the craft show to the picnic and give them to Norm Nichols. Norm will price all items. Any item not sold will be returned to the craftsman at our December meeting. Please make some item that will financially support our club. The club needs your support.

Andy Anderson, President

Welcome New Members

Mike Mastrangelo
Paul Wasylina

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

NO SPEAKER IN OCTOBER

WWCH ANNUAL PICNIC

**THE WEATHER IS GONNA BE GREAT! THE BARBEQUE WILL BE FABULOUS!
AND THE RAFFLE ITEMS ARE SPECTACULAR!**

ANNUAL WWCH PICNIC BEGINS AT 11:30, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, AFTER AN ABBREVIATED REGULAR MEETING.

**EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT INDULGING IN BARBEQUE, COME JOIN US FOR THE RAFFLE AND DESSERT!
The dessert table will feature home-made goodies as well as other specialties.**

The Picnic raffle will again have 3 levels of tickets. For the \$5 choice, we will have a selection from a Rockler Wall-mounted Dust Collector, the Dewalt mini router set, a Worksharp 3000, and an item from Woodcraft. They have not decided on the item but will be donating. We will have a \$3 table with items like a Porter-Cable 690 Router kit, a Lie-Neilson miniature Router Plane, a Veritas Block Plane, Honing Guide, and Drill set. Then there is the Video and Book set from Paul Sellers. Fine Woodworking sent a copy of the Fine Woodworking Magazine Archive DVD. The \$1 table will have the other items, such as videos from the WoodWhisperer, and David Marks. Toymaker Press has also sent a number of their plan books for us. There are a number of books to be had as well as Gorilla Glue packages consisting of their yellow glue, their CA glue, their polyurethane glues and their duct tape. I would like to thank the many members who stepped forward to make some donations. Some of the donated items were large and some were small but they will all help the club.

If you can't donate, buy raffle tickets! Come participate!

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.

Liz Vargas recently discovered some old hand planes in her parents' garage that belonged to her father who has passed away. She would like to have them restored in order to give to her brother as a Christmas gift. She's looking for someone who does this work.

Veneer For Sale: Herrick has a lot of veneer that his father left him. He used it in building furniture, really nice furniture. Herrick will never use it so is was wondering if there was someone in the club who would be interested in it. The veneer has been stored horizontal, pretty much in the same cardboard it was shipped in. It is easily 20+ years old so he has no idea if age has affected it. As far as putting a value on it, he has no idea, just interested in seeing it go to someone who will use it. Please contact Gary Rowen for Herrick's contact information.

This client has a finish question and wants to hire a woodworker. If you'd like to respond, reply to the client or to this email and I'll forward it to the client. If you'd like to share your answer or comment with club members just give me your permission. ...Gary Rowen

"I am building a 21st century version of the 17th century harpsichord. The inside frame is aluminum and the soundboard is carbon fiber. The outer case is wooden, with Zebra strip veneer on the outside and piano black on the inside. These cases were built with a ton of help from Jeremy Grubb. I am looking for someone who can apply a black lacquer finish to the inside

WOODWORKING SHOW IN APRIL

A WOODWORKING SHOW IS COMING TO THE PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER

What to do when the Woodworking Show, recently held in Katy, decides not to return to the Houston area? You hold your OWN show! Tim Shaunty is doing just that.

The date is set for Thursday through Saturday, April 12, 13, and 14, 2013 at the Pasadena Convention Center. There is space for 60 vendors, booths for craftsmen at reasonable rates (*WWCH members discounted*), and an ongoing cleanup service during the show.

Several vendors have already contracted to come, with many more in the process of arranging their calendars.

See Tim for more information, and mark your calendars!

RAMP IT UP !!

WWCH received an e-mail this week from John Laine (Executive Director of the **Texas Ramp Project**). I'm sure many of our members recall his presentation on how his organization constructs wheelchair ramps for those in need, and several members even helped him build one in Houston back in April 2011.

John, has relatively strong subgroups organized in many parts of Texas, but is still trying to organize a core group for the Houston/Harris County areas. If you are interested in either:

- 1) volunteering to help on an individual project, or
- 2) helping to organize future ramp build projects in our area

then contact John at 214/675-1230 (cell) or by e-mail at jlaine@texasramps.org to hear more about the build/organizational meeting he is planning for November 10th or 17th.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 — Monthly Meeting – No Speaker

October 13 — Annual Picnic

October 26-27—Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event

October 26 — Deadline for Bayou City Art Fest in 2013

November 10 — Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Mark Bolinger—Hand Tools and Hand Tool Techniques

November 10 — Craft Show in Missouri City

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

YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR NEWS

SUGGESTIONS? IDEAS? SEE ELAINE

Elaine has the WWCH Suggestion Box available at all meetings, so if you have an idea or suggestion on anything of interest or benefit to WWCH, slip in a note and the board will be happy to have your input.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

of the lid and the inside of the case. The instrument is about 3'x7'. I am also going to inquire with independent automotive paint shops, but I would prefer someone who deals with wood and would know how to get the correct finish. Although not an emergency situation, I would like proceed within 2-3 weeks.

Please circulate this throughout the organization. If someone could do this or refer me to someone, I will provide .jpg's to anyone who is interested. "Dale Reynolds" <dreynolds@comcast.net>

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Bayou City Art Festival - Memorial Park!

Application Deadline - October 26, 2012

www.zapplication.org Entry Fee: \$30.00

Festival Dates: March 22 – 24, 2013

Information: www.bayouartfestival.com/artist-information

Laura Veale: Laura@bayouartfestival.com

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Mark Bolinger, one of our members, will speak on hand tools and hand tool techniques. He heads up the Hand Tool Splinter Group. A few years ago his shop was on a shop crawl.

CRAFT SHOW DONATIONS/STAFFERS NEEDED

Club Craft Show

The club is participating in a craft show on November 10th at First UMC, Missouri City. Proceeds from the sale of member's donated works will enable the club to add a few dollars to our coffer. All we ask of you is to bring several small items to the October meeting for us to put on the tables at the show. If any of your items do not sell, they will be returned to you at no cost. We have many fine items from other members but now it is your turn to donate your items. Perhaps you cannot get your items ready by the meeting or will not be at the meeting. No problem. Simply call Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 to make arrangements to get your items picked up. Let's face it folks, this is a very easy way for you to help out YOUR club.

NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT TO STAFF THE BOOTH

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY – NICE IDEA FROM TOYS 4 SMILES IN LAS VEGAS

Make a Difference Day is October 27, 2012!

Make a Difference Day is a national day of service throughout the United States where people volunteer in a service project at a nonprofit or any other site. 'Toys 4 Smiles' is going to be open for 24 hours!

'Toys 4 Smiles' will NOT be running the saws, sanding machines or any other equipment during this 24 hour period.

Our goal is to allow as many people as possible, to 'Make a Difference' in just 10 minutes!

Need young people or people that are up in the wee hours to come oil their toy between midnight and 6:00 AM!

Come by any time in the 24 hour period:

- Apply mineral oil to a toy (safe for you and the kids)
 - Find a child that needs a smile
- Suggested \$1.00 donation

Take the toy with you when you leave
Give the toy away

www.toys4smileslasvegas.org

Please 'LIKE' us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/toys4smiles>

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER RECAP WAYNE SMITH

Wayne Smith, a representative of Mirka, the abrasives firm, spoke to club members about abrasive technology, manufacture, and how it applies to woodworking. He introduced some of the new abrasive products. It was "sandpaper 101". Who knew all the subtle differences in sandpapers and their effects on woods?

He discussed backings: paper, nylon net, film, removable, and the grades from A to F and "P" grade (constant conformity). Soflex sponges, and abranet so fine it's used by the bowling ball industry...no dust! Then on to grain types: silicone, aluminum, release properties, and finishing tools like the CEROS (Ceramic Electric Rotating Orbital Sander).

To say it was a fact-filled presentation, is an understatement. It was an amazing look into how precise the technology has evolved to address each type of woodworking need.

Thank you, Wayne, for a very informative presentation!



SPLINTER GROUPS

The Toy Splinter Group had over 13 helpers at the last meeting. Join in! It meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at Tim Shaunty's shop at 3614 Thistle, near 288 and Beltway 8 from 7pm to 9pm to build toy cars for the Christmas donations. 3,000 plus and counting. Coffee and cake are always provided.

Contacts: Andy Anderson at 713-723-1030 or cell 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713-503-2289.

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

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group meets on the 4th Saturday at Woodcraft Southwest on Beltway 8 and Hwy 59 at 9:30 AM. We need fresh ideas for discussion, so bring your suggestions, your questions, your works in progress, and show off your completed projects so others are inspired by your works.

Take advantage of Woodcraft's saws that they let us use. Here is your chance to practice!

The club laptop is available to show the many resources online, both free and fee.



KUDOS

Rick Spacek received two Outstanding ribbons and Best of Show ribbon at this year's Ft. Bend County Fair. Pictured here are Rick's winning items. The table with the burned in scene won the Best of Show. The other winner is an Easter Cross with a removable/reversible Corpus. Both are beautiful projects. *Congratulations, Rick.*



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Andy Anderson**—Framed Starfish
2. **Mark Behring**—Intarsia
3. **David Garcia**—Cross and Clock
4. **John Gay**—Fence Reclamation
5. **Steve LeGrue**—Bowls
6. **Ron Kuenning**—Shelf
7. **Henry Majoue**—Wood Cabinet
8. **Denis Muras**—Toy Cars
9. **Fred Sandoval**—Irish Chair
10. **Everett Woolum**—Magnifying Glass and Cabinet

Fred Sandoval presented this “Lone Star Chair” that matches his dining table. Constructed with no right angles and wedged tenons, The seat is poplar, the back and arms are yellow pine and Red Oak, Fred handmade the mahogany and pine star with a chisel and saw. The wood was a little rough, but three coats of Liburon Oil fixed that.



Everett Woolum's lamp went out, so what did he do? He salvaged the lens and crafted a handle for it. Now he has a beautiful magnifying glass. His daughter wanted a china cabinet, so Everett went to work. He presented a slide show of the walnut and cherry cabinet he crafted in two sections with tambour doors. The walnut and cherry came from his father's farm. It contains 100 biscuits and is finished in a water-based polyurethane. Oh, the finished cabinet was shipped to California!

Andy Anderson continues his repurposing of the stacks of walnut frames he came upon. Mother Nature provided the starfish, but Andy supplied the creative mounting! The background is that velvet paper from Hobby Lobby.



Rick Spacek burned the bridge scene and colored it with water colors. The cross is of back-to-back butterflies in baltic birch and red oak. He's holding a tiny scroll sawed butterfly.



Mark Behring showed club members the intarsia Christmas decorations, the beach scene (colored with water colors) and the basket-weave cups that he crafted.



Ron Kuenning brought these fine looking shelves of black walnut he made for his brother in Nebraska. Then he made one for himself. Finished with spar varnish.



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

John Gay uses found cedar fence boards from old fences for many of his projects. He showed before and after pieces of a salvaged fence. Hard to believe this good looking wood is from a well-used fence. It's dry, old, and strong. He sands it by hand, "sparks fly" if a belt sander hits an embedded nail.



Steve LeGrue brought several bowls that he turned of various woods that were just lying around his shop: pecan and curly maple. A trip to Santa Fe inspired some new designs. Steve used water lox for a finish.

David Garcia holds a scroll sawed this beautiful cross, finely crafted in mahogany and poplar, which signifies life after death. The tiger clock is just grrreeaaat!!!!



Denis Muras recent sports car made of walnut, maple and cherry. Toymaker Press has the plans for many vintage cars...even a 57 Chevy! *Good lookin', Denis!*

Denis brought back from Atlanta, this wide-mouthed clamp and a sample "ready made" drawer.



Henry Majoue wife's friend wanted a pantry on wheels...no problem. To match the kitchen cabinet styles, he hand planed the moldings and used European hinges. It's made of red oak.



WONDERS OF WOODS

In the Wasatch Mountains located in the Fishlake National Forest and close to Fish Lake which is located on the western edge of the Colorado Plateau in south central Utah, there exists a [clonal] tree network of 47,000 Quaking Aspen trees nicknamed Pando, (*Populus tremuloides*), growing from a single root system.

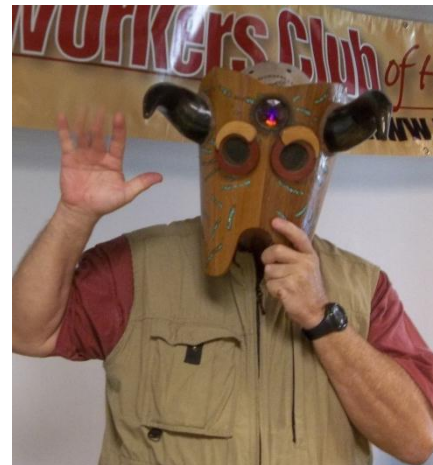
The root system is estimated to be over 80,000 years old although the average age of the trees, measured by counting the tree rings is approximately only 130 years old. It is genetically uniform and acts as a single life form, thus changing the color and shedding the leaves of all the trees in unison. The entire system covers approximately 106 acres and weighs 13,224,000 pounds or about 6,600 short tons or 5,903 long tons.

Cork trees [*Quercus suber*], are stripped of their bark every 10 years or so and will continue to grow for 150 years or more.

RECAP — GATHERING OF THE GUILDS

WWCH again created a flurry of interest with passersby Saturday, September 15th at the Houston Center For Contemporary Craft's Gathering of the Guilds.

Thank you to the members who displayed their works and the staffers who took questions, showed off the projects of our members, and represented the club so well. It was a good day!



AZ SUNSHINE CLUB

The Sunshine Club at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center makes toys and other keepsakes for children at hospitals, schools, and churches among several

other organizations. The woodworking club started in 1979. Nearly 100 members strong, the club has worked on projects as small as toy cars to as big as a 20-foot-long, 8-foot-tall cage for a condor at Liberty Wildlife in Scottsdale.

Receiving a wood piece, rather than a piece of paper or paint, gets a huge reaction. The woodworking club members make the toys or keepsakes ranging from star-shaped jewelry holders, prayer boxes, Mancala game sets, cars, and birdhouses and sends them with an unfinished surface. The kids then can decorate the toys how they want, provided with paint, glue, glitter and other things.



**WHERE IS THE
WWCH
"GOLDEN HAMMER
AWARD" PLAQUE
ON DISPLAY?
Do you know?**

MEMBERS, REMEMBER TO **SIGN IN AT THE BACK TABLE** WHEN YOU COME TO THE MEETINGS. WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER TO ASSIGN US TO THE BIG ROOM WE HAVE NOW. AND PICK UP YOUR NAME TAGS.

CLUB CRAFT SHOW and FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT WWCH

This one's for US! Proceeds from the sale of your donated items will go to support WWCH's activities and events.

So dust off something you have on hand, or make something new, and bring it to Norm Nichols at the WWCH or Scroll Saw meetings.

Crowds will be in a "Christmas Shopping" mode with their radar up looking for gift items, holiday décor, unique and hand-crafted pieces. This is your chance to help raise the funds needed to keep the club going and to keep the club fun, interesting, and exciting!

Members have already donated boxes, birdhouses, several tramp art items, and crosses and more are coming in. Items that do not sell will be returned to the owner. We also need volunteers to staff the booth (2 per shift).

Craft Show
Saturday, November 10th
First United Methodist Church
Lexington at Murphy Road, Missouri City.

LIE-NIELSEN HAND TOOL EVENT IN HOUSTON



The Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event is coming to Houston

October 26-27 Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm

Kellogg Furniture Design

2303-B Dunlavy



Here's another chance to dream about Lie-Nielsen quality tools. At this event you can at least handle, no fondle, the tools, dream of a woodworker's utopia where the shops are full of Lie-Nielsen tools and every project is stellar.

Open to the Public No Admission

Guest demonstrators are from Glen-Drake Toolworks, makers of marking gauges, hammers, saws, and other fine woodworking hand tools. *Proudly made in California, USA.*

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NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2012

9AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

**No Speaker
Abbreviated Meeting -- Picnic**

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www.wwch.org

**MEMBERS,
PLEASE PICK UP
YOUR NAME
BADGES,
DISCOUNT CARDS,
AND DIRECTORIES
WHEN YOU COME
TO THE MEETING.**

**DO SIGN IN SO WE
HAVE AN
ACCURATE COUNT
OF MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE
MEETINGS. THE
MORE MEMBERS
WHO ATTEND, THE
LONGER WE GET
TO KEEP MEETING
IN OUR LOVELY
LARGE ROOM !!**

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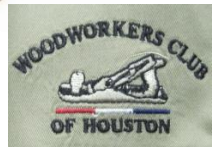
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or cap to all the upcoming
shows and workshops.**



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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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!