

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

What does a California ghost say?  
*Totally Boo !*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The WWCH annual picnic is on Saturday October 11 at Bayland Community Center immediately after the regular club meeting. The meeting will be shortened to provide more time for socializing at the picnic with members and their guests. There will be a **contest for the best toy made** by a club member and a regular show and tell, but no formal speaker presentation is planned. A prize will be awarded for the best toy.

The **Woodworking Show** is scheduled for the Houston area this year October 24- 26 but this time in Conroe at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd rather than Katy. Ken Kooser is organizing a club table at the show and the volunteers to man the booth and advertise our club. A minimum of 20 volunteers will be needed over the 3 days, planning for 2 members at the table for 2 hour shifts. In the past, the Woodworking Shows has provided a number of free admissions for club volunteers.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome to WWCH!

Larry Barron  
Randal (Randy) S. Farber  
David H. Janowitz  
Gregory (Greg) Meyer

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

Another annual WWCH activity is coming up November 8; 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.

Fall always seems to be a busy time. There are holidays, WWCH club activities like the picnic and craft show, the woodworking show, the toy group packaging and delivering toys, and the big push to make our wood Christmas presents for family and friends.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic.

Chuck Meeder, President

## WWCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, October 11 immediately after the regular club meeting at Bayland Community Center.

Spouses and wood buddies are welcome. In addition to good food and camaraderie.

There will be the usual raffles with great prizes.

There's going to be great barbeque and homemade desserts!!! So if you're handy with a wooden spoon as well as with heavier tools, show us your stuff!

The meeting will be shortened with no formal speaker presentation. But there will be a toy making contest with a valuable prize for the best wooden toy. **Description of your toy will be part of the show and tell.** The only requirements to enter are that the toy you make must be no bigger than 4 in x 12 in, made mostly of wood, and you provide a copy of the pattern.

**Support your club and enjoy the day with your fellow woodworkers.**

**YOU MIGHT PREPARE FOR RAIN, AND PRAY IT RAINS ONLY IN SOME OTHER PLAIN!!**

## SPLINTER GROUPS

### Hand Tool Splinter Group:

Meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, October 24, 7-9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto: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](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net) for **next meeting date and time**.

**The CNC Router Group** meeting is Thursday, October 9, at 7:00pm at Patrick's house at 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449.

We are continuing to do inlay and joinery with the CNC Router. Members should bring contrasting wood for their projects. For more information, contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807.

### Scroll Saw Splinter Group

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group has started its quarterly meetings. We started this in September as the planned meeting conflicted with The Woodworking Show in October. We had a great discussion on the different methods on how to develop 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

Will pick up again Wednesdays, October 8 & 22 at 7pm, and Thursdays, October 9 & 23 in the mornings at Tim Shaunty's shop at 3614 Thistle St., Houston. Come join the group in our efforts to continue the toy program of the Woodworkers Club of Houston. Call Tim if you need information: 713-503-2284

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 11 — Monthly Meeting** NO SPEAKER -- **PICNIC**

**October 25-26 — WOODWORKING SHOW IN CONROE**

**October 15 thru 31 — Christmas Ornament Contest**

**November 8 — Monthly Meeting**

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

**November 22 & 23 — Christmas Arts Markets**

### SPEAKER IDEAS? SEE RON KUENNING

We need your recommendations for speakers on topics of interest to you. Your travels take you to companies and people who would make great speakers, so get that business card and pass the information to Ron Keunning so he can schedule some of that untapped speaking talent!! We need kudos and craft fair info too.

### 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](mailto: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.

### CARR KEEPS CARVING TWO NEW WOODEN TRUCKS FIND HOMES WITH KIDS AT SCHOOL, CAR DEALERSHIP

Parents and children passing by or attending The New School in the Heights on Heights Boulevard might notice a new set of wheels greeting students near the school's playground.

In front of the playground sits a small, wooden recreation of a 1926 Ford Model-T pickup truck, complete with a steering wheel and even a small horn. The wooden truck is a contribution from Paul Carr, whose woodworking attracted attention earlier this year when he placed a similar wooden train in Donovan Park. While the Houston Heights Association eventually dismissed Carr from his contract position for apparently not asking permission to build the train, that hasn't stopped Carr from building more wooden models. In fact, that same controversy has attracted others in the community to reach out to Carr to have a wooden vehicle of their own, like the NSH's education director Jeanette Salinas.

"I had built a train already and wanted to do something different, so I suggested putting together a truck," Carr said. "Now they're talking to me about wanting to build something else for them. This winter, I'll probably build them something else to put out here as well."

Carr also built a second wooden model for Tommie Vaughn Ford on Shepherd Drive. The truck now sits inside of the dealership's main lobby, and Carr said it will be given away to a lucky child later this year for Christmas.

While the heat inside of Carr's workshop might be too much during the summer, Carr said his biggest joy comes from seeing children interact with his creations.

"I'm just enjoying doing it for the kids," Carr said. "It's been a real thrill to me to watch the kids climb all over the train at Donovan Park and, once school starts, I anticipate I'll be coming down here to see how much they like this, as well."

The truck is not only built to last, but is also built with safety in mind. Carr pointed out the truck's lumber is treated for weather and is waterproof, and the wood was fastened with screws rather than nails. The truck also lacks jagged edges for children to get caught on.

Salinas said having the truck at the school for children to interact with would benefit the school's younger children immensely. The NSH focuses on providing education for students from kindergarten 8th grade who may excel academically, but may have had delays in the development of social skills.

"Academically, they function really high, so they're going to dive into the history of that vehicle and they're going to love that," Salinas said. "The fact that he could put so many things together and tie it into a play structure is amazing."

Salinas said the only costs the school covered were the materials needed for the truck, but Carr's time came at no cost.

"That talent is really a gift," Salinas said. "We're really thankful."



Jeanette Salinas, education director for The New School in The Heights, stands with Paul Carr and his recently finished wooden truck he completed for the school's playground. The wooden truck is modeled after the classic Ford Model-T and an identical one will be given to one lucky child as part of a giveaway later this year at Tommie Vaughn Ford on Shepherd Drive.

By Jonathan Garris

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## OPPORTUNITY – Christmas Ornament Contest

This is an invitation to all woodworkers, from flat stock to turning to carving, to enter your ornaments in Christmas Ornament Contest and be eligible for \$100 in gift certificates.

**GOOD LUCK!**

Woodcraft, 3 Brothers Bakery and Woodworkers of Texas are working together to present a **Wooden Christmas Ornament contest**. We would like to invite all woodworkers to enter this contest. There will be three categories: "Flat" Scroll saw, Turned, and Other (carved, 3 dimensional, etc.) with the winner in each category receiving \$100 in gift certificates and second place in each receiving \$50 in gift certificates. Judging will be "Peoples Choice" voting by customers and visitors to the Woodcraft store between October 15th and October 31st and customers and visitors to 3 Brothers Bakery, Washington St. location, between November 1st and the awards reception on November 7th. Come in often, you can vote each time you come to one of the locations with the ornaments.

The ornaments are to be hand-made, primarily from wood. No CNC ornaments will be included. All ornaments must fit in a box 5" x 5" and should not exceed 10" in height, not including hanger. All ornaments entered will become property of Woodworkers of Texas and will be sold at the awards reception at 3 Brothers Bakery on Nov. 7th. Proceeds will go to offset the cost of the toy making project of the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

Individuals can enter multiple ornaments in each and all categories. Our objective with this effort is to showcase local talents, provide an opportunity for individuals to purchase unique Christmas ornaments, support the continued toy making project of the Woodworkers Club of Houston, and to support general woodworking.

Ornaments can be dropped off at Woodcraft, 11707 S. Sam Houston Parkway West, any 3 Brothers Bakery location, or the Woodworkers of Texas shop, 3614 Thistle St. Houston, TX 77047. Tim Shaunty, 713-503-2284, is the coordinator of this contest and is available to answer any questions concerning the contest.

## SINCERE APPRECIATION

I wanted to give a big **THANK YOU** to **M and M Lumber** for their support for the toy making project. M and M Lumber was not familiar with the efforts of the Woodworkers Club of Houston when we first stopped by their yard. They were very receptive to our request for assistance and they have continued to provide this support. It is easy to forget all who help us in our efforts and M and M Lumber is one more business partner that needs to be recognized.

*Tim Shaunty*

**MEMBERS SEND YOUR KUDOS, ARTICLES, INTERESTING WEBSITES, CRAFT FAIRS, AND WELL, ANYTHING "NEWSY" TO JOYCE FOR THE NEWSLETTER.**

## THE WOODWORKING SHOWS IN CONROE

The Woodworking Shows has a new location and a new date for their Houston area show. Mark your calendars!

**The Lone Star Convention & Expo Center**

9055 Airport Rd Conroe, TX 77303

**October 24–26, 2014**

**Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-4**

**\$10 online; \$12 at the door (cash)**

See their website for updates on speakers and seminars, coupons for good stuff, new products, giveaways, and of course, **The Project Showcase**.

More details see the website:

<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/webapp-shows/houston>

## 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.**

So much is planned to ensure that vendors and guests alike will have a first-rate time.

**Art Dwellers' Art Markets just keep getting better and better.**

Go to [www.artdwellers.com](http://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!

## WWCH FUNDRAISER IN MISSOURI CITY

**WWCH PARTICIPATES AGAIN  
IN THE CRAFT SHOW AT  
THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
November 8, 2014**

Your club will be participating in a craft show on November 8, 2014 at First United Methodist Church-Missouri City. To help us with this show **we need lots of items for the sale tables**. Small items are just perfect for a show like this. What can you donate to help your club?

When you have your items collected, please bring them to the club meeting in October or **contact Norm Nichols to make arrangements for pick up**. Any of your items that do not sell will be returned to you after the show, so make sure that your name is on each item.

Your donations has allowed the club to made 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!



# SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

## PRESENTERS

1. Peter Doe — Printer Stand
2. Chuck Graham — Jewelry Box
3. Dean Grimes — Bottle Stoppers, Crosses
4. Ron Keuning — Paper Holder
5. Chuck Lickwar — Sign & Chair
6. Norm Nichols — Fish Plaque & Manger
7. Niklas Oberfeld — Tiny Things
8. Sean O'Connor — Table and Bed frame
9. Fred Sandoval — Favorite Tool
10. Bob Wink — Junk Art Dog & Robot



**Peter Doe's** home office computer printer had been sitting for two years on a cardboard box. With plenty of wood, and an eye for something colorful, he crafted this snazzy printer stand mostly from poplar accented with some well-placed carving. Peter painted it with the best quality semi-gloss house paint he could get using brush, roller, and wet rag for textures. The drawer fronts are attached to the trays with hand cut dovetail joints and mounted on metal slides. He wanted the drawer insides in contrasting black. He found some 30 year old water based stains in powder form that filled the bill nicely.



**Chuck Graham** took a former cedar fence post and crafted it into small jewelry box. Chuck cut the back side off first before cutting out drawers. Then he cut the ends of the drawers off and hollowed out the insides. Keeping track of all the parts was most challenging. Chuck stained it dark then finished with polyacrylic.

**Dean Grimes** made these crosses and bottle stopper from tree limbs (League City oak, as he puts it). The crosses were made on a lathe and the bottle stopper on a bandsaw.



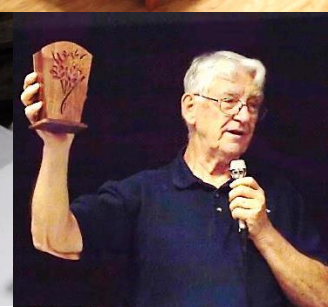
**Niklas Oberfeld** showed his experiments in laser cut necklace blocks of polymer clay, plastic, gold or silver metallics in walnut, cherry, and plywoods. Tiny, intricate, and fascinating!



**Ron Kuenning** said his Cat project can be a paper towel or a toilet paper holder. Ron is making these for the craft show coming up this fall. The vase is made of black walnut from his folks' place in Nebraska. The graduated boxes are of black walnut and an ash that was blown down. They are finished in polyurethane and wax.



**Sean O'Connor** showed projects that he crafted at the Heritage School of Woodworking – Foundation Class. The table was made of black walnut all with hand tools. He is especially proud of the smoothness of the legs. Sean showed slides of his bed frame and advised asking a friend to help out during gluing. Sean says that no matter how slow your glue is, it isn't slow enough.





# SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

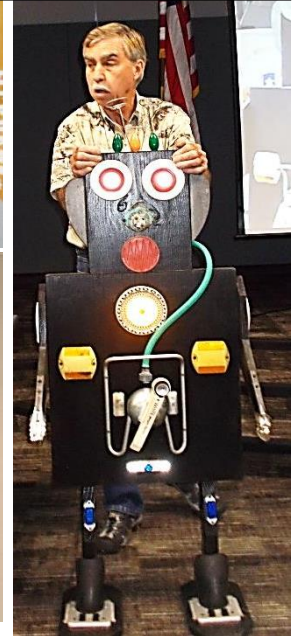
**Chuck Lickwar's** made two full sets of Adirondack chairs plus a table also of western red cedar. He used a natural cedar semi-stain. Chuck soaked the legs in a pie pan full of sealer overnight for extra protection against the elements. He expects the projects to last three years before restaining.



Note the details of the joinery! 200 pieces! The sign Chuck made of western red cedar just about says it all. He used a router pantograph but did have to manually clean up the tracks.



**Bob Wink** knew that our speaker would be talking about recycled wood so he brought in his "hound dog" made of everything recycled. (A real junk yard dog?) The tail was once an air compressor hose, the neck was a gutter curve. To grace Bob's porch for Halloween, Bob crafted this spooky fellow, also of recycled products. A trick-or-treater repeller? Oh, it's Robot, the Wink Wookie!



**Norm Nichols** caught a couple of winners with these Sue Mey patterns: this Crappie fish was scroll sawed in Red Oak, stained, then finished in polyurethane. The Cross is poplar. The Manger-in-a-box holds all eleven pieces for storage, is in mahogany and mesquite.



*So,  
Norm...  
here's your  
next project  
if you  
choose to  
accept it!  
If you do,  
We'll see  
ya in 2016!!*



## Found on the Web

Childs bed and dresser. What are the odds the kid's name is Casey! Or Lionel? Maybe he/she'll be an engineer!



## FAVORITE TOOLS

**Fred Sandoval** showed the club one of his favorite tools - a device with which to cut grooves.



**Sean O'Connor** had to mention his favorite tool: This Harbor Weight Stool! Said it was so comfortable! Easily goes up and down! He used it when constructing the bed.





## SPEAKER RECAP: JOSE MARTINEZ, NEW LIVING

Our guest speaker for September was **Jose Martinez** who is **New Living's Industrial Designer and Production Manager**. He trained with Festool, which is used and sold at the New Living shop. He oversees a community of artisans and makers that have committed to clean localized production standards using non-toxic chemicals, fallen timber and reclaimed materials. Jose is also a graduate of the UH Industrial Design Program. New Living welcomes your ideas. Only non-toxic materials, paints, and coatings are used. They offer organic mattresses, Air and Water filtration systems and the most beautiful Artisan, sustainable furniture from reclaimed/recycled woods.

New Living is in the Rice Village at 6111 Kirby Dr. focusing on local production by working with local wood furniture makers who stand by our mission statement and use our eco-friendly products and also with steel/metal artists/fabricators who can deliver a very contemporary linear design (clean and simple). We are very open to working with newer faces and get to know our wood working community bringing back the made in the USA tag to Houston and the rest of the nation.



**From Trash to Treasure.**

**This old salvaged wood is transformed into a functional, piece of art by the talented artisans at New Living.**



New Living obtained a supply of "bowling alley" wood from a recent renovation project. Beautiful wood! Will make another beautiful project!

## BEARS REPEATING ... FROM KHOUTV INTERVIEW

### **A Houston business is taking what many consider trash, and turning it into Treasure.**

Inside an old Houston building that now sits abandoned on Canal Street, Jeff Kaplan and his crew are gathering old wood.

"We're kind of like modern-day trash collectors," Kaplan jokes. "[The wood] was probably 300-year-old wood that served as beams for another 100 plus years. Now we're rescuing it and are going to build furniture out of at our shop."

The shop on Kirby Street is called **New Living**. A business that is just as conscious of its environmental and social impacts, as it is of its profit margin.

"Me and my partner really wanted to start a local business that had a serious community impact," Kaplan explains.

They collect downed trees after a storm or rescue wood from buildings about to be torn down. Then, local artisans are employed to build one-of-a-kind pieces from recycled material and non-toxic chemicals.

"Everything is locally sourced and locally made," says furniture designer Jose Martinez.

"A lot of people approach us with something that they have, like their old floorboards, and say, 'Hey! Can you make me something out of something that I used to have and now it's going to get torn down?'"

One table in their shop comes from a 300-year-old sycamore tree cut down in 2013. At the time, it was said to be the second tallest tree in all of Harris County.

"Wood, like people, records its history," explains Kaplan. "If you cut open a tree and look at its rings you can tell so much about that tree's life. If it got sick or if there is a period where there was a drought."

To Kaplan, it's not just about building furniture but creating a healthier and stronger community.

"We need a community of people that care about the local economy and local production. Our philosophy is, let's build together."

Kaplan invites those in the community to **let New Living know if there is an old home or building set to be torn down**. New Living is located at 6111 Kirby Drive.

## MEMBERS, YOU CAN DONATE ITEMS TO RAFFLE, TOO.

The annual Woodworker's Club of Houston Picnic is after the October meeting, October 11.

Denis Muras is **taking donations from the general membership of raffle items**. In the past, we have received donations from club members as well as the various vendors that support our club (see right). If you have an item to donate, contact [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com). The value does not make a difference. We will decide on which raffle table it will be placed.

Thanks for your help in making the Woodworker's Club of Houston Picnic a success. **Now, bring on the barbeque!!!!**

**Members, we need your help in staffing and supplying the WWCH table with display items at the Woodworking Show in Conroe on Oct 24-26, and at the Craft Fair in Missouri City on Nov 8. We'll need your donated items to sell so we can afford donuts and coffee next year!  
We'll see you at the picnic!**

**Jim Carr** sends a comment on hand rubbed finishes. He used plain boiled linseed oil on a rifle stock and it came out beautifully. But, he did use an unorthodox method. He used only my finger to rub in the oil and only re-wet his finger when he felt a drag. This method works well for small or intricate projects.

Also you may decrease your drying time by using denatured or 90% isopropyl alcohol. They are also less toxic, med chain hydrocarbons (paint thinner/mineral spirits) can be neurotoxic.

## RAFFLE DONATIONS / DONORS SO FAR

### Woodcraft:

Wood River Brad Point/Forstener Drill Bit Set  
Wood River 1/2" shank Router Bit Set  
Freud Glue-Line Blade

### Rockler:

Portable floor Dust Collector

### Kreg:

The Kreg Jig K5 Pocket Hole System (*on the \$5 Choice table*)  
The Kreg Jig K4 Pocket Hole System  
2 Kreg AutoMaxx Face Clamps

### Gorilla Glue:

2 Gorilla Glue Tool Boxes with various glues

### Franklin International:

Cases of TiteBond 1, 2 and 3

### Darex:

The WorkSharp WS3000 with the Tool Bar and Wide Blade attachments  
(*on the \$5 Choice table*)

### Lee Valley Tools:

2 \$50 Gift Certificates  
The 4 Miniature Plane set consisting of the miniature block plane, miniature shoulder plane, miniature router plane, and miniature edge plane.

*And....well, you'll just have to come and see what other surprises we have on the tables!!*



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Sealy, TX 77474

## NEXT MEETING

**OCTOBER 11, 2014**

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
6400 Bissonnet

**Speaker:**

**No Speaker this time  
Just good food and friends!**

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

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**It's Picnic Time!!!  
See ya there!**

*Members, wear your club shirts and caps!  
Show off your membership in WWCH!*

## **WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON**

**SHIRTS! CAPS! POLOS!**

**Get yours today!**



**SHIRTS: \$22.00  
POLOS: \$16.00 and up  
CAPS: \$ 8.00**

*You can add your  
custom embroidered name  
to your shirt, too.*

**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!*