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September Meeting

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New books for the library:

Workshop Math by Robert Scharff

Encyclopedia of Wood Joints by Graubner

Scroll Saw Handbook by Patrick Spielman

The Art Of The Scroll Saw by Patrick Spielman

Problems and Solutions:

Someone was looking for a good outdoor finish. It was suggested to use Water Loc.

Someone was looking for light weight fold up saw horses. This one is still open for suggestions. I recall someone showing one at show and tell last year.

What is the difference between Bartleys and Deft? Bartleys is varnish and Deft is Lacquer.

Problem: How to fill faults in wood?

Solution: Use dust from the wood and Insta glue.

Problem: Hearing Protection.

Solution: Ear Muffs and Ear Plugs. We should have samples of each at next months meeting.

Problem: Looking for a place to buy good pine.

Solution: Go to a yard where you can pick through your lumber to find good boards.

Show and Tell:

Tim Cude showed a wood briefcase made from white pine with raised panels and finished with Barleys.

Chuck Maxwell showed a small table with a Texas inlay in the center. He made it for his Granddaughter.

Walt Turpening showed a weaver's bench with a woven seat and back. It was made out of mahogany and oak and finished with tung oil.

Bill Rhea showed a router jig for mortising the end of a board. It was in "American Woodworker" October, 1996.

Don Richardson told about a program for joints on the internet.

Raffle:

Raffle prizes were donated by The Cutting Edge and Woodcraft Supply.

Andy Anderson won a random orbital sander. Bill Jarriel won the forstener bit set. Johana Johanson won the incra ruler. Reese White won some quick couplers. Someone won a miter square. Guy Meaders won a sanding stick. There were a few more fine prizes but we didn't catch what they were.

The proceeds from the raffle go to the libraries.

The best way to thank the sponsors of the raffle is to shop at their stores and spend money.

Charity Project:

The charity project was discussed and we will be making outdoor tables and benches.

Bar-B-Que

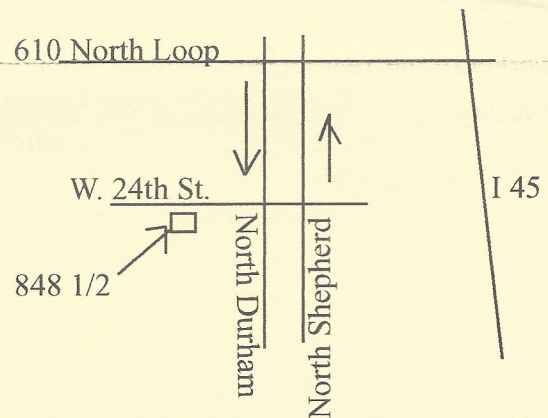
The Woodworkers Club annual Bar-B-Que will start at 11:00 A.M. on October 26, 1996 at Jimmie and Brian's Shop at 848 1/2 West 24th Street in the Heights. Admission will be \$5.00 per person payable in advance. (We need to know how much food to order) This includes good barbecue and soft drinks. Bring your own chairs.

Jet Machinery will be supplying major door prizes. From what I understand there will be a bunch of door prizes. You must be a member and you must be present to win. There will also be a demonstration.

If you plan to come to the barbecue and will not be at the meeting please send a check for \$5.00 per person made out to WwCH and mail to :

Jimmie Harp
848 1/2 W. 24th Street
Houston, Texas 77008

Please plan to attend. We had a good time at last years barbecue and this one should be even better.



Safety:

Use your guards and anti-kickback devices on your table saw.

On your router table, make sure your fence is wide enough to cover your bit.

New Officers:

It is time to think about nominating new officers for next year. Nominees must be willing to accept office so please check with them before you nominate them. Any volunteers?

Program:

Lewis Vallette gave a program on making your own tools.

He had a 6" riser block and accessories for a Delta bandsaw that he made.

He showed his turning tools he made. He turns his own handles, makes his ferrules out of copper tubing, and brazes on the cutting edge. He epoxies key stock into the handle. For handles for his hollow bowl turning tools, he uses pipe filled with oily sand.

He had a table saw insert made from polycarbonate, a marking gage, and a steady rest made from roller skate wheels. He had his special calipers, a nova chuck back up plate, a dowling jig, tool rests, and a depth gage. He showed his adapter to use wood lathe chucks on metal & wood lathes. He makes his own plug cutters, jaws for nova chucks, a circle cutter, pocket hole guide, and sanding disks.

Lewis is a very talented individual and you can tell that he spends a lot of time in his shop and saves himself a lot of money.

Woodworker of the Year:

We want to start an annual recognition of the "Woodworker of the Year." There is included in this issue a form for you to submit your nomination. It should be someone who has made major contributions of time & talent to the club.

Vaughn & Bushnell Mfg. Co. has donated a golden hammer to us. We will use this as a plaque to put the name of the person chosen. That will keep the plaque for a year and pass it on to the next winner.

I nominate _____

to be "**Woodworker of the Year**" because of his outstanding contributions of time and talent to the club.

Signed: _____

California Rain Forrest

by Tom Talisek

Hi folks,

Here I sit under the carport listening to the rain. Sure sounds great, even though I can't spray my cedar chest. Where do I want to start this story? At the beginning, huh !!!

We have a daughter, son-in-law, and two lovely grandchildren living in Salinas, California. Some months ago Southwest Airlines had this here appreciation sale on tickets. We didn't get Southwest but we got United, \$200 round trip for two. That's what I call a bargain. So we fly out to San Francisco where our daughter picked us up at the airport.

Beings we were never there before, we did the tourist thing, wharfs, Golden Gate Bridge and the big jail on the rock. The next day we went to Monterey and Monterey Bay. We stopped at several outlet malls. They had stands with pamphlets and brochures. I helped myself. After a tour of Big Sur we returned to our daughter's home. I begin reading. There was one pamphlet which really caught my attention. A train ride through the "Big Trees". MAN WE HAD TO TRY THAT TRAIN RIDE. Train rides and big trees was "peaches and cream", What more could I want.

A couple of days later, without the grandkids, we headed north to San Jose and the train ride. Missed the turn off three times, that is another story. Finally we found the train, stand in line to pay \$11 a head, to ride in some rail car without a roof, with hardwood bench seats. Finally we are off, with camera in hand, not knowing what to expect.

We were fortunate to have a very knowledgeable conductor. As we were going up Bear Mountain, some 3800 feet up, the conductor was telling us about the giant redwood trees. The train started on private land, approximately 850 acres which joined the state land, Bear Mountain. This land has never been harvested for its timber and never will. Beautiful sights with magnificent trees. as we go up the mountain the conductor gives us some facts. **EVERY REDWOOD TREE, DEPENDING ON SIZE, REQUIRES BETWEEN 400-600 GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY.** This area does not have much rain, but almost every day there is a heavy fog. The branches and foliage of the trees creates its own "rain forrest" by drawing in moisture and letting it drop to the ground to be used by

the root systems. As a former fire fighter, I was very surprised to hear in a forest fire Redwood trees will not burn.

The train stopped at what was called the "Cathedral". This was a place where a big stump stuck out of the ground. Around it was a ring of trees. While the redwood is growing, its roots come to the surface of the ground in a circle. These roots produce daughters. When these daughters produce their roots and they create the grandchildren. All in a circle around the stump that is still alive and growing. One of the trees in the circle was struck by lightning causing it to smolder in the inside of the tree. The tree lets water down from the top to put out the fire. The water rises back up the tree. This event left a severe wound in the trunk. If you could come back in the year 2650, it would have completely healed itself. Most of these trees are estimated to be 3000 years old. They stand 150 to 200 feet tall.

Well, that's the end of this trip, wish you could have been there. Hope you found this of interest.

I wish to thank Tom for his story. I guess I'll have to go out there and see those trees myself some day.

If you would like to put a story in the newsletter, send it to the editor: Bob Gilbertson
6311 Wister Lane
Houston, Texas 77008
or fax it to 868-3561

October Program:

Thomas Irvin is a designer and furniture maker and wood turner. His shop is in Bellaire and he works part time at The cutting Edge.

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His Hands

Laser Engraving

See, I have engraved you
on the palms of my hands;
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Isalah 49:16

Treasurer's Report: September 1996

Income:

t-shirt	\$24.36	
book fine	\$ 1.00	
membership	\$38.00	
add (1 mo.)	\$10.00	
raffle	\$147.00	
barbecue	<u>\$205.00</u>	
	\$425.36	deposited 9-16-96

Expenses:

postage	\$51.20	
new books	\$85.30	
printing	<u>\$266.07</u>	
	\$322.57	

Library and Tape Fund:

beginning balance	\$682.25	
Sept. raffle & fine	<u>\$148.00</u>	
	\$830.25	
new books	<u>-\$85.30</u>	
9-16-96 balance	\$744.95	

Total bank balance as of 9-16-96 \$5482.02

About Our Members:

Zatis Murphy is still fighting his cancer.

Ken Wallis is doing well after his surgery and is planning to attend the barbecue.

Lewis Vallette is going back in the hospital for a check up.

Chuck Maxwell is having lab tests.

Editor's Note:

I was on vacation last month and missed the meeting. I would like to thank Jimmie Harp, Charles Sylvester, Clara Pitts, and Tom Talasek for taking notes and providing information and articles for the newsletter.

I would also like to thank T. C. Koester for taking care of the book library.

October Meeting

- When:** October 12, 1996 9:00 AM
- Where:** Bayland Community Center
on Bissonnet at Hillcroft
- Program:** Thomas Irvin - Designer & Craftsman
- Raffle:** Items to be announced.

Items Of Interest:

The Cutting Edge has "Free Saturday Tool and Technique Basics Seminars" - 11:00 am to Noon. Unlimited attendance, Free to the public.

Woodcraft has "Sawdust Sessions" on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Free to the public.

Texas Holiday Home & Vacation & Leisure & Texas Home & Personal Computer Shows will be at the Astrodome North Expo Hall on October 11-13.

Southern Lady Arts & Crafts Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center October 12-13.

International Gem and Jewelry Show will be at the Astrodome North Expo Hall October 18-20.

Back To Grandma's Attic Craft Show will Be at the Pasadena Convention Center October 19 - 20.

Camper Show will be at the Astroarena on October 23-27

Country at Heart Arts and Crafts Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center November 16-17.

Autorama at the Astrohalla/Arena Nov. 28 - Dec. 1.

Back to Grandma's Attic Craft Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center Nov. 30 - Dec. 1.

Boy Scout Fair at the Astrohalla on December 7.

Southern Lady Arts and Crafts Show at the Astroarena on December 7-8.

The Antique, Collectibles & Crafts Market at the Astrohalla on December 14-15.

Country At Heart Arts and Crafts Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center December 14-15

Bayou Bend is a must see if you like antique furniture, antiques and gardens. A color bulletin of the collection, plus other information is in the library.

Jimmie's Corner

The Northside Splinter Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Jimmie Harp's shop, at 848 1/2 west 24th street. 862-7222.

The dates are in the calendar.

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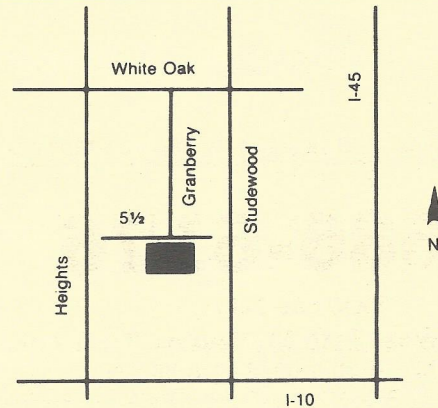
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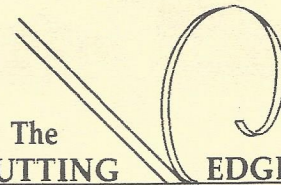
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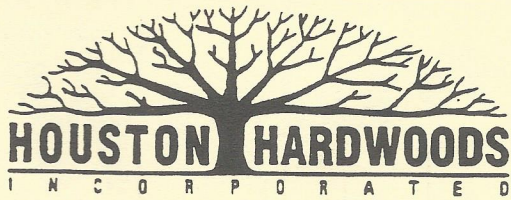
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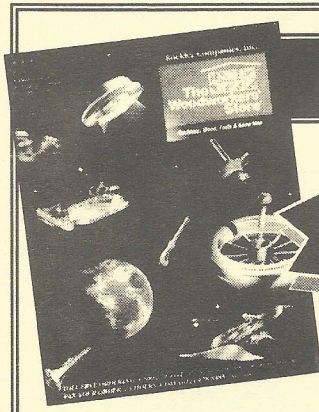
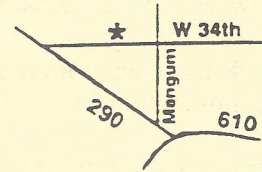
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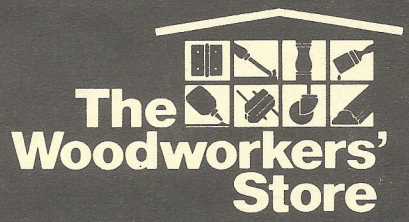


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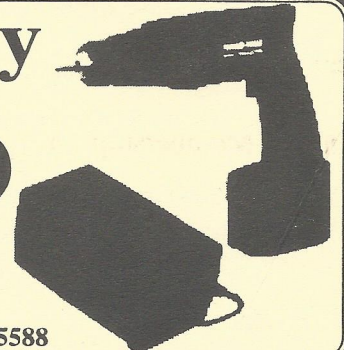
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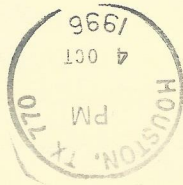
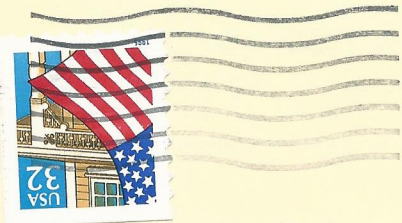
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Calendar

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| October 7, 1996 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |
| October 12, 1996 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| October 21, 1996 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |
| October 26, 1996 | WwCH Bar-b-Q at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |
| November 4, 1996 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |
| November 9, 1996 | Meeting at Bayland Community Center, 9:00 A.M. |
| November 18, 1996 | Northwest Splinter Group at Jimmie and Brian's Shop |