

Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

COOL *weather* **ISSUE**

**Extreme Home Makeover
Picnic in October
Trip to Furniture Show
Survey Results**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

How did everyone like our first newsletter of the year? I thought it was very good and will only get better. In fact, I have a challenge to all of our members for the November newsletter. It is a simple one too. TOOT YOUR HORN! SHINE YOUR LIGHT! Let us, and the community, know what you're doing, what you've done, and what you'll be doing with your talents! There will be no prizes, only the good feelings that you get when doing good things.

Many of our members have taken part in a large variety of Houston events including the Extreme Home Makeover and the Art Cars. Some of our good folks have had their work shown at art shows, galleries, and even museums. Others are helping with school programs and with senior living programs. We have been the helping hands for Gifts With Heart as well as boy and girl scouting programs. Sometimes as a club member or as an individual you are asked to give a talk about woodworking or something related to that subject. Way back in February, Michael Breland and I gave a safety presentation to Beaumont Engineering Services to about 160 safety personnel and engineers. It was fun. Let us know who you are!

Let's not forget those who have weekend booths or booths at County Fairs as well as national woodworking shows. Some members' talents have gone beyond hobby and they now have web sites. WWCH has a special section at our web site to list your web site! So keep that in your sight and we will cite your site.

Our members have won several awards and honors for their work too, that would be good to know about.

In other words we have a very diverse group with talents and skills that should be recognized. Normally, your adventures would have been part of the newsletter each month, but since it has been awhile, let's catch up! We'll have a special issue to showcase our members (seems like a great thing to do), so make sure you're included and send us your information! As a plus, we will distribute this issue to several locations and events to promote both YOU and WWCH.

...John L. Gay, President

Welcome New Members

Ed Buchberg

Steve Colvin

Umberto Gherdovich

Weston Maynard

Butch Wilken

EXTREME MAKEOVER – ART FROM THE HEART

MOVE THAT BUS!

That familiar chant has a more timely meaning. This past Sunday's edition of EXTREME MAKEOVER – HOUSTON WAS BUMPED...MOVED OVER...to air on ABC on Sunday, October 10, at 7:00pm. So, if you couldn't catch your fellow members on TV working hard on the art pieces for this home, you now have a second chance !

Kudos to you all !!

OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING

Send your replies to wwch@wwch.org. All comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

For Sale

12 ft.x 18 inch warehouse shelving standards
\$12.00 (can be cut to any length)

24x18 inch plywood shelves \$5.00

Contact Andy Anderson

COMING IN DECEMBER



PRESENTER

SCOTT HOLMES

December 11, 2010

Finishing – An Art and a Science

Actually, finishing is a process. You must understand the properties and tendencies of the finish you are using. You must know the steps and the techniques; then you must execute them properly. ...Scott Holmes

Holmes has been woodworking for about 40 of his 51 years and seriously woodworking for the last 25 years. His focus is on finishes and he is a frequent contributor to web blogs where he shares his knowledge and ideas.

He says that finishing is a process, a series of steps, unique to the type of finishing you are using. You must use the appropriate process to achieve the desired results. Done correctly, you'll have a finish that you'll want to "show off".

Holmes teases that there are several woodworkers and a few wood butchers in his family.

Make plans to attend the December meeting and meet Scott!

WHAT A RESOURCE!

WWCH LIBRARY

One of the benefits of membership in WWCH is access to our fabulous library. Available for loan to members, we have over 400 videos, 90 CDs, and a good number of books and magazines on a myriad of topics.

Many are brought to the monthly meetings for you to check out. For special interests or needs, contact Librarian John Gay and he'll bring your selection to a meeting.

UPCOMING PRESENTERS

October 9, 2010

George Malley

Midwest Regional Woodworking Specialist
for **Freud** America, Inc.

November 13, 2010

Randy Johnson, Author

Great Book of Woodworking Projects: 50 Projects for Indoor
Improvements and Outdoor Living from the Experts at
American Woodworker

KUDOS



Many thanks to our **toy makers**. The De Pelchin Children Center has listed The Woodworkers Club of Houston as a contributor to their holiday project in their 2009 Annual Report. Our members helped make many children happy last Christmas. **GOOD WORK GANG!**

Charles Volek donated this finely crafted rocking horse to the Gifts With Heart organization. GWH is helping to raise money for The Books Program at The Health Museum to benefit Ben Taub General Hospital Children's Center. Charles's rocking horse will be sold at auction.

**It's time once again for our
Big, Big, Big
BOX Contest**

at the picnic at Bayland Park. The best boxes will come out from the shops, garages and studios to be shown in all of their glory. Last year we had some very fine work embellished with imagination and excellent craftsmanship. Just see last year's entries on our web site.

Many other things are happening at the picnic. **Great food** and the same wonderful barbeque by the same good folks who made it for us for the past few years. It's good stuff. **Raffles**—big ones and special ones—will offer some interesting tools. Many of our vendor friends are still adding to it.

As you know, the money raised goes toward buying toy making supplies.

Come join in the **skill contests**. Bring your best hand saw, or your favorite hammer and plane! This competition is as much fun to watch as it is to be part of.

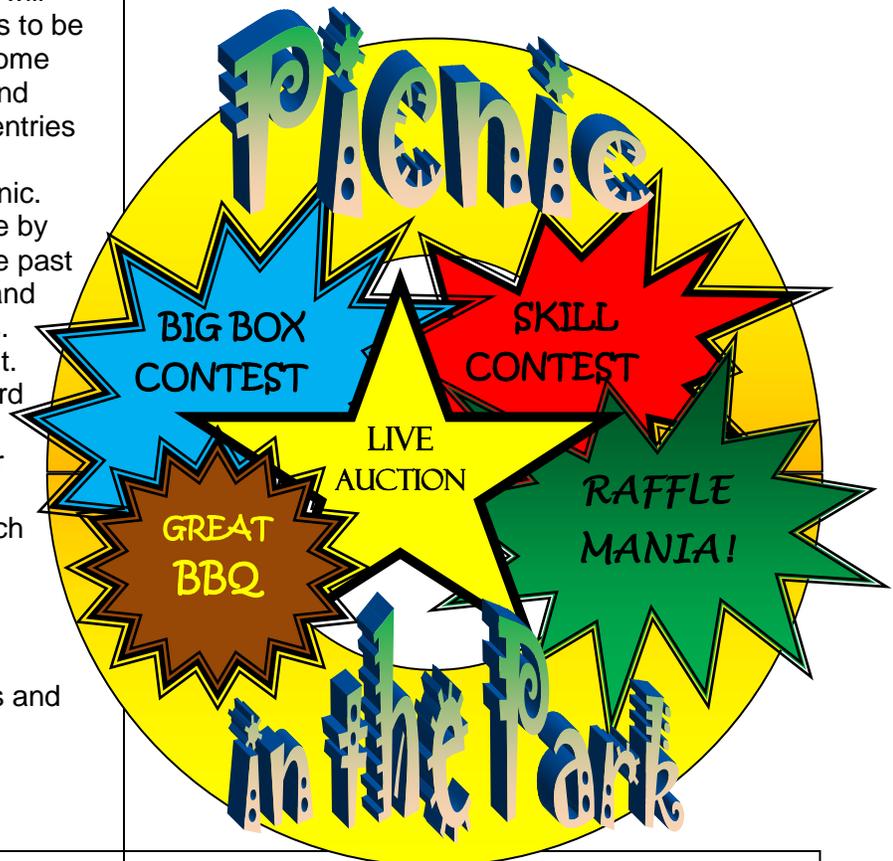
At the end of the day is the **great auction** with lots of surprises and fine tools.

Come **enjoy the day** at no charge for our members and invited guests, so bring the kids and grand kids too.

**SIGN UP!
LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!**

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2010**

11:00AM – 4:00PM



**SKILL CONTEST – YOU TOO
CAN BE A CHAMPION!**

Hone those tips and tricks! Pack up your trusty framing hammer! Charge up that cordless drill! Sharpen that crosscut hand saw.

**PRIZES! First, Second and Third Prizes
For the Best Times:**

- 1) For sawing a 2 x ___ whatever,
- 2) Hammering 3 inch nails FLUSH,
- 3) For screwing down deck screws!

Practice! Practice! Practice!

**RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS
More arriving daily!**

- Kreg Jig – The Master Kreg Jig and Kreg Deck Jig
- Inca – Jig-It Starter Kit, 12" Rule Kit, Miter Gauge
- Wood River #3 and #5 Bench Planes
- Stanley Sweet Heart Block Plane
- Lee Valley-Veritas #5 ¼ Bench Plane
- Premium Block Plane
- Lie-Nielson Tenon Saw
- Bosch Drill/Driver with Driver Set
- Dewalt 12v Drill/Driver with Driver Set
- Magazine Subscriptions, Design Plans
- Forstner bits, GRR-Rippers, Marples Chisels,
- Machinist's Squares, Wood Squares...
- Various digital tilt gauges

See more at the picnic!

SEPTEMBER PRESENTER

Steve Willis, manager of our local Rockler store, gave a demonstration on making band saw boxes. He began with some very important tips. First, remove your jewelry – a safe thing to do.

He selects appropriate woods for the project for color and graining,

Getting started, Steve puts packing tape on the surface of the piece, then puts the pattern on top of the packing tape. That makes removal of the pattern much easier. He then saws the back off. Steve prefers a 3/16 inch blade for general work and uses a 5/8 inch blade for taking off the back. Like highway warning signs, speed kills, so go slow and don't push the piece around the curves. Let the blade do the work.

Steve sands the insides of the box before putting everything together. The sanding and finishing, both inside and out, takes more time than the actual cutting.



He glues the back on and secures it with clamps until it dries. When working with the drawers, cut the back and front back and front off then work the inside.

Warning: Blades tend to jump when jump when going from thick to thin, so be aware of where your fingers are at all

times. Steve also gave an impromptu demonstration on how to change a broken band saw blade!

Tracking errors are minimized by proper setup and tuning of the band saw and sharp teeth (on the band saw blade, that is).

Steve also mentioned that Woodcraft has a version of Lois Keener's pattern book "Band Saw Boxes".



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

Mark Bering – Christmas Ornaments

Bill Byrne – Dog Plaques

Jeremy Grubb – Photo of scalloped table

Clark Kellogg – Stationery Box

Jere Kessler – Fire Truck & Cars

Monte Richard – Scrollwork Cross & Animals

Hugh Parker – Tool Chest

Bob Wink – Antiqued Clocks

Charlie Sembera – Cedar Lamp

Steve Wavro – Scrolled Cross

Bill Byrne lets his craft go to the dogs as a way of reducing his inventory of scrap wood. These pieces are walnut, soft maple, padauk and ash.

What happened to the "bark", Bill?



Bet Bill is top dog at his house!

Bill is showing off his woodworking "pet-agree".

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Bob Wink must have a big mantle or a lot of time to handle his clocks made to look like they came from a long gone era. The clocks are modern antique styles purchased from Target that Bob finished with a water based dye, minwax, and then a varnish.



Jere Kessler shows club members his painted fire engine along with painted cars. Jere used an air brush to apply the acrylic paint followed by a shellac finish. The decals are generated on a pc then sprayed with a fixative to preserve the ink before the toy is sprayed.

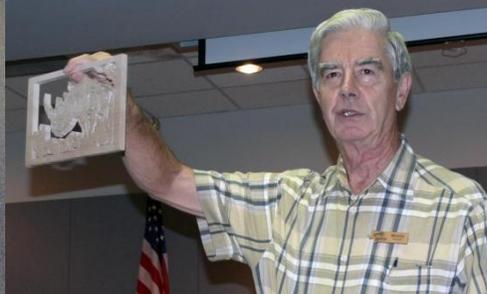
Santa's got your number, right?

Steve Wavro crafted this cross (and others like this one) for friends of his kids who are at the age now where they are getting married. Steve scrolls out four pieces at the same time. The scrollwork is plywood whereas the back is solid walnut.

Lovely heirloom, Steve!



Monte Richard scrollsawed these charming animals from soft maple. In the style of Steve Wavro, Monte crafted ten crosses for a church sale.



Jeremy Grubb holds a photo taken of him working on the scalloped table that he exhibited at WWHC last month.



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Clark Kellogg shows off a correspondence box of Kwila, Afzelias and brass. In this day of emails and cell phones a box of stationery raises the question, "Uhh...what is stationery?"

Did you know that no matter how far you push the envelope it is still stationery? That is unless when you push the stationery and then it's no longer stationary.



Charlie Sembera's lamp base of cedar will add a homey warmth and charm to any room. With an appropriate shade, it could take its place in a rustic lodge.



Mark Behring proudly shows club members his Christmas ornaments made of oak and poplar. And that time of year is rapidly approaching. Personalized Christmas ornaments make such memorable gifts.

Hugh Parker fashioned this tool chest from an antique oak chest that was discovered in a Norwegian bog. Hugh heated the metal to light red then bathed it in beeswax and linseed oil to achieve that antiquated look.



**Don't let the bus leave without you!
SIGN UP, TODAY!**

SIGN UP at the October meeting to show your projects and share your tips and tricks with club members.

Let us know how you share your talents.

Survey Results

Woodworkers Club of Houston

1. Types of woodworking interest

Furniture Making	44
Turning	29
Scroll Saw	24
Carving	13
Wood burning	4

2. Program Subjects

Joinery	42
Finishing	39
Shop improvements	35
Hand tools	33
Tips & Jigs	33
Safety & Dust collection	22
Power Tools	19
Marketing & Pricing	17

3. Field Trips

Yes	54
No	6

The rankings are based on 60 surveys. The results were interesting, let Randy know if you have questions or comments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come enjoy the day at the **Fall Picnic on October 16** at Bayland Park, the same place as our meetings, from 11 to 4. Let us know if you are coming and how many will be in your party so we can get more than enough food. Sign in at the October meeting. Bring the kids!

GET ON THE BUS!

Sign up for the November trip to Kerrville to attend the **Texas Furniture Show!** We're chartering a bus, but to "leave the driving to us" we need 30 or more members to **sign up** for the ride!

To get your free ride and free tickets to the show (paid for by the club...another benefit of membership in WWCH), you must sign up at the **October meeting**. If you don't show, we don't go!

WWCH AT THE HCCC

What a great time for WWCH this past Saturday, September 25 at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC). The Free Museum Day in Houston was well organized with shuttle bus service this year. In the past, people had to hunt for parking spaces. With this free service, and free parking, folks rode the shuttle bus to all of the museums and the zoo. This plan worked well. HCCC had over 800 visitors this year compared to only 200 last year.

Most museums had their normal exhibits, but HCCC which supports many craft guilds, invited several to participate inside their building. There were weavers, clay throwers, doll makers, and many more including us — a different and proactive showing. Many of the visitors did not know that such groups existed in Houston.

The crowds passed by the WWCH table in a steady stream, Asking questions and admiring the displays. Thanks to several WWCH members who exhibited a wide range of woodworking projects in a variety of styles and skill levels, from fence board bird houses to very finely crafted miniature violins. We displayed some wonderful intarsia work and historical work, first class joinery, and much more.

A special thank you to Fred Sandoval, Steve Wavro, Jeff Sechelski, Don Singer, Randy Abramson, Andy Anderson, Bob Wink and Roslyn Hager who staffed our wonderful table. With so many people visiting us, the day passed very fast. We had more people take an interest in WWCH here than we had at the wood show. It was a lot of fun, and hopefully, we will see several new faces at future meetings.



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NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2010
9AM TO 11:30AM
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
6400 Bissonnet

OCTOBER PRESENTER

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Guests are always welcome at WWCH.

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!

CLUB SHIRTS AND CAPS

Order your Club Shirt and Caps at the October meeting and wear them proudly! Shirts are \$20.00 with caps \$6:00 or \$8.00 each. Custom embroidery will not be available on the caps.

Bill Cole will be happy to take your order!