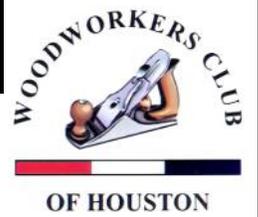


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	08/12
Hand Tool Meeting.....	07/17
CNC Router Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	09/07
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	10/28
WWCH Picnic.....	10/14
Woodworking Expo.....	December

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH August 2023 Toy of the Month



Space Capsule Puzzle

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As with any good hobby or discipline, woodworking has its own lexicon that is designed to perplex newcomers and trip up veterans alike. One such group of specialized words are dado, groove and rabbet and the tools used to create these features in a piece of wood. While many woodworkers use dado, groove, and rabbet interchangeably, meaning a slot cut into wood, the words do have official, specific definitions as shown in the picture below. A groove is cut with the grain, but not on the edge of the board. A dado is across the grain, but again, not on the edge. A rabbet is along the edge of the board, either with or across the grain. To add to the fun, these joints may be a through cut, a half-blind or stopped cut, or a blind cut as shown in the second picture. You can cut these joints with any number of tools, including a dado stack on your table saw, a straight bit in your router, and rabbeting bit in your router if cutting a rabbet. And lastly, just to confuse things a bit further, a rebate plane cuts a rabbet if you are a hand tool enthusiast. Why not a rabbet plane? Don't ask, just accept it. And if you really want to fall down a rabbit (rabbet?) hole, try to understand the origin of the word dado. It comes from the Italian word for die (as in six-sided cube with dots).

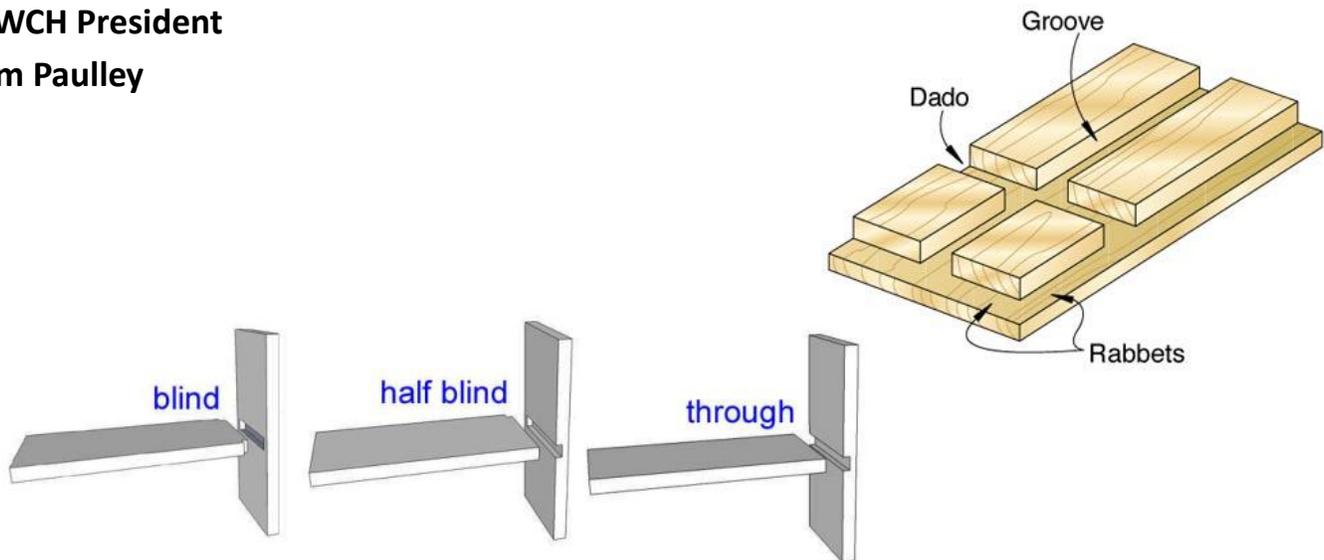
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It can also mean part of a column between the base and crown, and a lower part of a wall that is decorated differently from the upper part of the wall. What any of these things have to do with die/dice is beyond my comprehension! Now off to the shop to cut some dados (or is it dadoses?).

WWCH President

Tom Paulley



Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Date and location; TBD. For more information please Contact Bill Teague; wateague@gmail.com

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is October 28th; meetings are held at the Bayland Community Center at 9:00AM. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras; denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Furniture Group: Next meeting is September 7th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: Ron Kirchoff; kirch76@gmail.com or George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is August 17th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com or Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net

Toy Group: Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; christopher7schwartz@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri; andy.tofuri@comcast.net . You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

Mike Farrington (Special Guest Speaker in August)



Mike Farrington, is a professional woodworker in the Denver Colorado area. He is honored to share his woodworking skills with the Woodworkers Club Of Huston. In the presentation he is going to share is the process for making Kumiko panels. This will include making the needed grid-work, as well as the various angle cuts to complete the pattern. He will also show how to cut and fit the tiny mortise and tenon joinery needed to make a Japanese inspired lantern. With these two skills you could make a lantern of your own. Then he would like to move on to showing how these techniques can be applied to larger scale projects. If he

were to boil this presentation down, it would be a study in hand tool accuracy and efficiency. Mike believes if you learn the skills necessary for Kumiko, all your future furniture and woodworking projects can benefit. [mike farrington](#)



Some of Mike's other project's



Show and Tell (June) *Apologies for being late*



Jack Beille

- Cutting Boards of Walnut & Maple



Steve Wavro

- Kiwanis Plaque and 50th Anniversary Plaque



Tom Pauley

- Animal Toys, on wheels, of pine and wood honey



Mike Hardy

- Podium and Stand of white oak

Show and Tell (June Cont.) *Apologies for being late*



David Janowitz - Bowls of African Mahogany, sycamore, and, mallet of Osage orange



Mike Turner - Hammer Handles of various woods



Rick Spacek - Victory Cross of cedar, poplar, and Corian, and, In Loving Memory Cross of cedar. Scroll sawed skylines of Seattle and Austin



Denis Muras
- Cabooses of various woods



Andy Tofuri
- Ship's wheel of walnut



David VanDewerker
- Fishing nets of several woods bent by immersion in water method

Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

“Space Capsule Puzzle” [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

Just as a reminder, the next club meeting
WILL NOT BE AT BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER.

Please join us at St. Stephens UMC,
At: 2003 W 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
Saturday August 12th

for our annual all day meeting to see guest speaker Mike Farrington
Starting Time: 9am

Club Announcements

- ◇ All-day meeting August 12th will be at St. Stephens UMC, 2003 W 43rd St. Mike Farrington will be the guest speaker - **NOTE:** You can still pay your \$10 (per lunch) by contacting Jack Bailie and he can take your sandwich order(s). **Do Not Wait** until you get to the meeting because you will not get lunch.
- ◇ Texas Woodworking Festival; a two day event in its 4th year, and will be hosted at the [Palmer Events Center](#) in downtown Austin, TX on August 26th and 27th, 2023. The festival is a mixture of an industry convention, tool sale, educational seminar, and networking event. There will be furniture makers, tool manufactures, retailers, lumber yards and educators all in attendance. This year we have expanded the educational portion of the event to include 15+ lectures / demos / classes from furniture makers and designers from around the US. There are 3 ticket levels to pick from this year as well - GA, EDU and VIP. [Texas Woodworking Festival – Keep Woodworking Weird](#) .

Show and Tell (July)



Rick Spacek - Sphere in hand of "Wink" wood



Jeff Larsen - Spears and halberd of pine and maple



Norm Nichols - Trivet and cross of walnut and mahogany



Peter Hamilton - Jewelry box



Jim Hiles - Ferry boat of pine and poplar



David VanDewerker - Roses, basket, and, cross of alder, maple, and, poplar



Show and Tell (July cont.)



Tom Blanco - Table of walnut, maple, and bubinga



Edward Holtgraver - Flower stand of cedar



Bernard Bynum - Scotties of pine and poplar



Mike Hardy - Hallway table of walnut and hickory



Jack Bailie - Cutting board & Barn door for bathroom



Show and Tell (July cont.)



Ken Kuntz - Baby rattles of birch, red oak, and, maple



Andy Tofuri
- Ship's wheel of walnut



David Janowitz - Coffee table and bowl of African mahogany. Adirondack chairs and glider of Osage orange



Mike Belovsky - Trellis and "secret" storage



New Members

We are pleased to welcome 1 new member: Ed Holtgraver

Meet the Members



Rodney (Rod) Griffith

Member Since 2021

Rod began his woodworking journey in his shop classes in the late 60's. Since that time, as he acquired tools, his projects increased in complexity. He mainly makes toys and furniture for his family to hand down as family heirlooms. He is interested in carving, furniture making, and building shop jigs and tools. Rod also enjoys project design and producing models and plans in Sketchup for his designs. He is currently building a three blanket chests and a toy box.



Peter Hamilton

Member since 2022;

Peter started woodworking in 2020, his first project was a simple box with rabbit joints, made on a job site table saw. He said the sides weren't square and there were plenty of gaps where there shouldn't be, but knew he had a hobby for life. After collecting some more tools and making a workbench and cabinets; now has a modest garage shop to hone this craft. Peter continues to enjoy making boxes, most recently a jewelry box for his wife (A valentines gift that was only 4 months late). He take inspiration from the teachings of Paul Sellers, the wonderful members of the club, and the Hand Tool & Furniture splinter groups. Said his next project will be a coffee table.



Greg Solberg

Member Since 2023

Greg first started making 4 workstation/book shelves with his Dad & siblings. Years later, started making toys for gifts. Built a shed to work out of and got a 3 wheel bench top band saw and a drill driven belt sander. Before getting a jointer, he would use hand tools to joint, size and flatten the work pieces. Projects have included scroll sawn USA puzzle, alphabet puzzle, snowflakes, turned pens and pencils, turned bowls, honey dippers, doll sized table and chairs, Adirondack chairs, kid rockers, toy airplanes, dump trucks, bird houses, lap desks, clocks, marble hockey game, and even a wooden steering wheel for a model TT car. Bigger projects include a blanket chest and a similar sized curved front toolbox. Since getting a CNC machine, the list includes signs, memorial plaques, chess pieces, cutting boards, and coasters. Coming up is a wooden geared clock.



George Graves

Member Since 1980ish

George's first experience with wood was in 1958 in grade 9 at Hurley High School in South Dakota. He had a very experienced wood shop teacher and has been involved in woodworking ever since. George is one of the original members of the Houston Wood Workers Club. He is interested in turning, flat work and scroll saw work. George said that the size of his projects has decreased with age. Has designed and built a full bedroom suite, several bookcases, sewing room furniture, and a two dog kennel that is in the form of a credenza in is wife's sewing room. He built children's boutique store cabinets, a large oversized kitchen island and other various items for customers. Over the years George has remodeled 4 homes with the help of his daughter, Candi.

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 12th

Starting at: 9am

**St. Stephens UMC,
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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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!