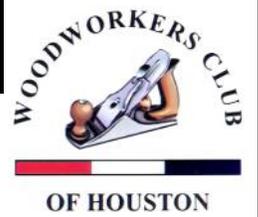


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jigaphobia

For many woodworkers, making jigs is a big part of the enjoyment of woodworking. That's not me. I get stuck deciding between a simple, bare bones jig that solves the immediate problem, or a more elegant, complex jig that could solve future problems. Then there is the whole build versus buy conundrum. Do I spend Mercedes Benz money for a Woodpeckers jig that will look cool hanging on my shop wall, or Ford money for a jig that may (or may not) get the job done?

This often leads to analysis paralysis where I cannot decide which approach to take and my project stalls while I contemplate my options. I have used most of the above strategies at one time or another in my woodworking projects.

I rarely pony up the big dollars for a Woodpeckers jig, but I do have their drill press table and I recently contemplated their dado jig. I needed accurate, stopped dados in the sides of a library cart. I ended up building a simple jig that I will likely throw away as it is completely specific to putting a 5/8" wide, 12" long dado into a panel.

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	05/13
Hardwood Derby.....	05/13
Hand Tool Meeting	05/18
CNC Router Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	06/01
Scroll Saw Meeting	07/22
WWCH Picnic	10/14
Woodworking Expo.....	December

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH May 2023 Toy of the Month



Jewelry Tree



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

Recently, I bought a hardware kit from The Wood whisperer to build a taper jig. Half buy, half DIY. This may be my favorite approach as it usually does not break the bank, someone else has figured out all of steps of the build process, the jig is flexible enough to solve more than one problem, but I still get to practice some woodworking skills in the process.

WWCH President
Tom Paulley

Club Announcements

- ◇ Make sure you pick up the new 2023 Membership Directory. Patti Page will have them ready at the next Club Meeting.
- ◇ All-day meeting has been changed from July 8th to August 12th. Mike Farrington will be the guest speaker
- ◇ Woodworking Expo coming to the Houston area. Pending dates are December 8th thru December 10th. For more information go to: www.wwexpos.com
- ◇ Rockler has indicated that they are implementing an upgrade to their company wide sales/inventory systems. In conjunction with this change, Rockler is now issuing Guild Affiliation Discount Cards to our paid WWCH members. These cards will continue providing a 10% discount on selected items (power tools and sales items excluded) and must be presented at time of purchase. Our current 2023 WWCH (**Orange**) Membership Cards will no longer be recognized as a discount card. New Rockler Guild Affiliation Discount Cards will be distributed starting at the May WWCH meeting. Only 1 card per paid member and can be used as many times until the January 31, 2024 expiration date. Regards, Patti

Toy of the Month

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

“Jewelry Tree” [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

There will be no program for the month of May because of the Hardwood Derby. Stay tuned to the next Newsletter for the upcoming program in June.

Hardwood Derby

Keep working on those cars for the Hardwood Derby May 13.

One update: The published rules state that the front of the car must be no higher than 1/2" above the track. It appears that on the track we will be using, the starting pins are much longer than 1/2". This rule will no longer be enforced.

If you are part of the setup/race/judging crews, please be at Bayland as close to 8:00 am as you can manage. This is a first time the club has run the Derby, and we want to allow as much time as possible to get set up before the races start at 9:00.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places, and also for Best Looking Car. For those who believe beauty is in the eye of the beholder, there will also be an Ugliest Car award.

Peter Doe

[Hardwood Derby Race Rules-1.pdf \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

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 July 22nd; 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 May 4th. 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 May 18th. 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.

Show and Tell

David VanDewerker

- Scroll Saw Crosses made of Beech, Fir and Pine



Steve Wavro

- Intarsia Koalas of Various Woods



Bill Teague

- Serving Dish Finished with Walrus Oil



Andy Tofuri

- Walnut Box Finished with Odie's



Denis Muras

- Trolley made of Various Woods



Steve Araiza

- Pizza Press made of Black Walnut and Birch



Mike Hardy

- Pedestal Stand made of Walnut and Pine



Show and Tell

Hugh Parker

- Boxes of Mesquite, Walnut and Maple



David Janowitz

- Bowls of Water Oak, and Structural Laminated Pine Beam, Pizza Peels of Curly Maple, Birds Eye Maple and Sycamore and a Coffee Table of Water Oak



New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members: Greg Solberg & Alan Lipman

Meet the Members



Gary Rowen

Member Since 1999; Secretary 2003, 2004, 2006-2007; BOD 2005-2016; Publications Directory 2011-2014, 2017-2018; Golden Hammer Award 2005; Lifetime Achievement Award 2015

Since Gary has been a member he has been doing the website; He is known as the "Web Master". His woodworking interests lie mostly in furniture and various odds and end projects. He has dabbled a little, a wee dabble, in lathe and scroll saw. Started woodworking in Junior High, inspired by his father who also did woodworking.



Roslyn Hager

Member Since 1998; President 2011, 2016; Treasurer 2009, 2010; BOD 2017

About 25 years ago Roslyn joined WWCH after reading an article in the Chronicle about a small group of woodworkers who met weekly to build toys to give to needy children at Christmas. She was hooked and became active in the toy-making group that met on Friday nights at Jim Robertson's shop. Roslyn is also our "Donut Lady" and said she still follows the advice given to her by her predecessor - "No Pink Frosting".



Mike Turner

Member Since 1986; President 2017; Vice-President 2000, 2008, 2015-2016; BOD 2001-2002, 2018; Golden Hammer Award 2018

Mike has been doing Woodworking since he was a child. Worked in custom millwork shops, been a shop teacher for 30 +years in Woodworking. Likes building workbenches, metal vises for benches, building custom woodworking power tools, built a house, cabinets, finish carpentry. Jesus is the reason for his success and innovation in the craft. He has invite Him into his shop and life.



David VanDewerker

Member Since 1995 BOD 2020, 2021; Woodworker of the Year 2022

David started wood working when he purchased a house and had a garage that he used as a shop. Making mostly smaller projects on a scroll saw and turning bowls on the lathe, has also made blanket chests, mirrors, lamps, rocking horses, serving trays, crosses, lots of toys and Intarsia projects. He is always up for a new challenge and currently working on a steam bending project.

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday May 13th
(9am—12pm)

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77074

<http://www.wwch.org>

Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at cafarquhar@hotmail.com.

Please submit the item before the 1st of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

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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!