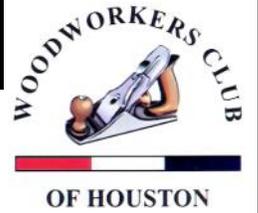


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## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting .....	09/09
Hand Tool Meeting .....	10/19
CNC Router Meeting .....	TBD
Furniture Meeting .....	11/02
WWCH Picnic .....	10/07
Scroll Saw Meeting .....	10/28
HCCC.....	11/04

## Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH October 2023 Toy of the Month



Football Punt Kicker Puzzle

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, a big Thank You to everyone at the September meeting that took the time to read the proposed revisions to the Club's Bylaws, ask clarifying questions as appropriate, and was prepared to vote on said revisions. I wasn't present back in 2016 when the Bylaws were last revised, so I didn't have a clue as to how it would go. Much to my relief, it was a simple affair with unanimous approval of the Bylaws. As I type this, Gary is busy posting the Bylaws to the Club's website where everyone will be able to peruse them at their leisure. A big thanks to all the Board members that put in time and effort to create a document that we can utilize to run the Club effectively.

As we approach the end of the year, the Annual BBQ Picnic and Raffle takes over October, and elections to the Club Board happen in November/December. As another reminder, the October meeting, Picnic and Raffle will be on the FIRST Saturday in October. Demaris BBQ will be catering, Denis is working on the raffle prizes, Patti and Larry are getting the beverages cold, Roslyn wants to remind people to bring a dessert to share, and we will all be hoping for good weather.

Regarding the elections, David Janowitz is our Nominations Chair, and he is working up a slate of Candidates for the Board positions.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

If you are interested in running for any of the positions on the Board, please contact David and let him know of your interest. Being on the Board gives you behind the scenes access to how the magic happens. David will be presenting the slate of candidates at the November meeting. If there are multiple candidates for a position, the election is then held in December. I highly encourage all Club members to consider participating in the Board.

Have fun at the October meeting and Picnic!

**WWCH President**

**Tom Paulley**

## Splinter Group Information

**CNC Router Group:** Date and location; TBD. For more information please Contact Bill Teague; [wateague@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras; [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**Furniture Group:** Next meeting is November 2nd. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: Ron Kirchoff; [kirch76@gmail.com](mailto:kirch76@gmail.com) or George Alderete; [brodie1200@gmail.com](mailto:brodie1200@gmail.com)

**Hand Tool Group:** Next meeting is October 19th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: George Alderete; [brodie1200@gmail.com](mailto:brodie1200@gmail.com) or Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com)

**Sawmill Group:** For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:christopher7schwartz@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri; [andy.tofuri@comcast.net](mailto:andy.tofuri@comcast.net) . You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

## October Picnic Update ~ 10/07/2023



Club Members, with temperatures regularly topping 100°F, it is hard to think about Fall activities. But in a blink of an eye, October is here, and that means it is time for the Club's annual BBQ lunch and raffle.



For the lunch, we are having BBQ catered from Demaris, just like last year. And like last year, the cost of lunch will be \$12, with Club picking up the rest of the cost. Lunch will be

beef brisket and sausage with the usual suspects for sides. For vegetarians, we can order baked potatoes with all of the non-meat toppings. Water and soft drinks will be provided by the Club.



Easiest route is to pay Jack Bailie our Treasurer at the upcoming September meeting. Cash is preferred, but checks and credit cards can work as well. If you can't make the September meeting, contact Jack to make arrangements for payment.

**As a reminder, the October meeting will be the FIRST SATURDAY in October, the 7th.**

If you have any questions, please let me know. See you at the September meeting!

Regards,  
Tom Paulley



# Show and Tell



**Steve Wavro**

- Intarsia eagle of aspen, maple, walnut, western red cedar, blue spruce, mahogany, and, ebony



**Alan Lipman**

- Band sawed bowls of cedar, ambrosia maple, ash; Dough bowl of Cedar; Table saw bowl of African Maple; Votive candle holders of Crepe Myrtle and Oak; finished in mineral oil;. All the bowls are finished with food grade mineral oil; candle holders sprayed with a fire retardant and sealant



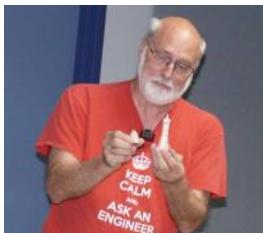
**Rick Spacek**

- Scroll sawed pictures done in "Wink" wood



**David VanDewerker**

- Bowl and butterfly of pine and cherry



**Keith VanTassel**

- Chess set of padauk and maple



**Bill Teague**

- Hammers, with CNC inscriptions, of various woods



**Edward Holtgraver**

- Photos on wood of poplar, walnut and cherry



# Show and Tell (con't)

## Mike Hardy

- End table of walnut and hickory,
- Music stand of walnut



## David Janowitz

Mahogany bowl and platter from single boards; Osage Orange Dibbers for Houston Bulb Mart; Cedar Elm cutting board and tray, and simple cutting board; Osage Orange pair of cutting boards; Osage Orange and Cedar Elm zig zag cutting board and Lazy Susan; Cedar Elm and wine press Oak cutting board

## Toy of the Month

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

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

## Program of the Month

There will be not be a Program at the October meeting because this is the month for the Annual Club Picnic

## Club Announcements

**As a reminder, the October meeting will be the FIRST SATURDAY in October, the 7th. DO NOT show up on the 14th or you will miss out!**

- ◆ **October Picnic ~ October 7th** Club's annual BBQ lunch and raffle, lunch is being catered by Demaris, just like last year. Cost of lunch will be \$12. Lunch will be beef brisket and sausage with the usual suspects for sides. For vegetarians, we can order baked potatoes with all of the non-meat toppings. Water and soft drinks will be provided by the Club. If you couldn't make the September meeting and still want to get a meal ticket, contact Jack Bailie make arrangements for payment. Find his contact information in the club directory.
- ◆ It's time again for a tool and wood swap and sale. Please bring your excess tools and wood to the next club meeting, where we will have sale tables available. As usual, it is best to label them with your name and requested prices. It's a sure bet we will have a great selection to complete your workshop.

## Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts (HCCC)

Mark your calendars for the 'Family Festival' at HCCC on Saturday November 4, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is an annual expanded version of their 'Hands on Houston' program. Wood is the featured craft media this year. The Woodworkers Club of Houston will be participating along with the Wood Turners and an indoor display about African Blackwood and its uses. WWCH will be providing the regular toys without wheels or finish. The children will select a toy (cars/trucks or animals), put the wheels on, and decorate them with colored markers. We will also have the club workbench outdoors with some hands-on activities for the children and some of our finished projects on display. About 100 more toys are needed and volunteers the day of the event will be needed.

For more information contact Chuck Meeder; [cmeeder69@gmail.com](mailto:cmeeder69@gmail.com)



## New Members

We are pleased to welcome 2 new members: Stephen Dunkelberger & Tony Rolland

## Meet the Members

### H. Steven Dittrich

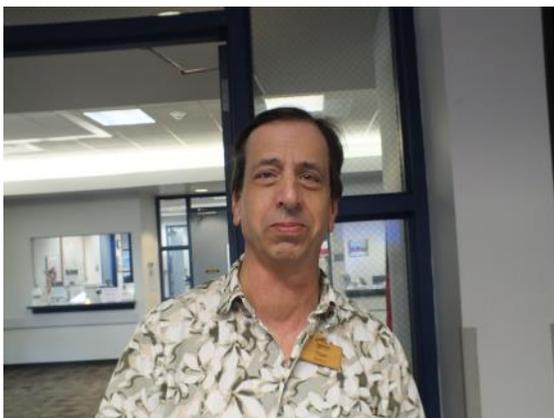
Member Since 1999ish



Steven grew up in a little town on Long Island that nobody has ever heard of: Massapequa, NY. He did his first wood-working in a basement workshop with his dad, and also took woodshop in junior high ("middle school"). His aunt still uses a fruit bowl that he turned in the 6th grade. Trained as a geologist, and started woodworking again in the woodshop in the Student Center at graduate school, Southern Illinois University. Steven's older daughter used the same woodshop, with the SAME tools that he used when she attended SIU! After being laid off from Shell, where Steven was a paleontologist, he did some house carpentry and drywall with a partner to support his family before moving back to Houston in 1998. Steven joined the WWCH soon after. He also enjoys woodturning, making mostly pens and other small turned items. Now that Steven is "semi-retired", he is trying to clear out his (un-airconditioned) shop so that he can get to his tools to make larger projects. As with most of us, he has more tools than space!

### Tom Blanco

Member Since 2015; Vice-President 2019



Tom began woodworking around 6 years old "borrowing" scraps of lumber and nails from his father and using his father's hammer and hand saw to make things that only young Tom knew what they were. More recently, Tom has acquired power tools and hand tools through honorable means. He has practiced using his tools to make various types of boxes such as jewelry boxes and drawer boxes, a couple of desks, end tables, coffee tables, chests of drawers and the like. When he found out he was going to be a grandfather he decided to make a Sam Maloof style rocking chair for his expected new family member. As these things often go, the chair arrived a couple of months after the new baby. About a year later he made another rocker for himself. Tom has also done furniture restoration and repair. He has done cabinet work and trim work on his house. Currently he is struggling to learn how to make large Texas stars. He has ambitions to someday build a proper workbench for himself.



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**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday October 7th**  
**Starting at: 9am**

**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 [wwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwchnewsletter@gmail.com). Please submit the item before November 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

*We're on the Web*  
[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

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**Woodworkers Club of Houston**

**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!