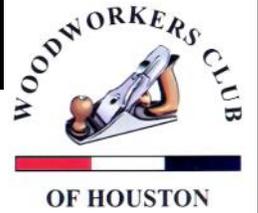


# The Sawdust Sentinel



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## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	09/09
Hand Tool Meeting.....	09/21
Fort Bend Co Fair.....	09/27
CNC Router Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	10/05
WWCH Picnic.....	10/07
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	10/28
HCCC.....	11/04

## Toy of the Month Preview

Football Center Puzzle



WWCH September 2023 Toy of the Month

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Toys, Toys, and More Toys,

For anyone who has spent a few years with the Club, you know that making toys for charitable organizations is a big part of how we give back to the communities that we live/work in. The Club members typically make between 1,000 and 2,000 toys which are handed out to multiple agencies in late November/early December. I would strongly encourage all Club members to participate in this effort to help the Club make more children's holiday season a little brighter. You do not need to make fancy toys. Simple toys are easier to batch out in small quantities. You don't need to spend a lot of money on lumber. Many of the toys are well-suited to be made from construction grade 2x4s from the Big Box stores. We even have free sources of lumber. If your toy needs wooden wheels and axles pegs, the Club can provide those to you. This year, in addition to our usual toy effort, we have an additional need for toys for a program that we are doing with the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft called the Hands On Houston Family Festival. Kids will be able to complete the construction of a simple wooden toy and decorate it with markers, stickers, etc. For this event, the Club needs to have ~300 wooden toy "kits" ready for kids to work on by the first weekend of November.

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

Our recent toy-making day at the St. Luke's woodshop got us started, but we need quite a few more. If you can help, please contact Chuck Meeder to see what type(s) of toys are most needed. You say you would like to make toys but don't have either the tools, the know-how, or both, contact me and let's see what we can do to change that. If you know of an organization that could use toys as part of their mission/outreach to local kids in need, let us know that too. See you at the September meeting. I'll be there with a grocery bag (or two) of toys.

**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 October 5th. 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 September 21st. 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 will be 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



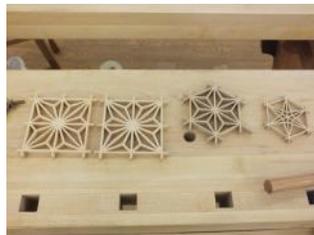
# Mike Farrington (Special Guest Speaker in August)



On a blazing hot August 9th, members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston gathered at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church for our annual all-day event with guest presenter Mike Farrington. As promised, Mike wowed and delighted us with an engaging and educational session on crafting a Japanese-inspired Kumiko lamp. Flying in from Denver, Mike brought sharp tools, a super-secret sharpening prototype, and his great sense of humor.



Mike started by showing us how to cut thin strips of wood for the Kumiko gridwork and infill. With the aid of a simple block plane and jig, he taught us to achieve the perfect thickness for these intricate pieces. He then moved on to demonstrate how to cut half-laps at the table saw, sharing invaluable "Pro Tips" throughout. Next, Mike showed us how to use specialized Kumiko "blocks" to cut the infill pieces to precise lengths and angles. The demonstration was based on the classic "Asa-No-Ha" Kumiko pattern using rice paper as a backing.



Once the Kumiko was completed, Mike moved on to the lantern. He expertly demonstrated the cutting of small mortise and tenon joints using a drill press and table saw.



Finally, after a brief interlude for Show and Tell, Mike gave us a sneak peek at his new sharpening system. Club members had the chance to try out this innovative tool and provide real-time feedback.



The program was fun and we all learned something, thanks to Mike's lively presentation style and deep knowledge. The use of the club's new workbench added a communal touch to the event, making it all the more special. A big thank



# Show and Tell



**Greg Solberg**

- Tool Box / Walnut, Popular, Cherry, Oak, Mesquite



**Steve Wavro**

- Ducks Intarsia / Walnut, Blue Spruce, Ebony & Animated Turtle / Popular, Mahogany



**David Janowitz**

Bench (Honduran Mahogany), Plates (African mahogany, Pecan), Lazy Susans (Cedar Elm, Birds Eye Maple), Live Edge Tray (Pecan)



# Show and Tell (Cont.)



**Denis Muras - Toys / Pine**



**Edward Holtgraver - Garden Basket / Popular**



**Mike Belovsky**

Lamp / Popular, Walnut



**Andy Tofuri**  
Toys / Popular, Maple



**Bernard Bynum**  
Miter-Saw Stand / Plywood



**Frank Fuss**  
Assorted Projects / made of wood



## Toy of the Month

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

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

## Program of the Month

Peter Doe volunteered to build a corner desk for his son, but some of the requested design elements turned out to be challenging. Veneering, inlay, and some really funky legs. Come hear the story!

## Club Announcements

**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. Jack Baillie our Treasurer will be collecting money at the 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. DO NOT show up on the 14th or you will miss out!**

**ATTENTION FORT BEND COUNTY RESIDENTS** The Fort Bend County Fair will be held this month at the Fairgrounds. Entries can not only be wooden but also almost any type of craft. Plus there will be categories for baked goods, sewn/knitted items, photos, paintings, antiques, collections, and others. Check the fair website and look for the Adult Creative Arts section. Turn in of your items will be Wednesday September 27th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Thursday September 28th from 8:00 AM to Noon. You will pick up your submitted items October 8th from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. You must have your registration ticket to claim your items. One other change this year is you will not be able to drive in to drop off your items except under special circumstances. This is a fun event and one you should participate in. You will see some amazing crafted items and enjoy time at the fair. If you have any questions call Norm Nichols; See you at the fair!

## 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 7 new members:

Jim Bennett, Maria Carlo, Nathan Carlson, Brian Murrah, Greg Smith, Kevin Smith & Yancy Smith

## Meet the Members



### Lon & Pam Kelley

Member Since 2002

Lon has always been interested in making various things, but didn't have tools when he was young. His building urges were satisfied by assembling model kits, mostly airplanes. Lon's real start was in high school shop, and took as many years as possible, and even made some items for his teachers. Over the time until retirement there were many years repairing or upgrading houses they lived in. The concentrated woodworking started at retirement. Lon's involvement with the club started in about 2002, when his neighbor brought him to a meeting. Pam has always been an avid supporter, and they worked together on toys from the start of the club activities, which must be more than 15 years. In 1995 they worked together to build an airplane which they flew for 25 years and just sold. Lon & Pam look forward to the meeting every month and expect to attend many more.



### Patti & Larry Page

Members Since 2009;

Larry: Treasurer 2012-2014;

Patti: Golden Hammer Award 2012, 2019

Both Patti and Larry enjoy working on a variety of woodworking projects with particular interest in scroll saw work. Patti recently completed a 4 by 6 lean-to shed for garden supplies as well as a miniature version for her two feral cats. They have also been building cabinets for the garage in the ever-elusive search of an organized work shop. Patti and Larry have enjoyed the chance to learn about various woodworking topics through the WWCH, and have particularly enjoyed all of the friendships with fellow members. Patti & Larry have always taken upon themselves to supply the Picnic and all day meeting with refreshments; and we thank them for that! You also find them in the back of the meetings with the sign-in sheets.

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### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday September 9th**  
**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 October 4<sup>th</sup> to be included in the next newsletter.

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**Web**  
[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

**Join our Facebook Group!**  
**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!