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WWCH Calendar

7 Mar.....	Furniture Splinter Group
9 Mar.....	Monthly Meeting
17 Mar.....	CNC Splinter Group
27 Apr ..	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
24 Mar...	Hand Tool Splinter Group
4 Apr	Furniture Splinter Group
13 Apr	Monthly Meeting

Monthly Raffle



**Get your ticket at
the meeting!**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Steve LeGrue Jim Dudley

Michael Claiborn Steve McNeal

Tim Montfort

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently, I was reading through the “Wayback Wednesday” and “Throwback Thursday” WWCH newsletters from 30-plus years ago, and I was struck by a couple of things. First, we obviously carry on strongly with some of our traditions – our meetings tend to format the same format each month – a Teacher or Speaker as the focal point of the meeting, and Show & Tell was (and still is) perhaps the most popular element of the monthly meeting. On the other hand, we didn’t seem to have a regular meeting space, nor did we seem to have Splinter Groups.

However, one thing that really stands out to me from reading the old newsletters is that there seems to have been a lot more active knowledge sharing and training by and between the club members. There was a lot of focus on workshops or clinics being held by WWCH members for the benefit of WWCH members. Clinics might last from a couple of hours to a couple of days, and were usually restricted to a handful of students so everyone got plenty of “hands-on” instruction. Cost was usually just materials plus a few dollars, and it was stressed that “(teachers) don’t have to be a master craftsman, just proficient at whatever clinic you would like to give”. Some of the subjects that were listed included:

- Chisel and Plane Iron Sharpening
- Use of the wood lathe
- Use of the router
- Basic wood carving
- Finishing
- Building raised panel doors
- Bandsaw boxes
- Carving bowls by hand
- Building a router table
- Installing hinges and hardware (without screwing up)
- The use and sharpening of hand planes
- Building a European workbench

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Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: Bill Teague has stepped up to host the CNC Router Splinter Group. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in his workshop behind his house in West University Place. Bill is open to suggestions for the date and time to increase participation.

For information contact Bill at wateague@gmail.com.

Hand Tool Splinter Group: The Hand Tool Splinter Group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email is the primary tool for schedule announcements; it will be used to communicate any changes or cancellations.

Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net

Toy Splinter Group: Toy Splinter Group: Currently all toys are constructed by individual members for donation to area children's charities. "Toy of the Month" plans and critical parts can be picked up at the WWCH monthly meetings.

For more information contact John Lastrapes, jlastrapes@entouch.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet April 27, 2019 at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8), 9:30 AM. Discussion topic to be announced later. Bring your Show N Tell items and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group will meet Thursday, 7 March. The meeting will be held in George Alderete's shop. Details will be sent to all registered group members soon.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, contact Ron Kirchoff kirchko@gmail.com.

Sawmill Splinter Group is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

President's Message (cont)

Reading these discussions got me to wondering whether this is a practice that our membership would like to resurrect, or whether our splinter groups fulfill this need to most people's satisfaction. I plan to raise this question at the March meeting, and would like to have your thoughts on the matter. It is clear that we have some very proficient woodworkers on the club as well as a number of master craftsmen. Would you be willing to share some of your knowledge?

Ben Tillison

WWCH President

Website of the Month



Jonathan Katz-Moses is a California-based woodworker. He has a very informative YouTube channel where he states: "Woodworking is my passion and there is nothing I won't try to build, fix, or improve on my own. I got into woodworking and the passion has completely consumed me. Becoming a great woodworker and do it yourselfer is about finding the right information and creative solutions with the materials and skill sets available to you. I eagerly look forward to showing you how I accomplish my projects. Katz-Moses Woodworking specializes in hybrid woodworking and video instruction. We use modern and traditional tools to create fine furniture and unique boxes of all shapes and sizes."

Check out his channel at <https://www.youtube.com/katzmoseswoodworkingshop>.

He has invented and markets several woodworking products which can be seen at <http://www.katzmoseswoodworking.com/new-products>.

February Program Recap



Our guest speaker, Scott Holmes, spoke about finishing wood. On a topic that could go all day Scott provided numerous tips, explained a "ton" of techniques and answered many questions.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Charles Volek Intarsia Lighthouse
Bill Teague Valances
Steve Wavro..... Intarsia Sun
David Janowitz Craft Show Items
Sankar..... Tea Box
Steve LeGrue Wall Cabinet
Peter Doe Guitar Stand
Jeff Larsen Lute Body
Singa Katari Automaton

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.



It was overcast but **Steve Wavro** brought the sun in with him. Steve created his intarsia sun using 89 pieces from pine, mahogany, and walnut



then finished in satin except for the eyes which were done in high gloss.



This intarsia lighthouse that will certainly light his way was crafted by **Charles Volek** from various woods then finished with Water-lux.



David Janowitz has a craft show coming up so he showed club members several items that he crafted from Osage orange, water oak, walnut, ash, cherry and mesquite. Good luck to you David!



A tea box with Plexiglass top was crafted from poplar and walnut by **Sankar** then finished with water borne polyacrylic. Is a teapot next?



For his daughter's house in San Angelo **Bill Teague** crafted some valances for the semi-circular tops of windows



Show and Tell



Steve LeGrue showed members a cabinet made from walnut and walnut veneer on plywood. The mortise and tenon joints were all

hand made. Steve also talked about the bowls that he turned including a bowl from a pecan tree hit by lightning 18 months ago.



Jeff Larsen explained how strips of Eastern red cedar strips are heated then joined together on the bowl form to create the body of a lute. Next will be the finished lute. Will Jeff play us a tune?

Singa demonstrated how CPR is done with the help of an automaton. No dummy required for this demo. You can watch short video of his automaton on our [website](#).



Peter Doe didn't bring his guitar but he did bring the stand that he crafted from laminated pieces of mahogany and pecan. Peter explained the process that he underwent.



Odds and Ends

2019 Dues: Are now due and the 2019 Directories will be available at the March WWCH meeting on Saturday March 9, 2019. Annual dues remain at the bargain price of \$36. If you have not already, you can pay at the next monthly meeting, or contact the treasurer, Henry Majoué.

Program Ideas: Tom Blanco, program director, is seeking input from the membership on what topics they would like presented at monthly meetings. Please pass on any ideas to Tom or another board member.

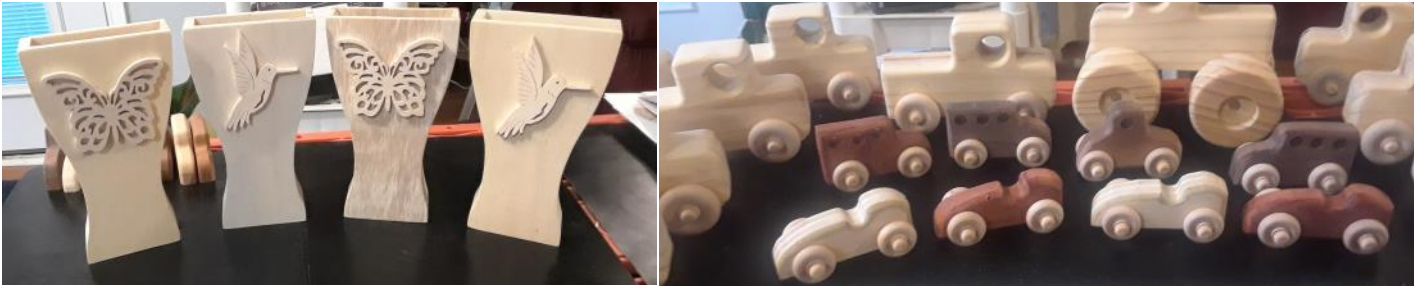
April Field Trip: The field trip is Saturday, April 6, we will meet at Algoa Millworks, located at 19418 Hwy 6, Alvin, Texas at 10:00 am.

Upcoming shop Crawl: The shop crawl is Saturday, April 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the same day as the club meeting.

Toys, Toys, and More Toys



Lon Kelly contributed a fleet of cars and a flock of bird houses.



Dave VanDewerker made vases, cars and trucks.



There were many other Members who made contributions to the toy collection effort. Thanks to all who made last year's program a big success.

Now, all you elves get back to work!



Charles Volek made puzzles and cars.

HCCC Community Day



On March 2, 2019 the club was extremely well represented at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts' Community Day. We had lots of interested people come by our booth and asked a lot of good questions. They enjoyed seeing the examples of our member's work. Our demos were well received. The kids loved watching a toy being cut for them. We saw many happy little faces thanks to Ben Tillison and Denis Muras on their scroll saws. Jeff Larsen had his shavehorse there and that is always a big draw! Chuck Meeder showed off his chip carving skills. Thanks guys! The weather was good so we all stayed dry and there were no problems. We had the best turn out of volunteers for this event, or any event, that I have seen in a long time. I can't thank all of you who stepped up enough for giving up your Saturday for your club. It was a fun day getting to meet the attendees and getting to know our fellow members better. Thank you again!!! — Norm Nichols

2018 WWCH Awards



Mike Turner, left, received the Golden Hammer Award for 2018 from 2018 President Mark Bolinger. Presented to one Club member for recognition of his or her service to the Club in the previous 12 months.



Bob Wink, right, received the Woodworker of the Year 2018 Award from 2018 President, Mark Bolinger. Presented to the club member who demonstrates the finest woodworking craftsmanship through participation in the Show and Tell programs throughout the previous year.

Lie-Nielson will be attending a new 'Texas Woodworkers Festival' in Austin on April 6. This festival is described as a beer festival and woodworking-themed farmers market. There will be local woodworking organizations, furniture makers and tool manufacturers present. This festival is produced by the new Austin School of Furniture & Design. For more information visit <https://texaswoodworkingfestival.com>



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George Alderete, Norm Nichols,
Charles Volek

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday Mar 9th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM
 Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Ron Kirchoff, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at kirchko@gmail.com.

We're on the web!

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 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!

