

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## WWCH Calendar

Apr 6 .....	Furniture Splinter Group
Apr 8 .....	Monthly Meeting
Apr 22 .....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
Apr 23 .....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Apr 27 .....	Intarsia Splinter Group
May 13 .....	Monthly Meeting

## New Members

**Welcome to WWCH**

**Mahesh Nagarkatti**

**Mike Poling**

**Happy to have you with us!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2017 seems to be slipping by pretty fast. We are already through the first quarter and going into April with a full schedule ahead for this spring's events. A shop crawl and a field trip are just two upcoming events to attend within the next three months. Be sure you set aside time to attend both if possible. On May 13th after our normal scheduled meeting of the month, Bill Harris has a shop crawl scheduled for the east by southeast side of the Houston area. Bill will have maps available for those who would like to visit some of our membership's shops. David Garcia is lining up a field trip to a saw mill in Woodville, Texas on the Saturday, June 17th. The owner, Allen Barr, will be hosting our group with a tour of his facilities and you can purchase as much lumber as you can haul. There will be more information to follow.

I really enjoyed the program presented by Vejdi Avsar. His presentation of some of his work was really outstanding. Vejdi's presentation touched on several areas of interest in woodworking. He displayed one piece which was a carving he had done which was very unique. He then showed the different steps he utilized to achieve that carving. Vejdi used his router to cut flowing grooves that crisscrossed on the wood in a random pattern and then he came back with a carving chisel and carved out a sculpted piece of work. I thought that was very clever. The take away for his presentation was that he was able to provide information for all woodworkers at different levels of expertise.

Next month, if you have a favorite tool or jig that you find very helpful in your shop, please bring it to our April meeting to share with others.

Once again, if you have a program that you would like to see or you would be interested in doing a program for our club, please contact Charles Volek.

We had 95 members present at our meeting in March. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our meeting. Work safely and be sure to wear your safety glasses.

Thanks for your support,  
**Mike Turner - President**

# Splinter Groups

**CNC Router Splinter Group** The CNC router group is not planning to meet in April. We are in the process of finding a new location to meet. I will let you know if something changes.

Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 or [mktturner49@gmail.com](mailto:mktturner49@gmail.com) for further assistance.

**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](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net)

**Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet for its next discussion on Saturday, April 22nd, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8). Our discussion topic will be wood, all types of wood. That will include hardwood, softwood, domestic wood, exotic wood, and even plywood. What do you like to use? Bring your items for Show-N-Tell and questions for Problems-N-Solutions.

For further information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

**Toy Splinter Group:** The toy group is currently on hiatus. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule later this spring.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

**Furniture Splinter Group:** The furniture splinter group is now meeting the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on April 6th. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at [Lmcummings@hotmail.com](mailto:Lmcummings@hotmail.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 the projects possible with the lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net).

**Intarsia Splinter Group:** The group decided that for now, we will target to meet once per month with the next meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, 27th at Steve Wavro's shop in Baytown. If you have a pattern that you are thinking about starting, or a project that is in progress or recently finished, please bring it along with you.

For more information, contact Steve Wavro at (281) 614-9517 or [steve.wavro@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wavro@gmail.com).

## March Program Wrap-up



Vejdi Avsar, from [Clark's Hardwood Lumber](#), talked about all facets of woodworking and provided numerous tips to enhance woodworking skills.

## 2017 WWCH Directories



The New Edition of the Directory is here!

2017 Members come and claim yours at the April meeting!



You can also pick up your new membership cards at the meeting. Both Rockler and Woodcraft offer a 10% discount on many store items to members. The discounts are available daily at the Rockler store and on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Woodcraft. You must present your membership card to obtain the discount. Rockler also presents the club with a \$20 gift card whenever a certain number of membership cards are presented at the store.

# Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

- **Upcoming Shop Crawl:** The spring shop crawl schedule for May 13th will feature shops in the Clear Lake/Friendswood area. The following members have generously offered to open their shops for your viewing pleasure: Mike Jeffery, Lisa Sessions and Ron Kirchoff. Maps will be available at the May meeting.
- ♦ **Please check your contact information:** When you sign in at the monthly meeting, please check your contact information. Notify Patti Page, David Janowitz, or Gary Rowen for any changes or corrections.

## Show and Tell

### PRESENTERS

<b>George Alderete</b> .....	Boxes
<b>Chuck Meeder</b> .....	Saw storage/Stool
<b>Lon Kelley</b> .....	Boxes
<b>Larry Barron</b> .....	Bowls
<b>John Lastrapes</b> .....	Vacuum Cart
<b>Mike Green</b> .....	Magazine Storage Box
<b>George Graves</b> .....	Pliers Stand
<b>Rick Spacek</b> .....	Globes
<b>David Glasco</b> .....	Sign
<b>Mike Hardy</b> .....	Music Stand
<b>Lisa Sessions</b> .....	Storage Solution
<b>Steve Wavro</b> .....	Intarsia Eagle
<b>Bob Wink</b> .....	Folk Art
<b>Larry Barron</b> .....	Bowls

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen. For high resolution pictures, visit [www.wvch.org](http://www.wvch.org).



Showing off his collection of saws and planes, **Chuck Meeder** showed club members his cabinet to store them made from Home Depot pine and finished with some “old” polyurethane found in his shop. The stool was crafted from maple cutoffs and the joinery was hand cut and the top surfaced flat with a hand plane – no sanding. Finished with polyurethane.



Made by hand tools in the Hand Tool Splinter Group, **George Alderete** crafted this walnut box with a bottom of Ambrosia Maple. He finished with Watco Danish oil.



**Lon Kelley** walked members through a slide show to help us understand how he crafted these exquisite boxes from multiple pieces glued together. He finished with spray polyurethane.



**Larry Barron** crafted a very unique bowl from a yet to be identified chunk of wood. It has a natural edge finish – some bark remains on the item. The plate is a cutoff finished in Minwax Sedona Red and enhanced using a detail burner. Both items were finished with wipe-on polyurethane.

## Show and Tell



**John Lastrapes** explained how he put together his clever two-stage vacuum system to collect mostly dust from his table saw. His name's not Hoover but it works like one – even better.



With attention to detail in a Charles Dearing pattern, **Rick Spacek** scroll sawed these juggling hands then finished with a natural stain and a top coat of clear gloss.



Using Home Depot bucket lids to design the curves, **Mike Green** fashioned this magazine box from a picture on Pinterest. Mike used the principle of “thirds” to place the front portion of the box.



For an art contest, for which he won Second Place, **David Glasco** crafted this project of maple, purple heart, yellow heart, walnut and some rosewood, representing the City of Webster, Texas, mostly on a CNC machine. David's design is based on City of Webster man hole covers – you didn't know man hole covers could look so good, did you?



Filling a need to make using specific pliers easier on the hands, George Graves designed and made this item of Baltic birch to hold the pliers in place so they could be used like a typical desktop stapler.

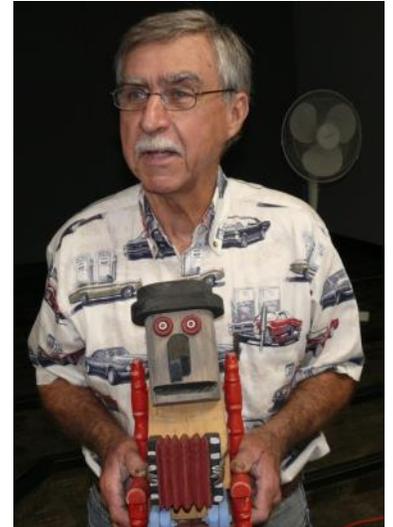


**Mike Hardy** crafted a desktop music stand finished with Liberon. The “things” that stick out when closed are what keeps the door flat when opened. That was clever, Mike.

## Show and Tell



A rolling storage cabinet, inspired after a visit to Larry Wenner's workshop, and constructed by **Lisa Sessions**, holds assorted woodworking items. Note how the rollers accommodate an elevated walkway.



A project started by **Steve Wavro** at his intarsia splinter group that he sponsors, Steve crafted this intarsia Bald Eagle to be sold at an auction conducted by the West Chambers County Pilot Club. Steve definitely is soaring higher with his craftsmanship.



**Bob Wink** debuted more whimsical characters, the zydeco squeeze box musician, the lady pushing a baby stroller and the lady from...uh...Taiwan? Yes, those are real neckties repurposed in the Bob Wink style. And Bob uses Wink Wood.

## Website of the Month

# RENAISSANCE

## WOODWORKER

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...So Little Time



Shannon Roger's site for the Hand Tool Enthusiast

<http://www.renaissancewoodworker.com>

## Lie-Nielsen Toolworks Hand Tool Event

This event, held the 17th and 18th of March at the shop of Clark Kellogg, Furnituremaker. This was a great opportunity to try out the extensive collection of Lie-Nielsen tools. Representatives were on hand to show you how to set them up and use them effectively.

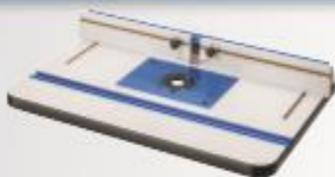
WWCH had a table there to advertise our club to other woodworkers. Thanks to those volunteers who were there to talk about WWCH, hand-out brochures and sign up new members.

## Gathering of the Guilds



The club participated in The Gathering of the Guilds, March 4, 2017 at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. We were able to show off our club activities and the wide range of talent, creativity and skills of our members. The event was a great opportunity to meet future members and introduce them to our club. Thanks to all the members who supported this effort.

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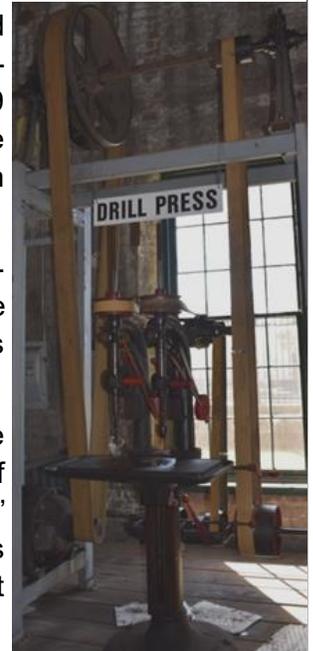
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## Woodworking and Railroads

On a recent trip to Savannah, GA, we spent an afternoon at the Georgia State Railroad Museum. This museum houses what is left of the Central of Georgia Railroad roundhouse and train repair facility. In its heyday, the facility included a roundhouse with 39 stalls; a turntable for moving locomotives or train cars into and out of the roundhouse stalls; machine, blacksmith, and carpentry shops; and a large steam engine to run equipment in the shops.

In one of the shops, we found a few pieces of equipment from that period. I was particularly intrigued by the woodworking multi-function machine called the Buffalo Complete Woodworker. This machine included a table saw, band saw, lathe, and joiner. It was manufactured in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Buffalo Forge Company.

The facility had a large steam engine located in a yard outside the shops. This engine turned a shaft which ran from the engine yard into the repair shops. Each piece of equipment could be driven from the turning shaft. The equipment would be "turned on" by engaging a lever which moved the belt onto the turning shaft. You can see the belts and a replica of the shaft in the picture of the drill press. The museum has the shaft set up to turn, so we got to see the drill press and bandsaw running.



One item the woodworking shop produced a lot of was wooden bricks. The bricks were cut on the end-grain and then coated with a substance to preserve them. They were used in the roundhouse on the sides of each stall. Since the locomotives were driven by steam engines, the flooring around where the engines were repaired was often quite wet. These bricks helped to provide a safer working surface because they are less slippery than conventional bricks when wet. They also helped to protect the cast iron engine parts, which can be brittle and crack if dropped on a hard surface. The bricks are maintained today, and we saw a pallet of them in the roundhouse.



The museum is actively restoring some rail cars and maintains several operational locomotives (steam and diesel). It is definitely worth a visit if you find yourself in Savannah!

*Submitted by Lisa Sessions*



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## NEXT MEETING

**Saturday April 8th, 2017**

9:00AM TO 11:30AM  
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

**Presentation by: Mike Haynes on Basic Furniture Making.**

***Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!***

We are now officially a 501(3)(c) charitable organization, effective 12/10/2016. Donations are now tax deductible. (Note: Club dues are not considered a donation)

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

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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 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!