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WWCH Calendar

Feb 1	Furniture Splinter Group
Feb 10	Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	CNC Splinter Group
Feb 24	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Mar 1	Furniture Splinter Group
Mar 3	Craft Community Day
Mar 10	Monthly Meeting
Apr 28	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



Happening at every meeting!

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Dane Schmitt

Glad you're with us!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hybrid Woodworking

As the coordinator for the Hand Tool Splinter Group (formerly the Hand Plane Splinter Group), I have a reputation as a "hand tool guy". This is only partially accurate; I am a hybrid woodworker. To me, a hybrid woodworker is one who is skilled (or who thinks he is skilled) in hand tool usage but who also uses woodworking machines.

Why do I like hand tools? Hand planes and scrapers can eliminate 80-100% of sanding. I recall laboriously working my way through a succession of sanding grits and being virtually certain that I had eliminated the saw marks, only to have said saw marks reappear virtually unchanged when the first coat of finish was applied.

Hand tools can greatly aid in joinery. I recall crosscutting a board to length with great caution to make sure that I didn't overshoot and cut it too short. This might have required repeated trips to the table saw, nibbling off a bit each time. Now, I cut close and finish off with a shooting board. Mortise and tenon joinery is a lot easier when you can cut a tad oversize and fit the tenon with a router plane.

Hand tools save time. This might seem counterintuitive, but it's true. Frequently I need to make only a few cuts on a small number of boards. It takes time to set up the table saw and dust collector to do this, in contrast I can whip out the hand saw and be done in minutes.

Hand tools are quieter and less dusty. I never have to put on my hearing protection when I'm using hand tools. And the personal satisfaction that I get when a long shaving emerges from the plane is priceless.

Why do I like machines? Machines are great for the laborious jobs. I think it's valuable to know how to four-square a board by hand. I think I might incur a cardiovascular event if I have to do it to 100 board feet for a project, especially in the summer. I'm happy to trot out the jointer and the planer for this task. The gym is for exercising, the shop is for woodworking.

There are some jobs a machine can do better and easier. Nothing beats a table saw for a long, straight line rip cut. Nothing beats a planer for producing a large pile of boards that all have a nearly identical thickness. It can be a bit tricky to use a hand plane to joint the edge of a board perfectly

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Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00pm.

Contact Mike Turner for further information at 281-633-1807 or mktturner49@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 other details at marksmithb@windstream.net

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Our discussion group will meet April 28th at Woodcraft South Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. Discussion topic has not been set so check back to this column in an upcoming issue. Please contact us if you have something you would like to talk about. We will have Show N Tell and Problems N Solutions.

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

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group is currently looking for a new coordinator, If you are interested please contact a board member.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on February 1st. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, 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 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)

perpendicular to the face, especially if it's a wide board; a jointer handles this with aplomb. I've watched the guys turning with a treadle lathe; I just can't picture myself pumping the treadle and using the gouge at the same time.

So my message to the club is this: take a walk on the wild side. Membership in WWCH makes this so easy to do. If you're a machine user who has a token set of chisels, explore the hand tool world for a while. You can do this with nearly zero investment by visiting the Hand Tool Splinter Group. If you're a hand tool fanatic, or someone who hasn't been able to afford some of the machine tools yet, you can probably find someone in the club to help with the machine tasks. To me, this is one of the many benefits that WWCH membership offers.

Mark Bolinger

WWCH President

December Program Recap



Brandon Berdoll of Berdoll Sawmill was the guest speaker at our January meeting. Brandon gave an informative presentation on their process for creating lumber. He covered the entire process from harvesting trees, to evaluating the logs for best value, slabbing the lumber, and his approach to air and kiln drying of the stock. He was very knowledgeable and gave great insight into their process. You can view their website at <https://berdollsawmill.com/>.

Odds and Ends

2018 Dues: Yearly dues (\$36) are now due and can be paid at the February meeting. If you know you will not be there, you can also mail a check to Henry Majoué, 14114 Locke Lane, Houston, TX 77077, or email him at hjmajoue@gmail.com to arrange credit card payment. February 28th is the cutoff date to get your name into the 2018 member directory.

CRAFT COMMUNITY DAY: WWCH will again be participating the Craft Community Day at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts. The event is being held on Saturday, March 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm. We are looking for members to volunteer to staff our booth and provide example projects to display to the public. If you can help, contact Ron Kirchoff at kirchko@gmail.com.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Steve WavroIntarsia Lighthouse
Sam Grice Wagon
Mark WomackBoxes
David Janowitz.....Vacuum Chuck
Bill Harris..... Intarsia Eagle
Steve Wavro Toy Logging Truck
Sam GriceTurned Vessel

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



Sam Grice—Wagon



Steve Wavro—Intarsia



Mark Womack - Boxes

Show and Tell



David Janowitz—Vacuum Chuck



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday February 10th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

Presentation: Shop Safety Tips

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

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

We're on the web!

www.wwch.org

Join our FacebookGroup! 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!