

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

**Due to MLK  
Holiday we  
meet on  
January 6th**

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## WWCH Calendar

Jan 4..... Furniture Splinter Group  
**Jan 6 ..... Monthly Meeting**  
 Jan 6..... Rockler Grand Opening  
 Jan 18.....CNC Splinter Group  
 Jan 27.....Scroll Saw Splinter Group  
 Jan 28..... Hand Tool Splinter Group  
 Feb 1 ..... Furniture Splinter Group  
 Feb 10 ..... Monthly Meeting

## Monthly Raffle



**Happening at every meeting!**

## Annual Dues

**Still a bargain at \$36,  
get yours before the  
price increase.**

(Just kidding; no increase is planned)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### New Year's Resolutions

Our first club meeting in 2018 is Saturday, January 6. This early date nicely coincides with the venerable tradition of making New Year's Resolutions. Here are some of mine as relates to WWCH.

I resolve to continue the practice of making WWCH meetings fun, informative, friendly, and conducive to socializing.

I resolve to be organized, arriving at each WWCH meeting with an agenda that is specific to that month's business. Each agenda should allow ample time for the presentation and for show and tell.

The same goes for board meetings. I resolve to be organized, arriving at each board meeting with an agenda that is specific to that month's business. Each meeting should be crisp and efficient, with business conducted thoroughly in the minimum time necessary. We all need to go home and start making sawdust as soon as possible, as the normal course of events for a Saturday.

I resolve to read the club bylaws. For the first time in 20 years.

I resolve to vacuum up as many suggestions as possible from membership. It's your club, not mine, and I want to make sure the club activities reflect this.

As noted above, it's your club, not mine. I resolve to not be bashful about asking club membership to volunteer time for club business. But please help us out here. It's not good if the same 6 people are the only volunteers.

I resolve, on behalf of the board, to be fiscally responsible with club funds. A reasonable goal is that the treasury has no net difference on December 31, 2018.

I resolve to attend more outside events. This is a difficult one for me: we all have a hard time with work/life/hobby balancing. I know this doesn't happen for anyone else in the club, but my spouse has occasionally expressed some skepticism about the hobby portion.

I resolve to make 10 toys for the toy drive.

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## Splinter Groups

**CNC Router Splinter Group:** The CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm.

Contact Mike Turner for further information at 281-633-1807 or [mktturner49@gmail.com](mailto: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 details at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net)

**Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** Our next discussion group will January 27, 2018 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. Topic for discussion will be puzzle making as we get ready to make them as part of the toy making effort. Save your 2017 calendars for this project. Bring any puzzles you have and other items for Show N Tell. Let's see what Santa added to your shop.

For information 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 January 4th. 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](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 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).

## President's Message (cont)

That's my list; I've probably forgotten a few resolutions. As I review the list, it strikes me that most of these resolutions are not exclusive to the president. With minor revisions, the list would be a good starting point for individual members. I hope my list inspires others to make a similar list for their WWCH involvement in 2018.

**Mark Bolinger**

**WWCH President**

## December Program Recap



Chris Schwartz attended a school in Maine in 2006 on wooden boat building and learned how to craft a kayak. Chris spoke about the class and the efforts and skills required. His presentation is available in PowerPoint format on our website.

## 2018 WWCH Board

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## Odds and Ends

**2018 Dues:** Yearly dues (\$36) are now due and can be paid at the January meeting. If you know you will not be there, you can also mail a check to David Janowitz at 2429 McClendon St, Houston, TX 77030, or email him at [elstupido@att.net](mailto:elstupido@att.net) to arrange credit card payment. Our February meeting will be the last chance to pay to get your name into the 2018 member directory, but earlier payment makes bookkeeping and paperwork much easier.

**Please Make Sure You Sign in at Each Meeting:** And when you do, please double check the information listed to ensure it is correct. Annotate any changes on the sign-in sheet and let David Janowitz or Patti Page know. Thanks for your help.

**Thanks:** I want to thank everyone for participating in shop crawls, craft show and toy making during my term as a member of the board of directors—Bill Harris.

## Show and Tell

### PRESENTERS

- Norm Nichols** ..... Scroll Saw Plaque
- Charles Volek** ..... Scroll Sawn Figures
- Steve Wavro** ..... Door Plaques
- Denis Muras** ..... Train/Car
- Rick Spacek** ..... Winter Scene
- Bob Wink** ..... Folk Art
- David Janowitz** ..... Boards/Stoppers/Rolling Pins
- Chris Schwartz** ..... Butterfly/Dog
- Katari** ..... Laptop Stand
- Larry Barron** ..... Turnings
- Mark Womack** ..... Changing Table

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



Using a program called Inkscape, **Steve Wavro** crafted door plaques as gifts for friends getting married. Getting the “T”s of the Texas Tech of oak and backed with black felt just right required a few practice runs.



**Norm Nichols** made four of these Sister plaques, sealed with Shellac then coated with polyurethane. The type of wood is unknown but probably gumwood.



**Charles Volek** scroll sawed these figurines of people and animals; inspired by Steve Good and some he saw on Etsy. He said that they were fun to make.



**Denis Muras** constructed two train cranes and a car. Please read Denis's [write up](#).

# Show and Tell



From a Charles Hand pattern **Rick Spacek** scroll sawed this winter scene. Rick sprayed on the white paint then painted over with the green and yellow paints.



From Osage orange, walnut, and curly maple scraps **David Janowitz** crafted cutting boards, bottle stoppers and rolling pins. David “eyeballed” the straightness of the rolling pins – good eye, David. The boards and rolling pins are finished in mineral oil, the others in urethane.



From the images imprinted on beer cans **Bob Wink** created an owl and a lawnmower – where’s the pussy cat – on a pea green boat somewhere? Inspired by an outrageously priced piece at a flea market Bob fashioned this catfish with small nails for teeth.

From plywood **Chris Schwartz** scroll sawed these two animals stained with Early American. Just starting out in scroll saw woodworking, Chris received help from Charles Volek in picking out a scroll saw.

## Show and Tell



Gathering scrap wood **Katari** made this stand for holding a laptop computer for the kids.



Starting with a vision but ending up with something different **Larry Barron** turned a spittoon made of end grain pecan. The other piece is of Eucalyptus with felt flocking material.

**Mark Womack** used re-covered oak from the St. Francis church renovation to craft a changing table for his son's nursery – no, it's not a disguised phone booth. This was Mark's first use of mortise and tenon joints and it all came together quite well as you can see.



## Web Site of the Month



**FIX THIS BUILD THAT**  
PROJECTS · PLANS · TOOLS

Brad Rodriguez's [site](#) features a simple straight forward approach to presenting various wood-working projects for the home and shop. A little



about him: I started my journey in woodworking innocently enough in 2002, taking an Intro to Woodworking class at my local Woodcraft store. I made a simple serving tray and was amazed by what I was able to do with my hands in just one afternoon. I followed up that class with more classes at a local High School Woodshop that offered night classes. My girlfriend was a teacher at the school and turned me onto the classes. I was loving my new found hobby and enjoying building things as a creative outlet.



Visit the Houston locations at:

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&

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## WWCH General Information

### WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Norm Nichols, Charles Volek

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND

#### CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Book Library	John Gay
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Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Media	B. Lenhart & M. Womack
Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Ron Kirchoff
Raffle	Lynn Cummings
Refreshments	S. Wavro & R. Kirchoff
Technology	Denis Muras
Video Library	Lisa Sessions
Web Master	Gary Rowen

### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday January 6th, 2018**

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

**Presentation:** Brandon Berdol of Berdol Sawmill, "Tree to Lumber" process, and will discuss their abilities, including their 100-inch planer.

**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).

***We're on the web!***

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

**Join our FacebookGroup!  
Woodworkers Club of Houston**

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

**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!