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WWCH Calendar

Jun 1.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Jun 10.....	Monthly Meeting
Jun 17.....	Woodville Field Trip
Jun 24.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Jun 29.....	Intarsia Splinter Group
Jul 6.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Jul 8.....	Monthly Meeting
Jul 22.....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



**\$1 and \$5 Raffle at
each meeting**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Charles Cotton
Steven Ellis
Brian Lenhart
Ian Levine

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our May meeting was very special; I hope you got to attend the shop crawl organized by Bill Harris. Thanks Bill for a job well done. I would also like to thank Ron Kirchoff, Lisa Sessions and Michael Jefferies for making their shops available for the membership to tour. Without exception, all the shops were cleaner than mine. They were well organized and they utilized their space very effectively. Their shops were an inspiration to me to try to make my shop look better. I also got some good ideas for expanding my shop efficiently and maximizing my shop space.

I would like to thank Charles Volek for stepping up and presenting a program on a moment's notice when our planned speakers were unavailable. We appreciate all that you do for our club.

The June meeting will be a very busy for our club as we make preparations for the July meeting with Matt Cremona. Crosspoint Church has once again made arrangements for us to utilize their facility for our July all day meeting with Matt. All VBS projects being made for the church should be turned in at the June meeting, if not sooner. In addition to the projects, Space shuttle toys and plywood shelving, we will be calling on our membership to provide tooling, materials and labor in setting up for Matt. Thank you for your support.

Our club is looking for new ways to reach the public in regard to promoting the club. Lynn Cummings came up with a good idea for outreach by using Instagram and the internet with some of the projects and activities that we sponsor as a club. Another idea would be for teams from our club to set up demonstrations at Home Depot or Lowe's. I believe we can reach parents and children by teaching them about woodworking. Let me hear from you on any ideas that you think will be a good outreach tool for our club.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our field trip to Woodville to see Allen Barr's saw mill coming up Saturday, June 17th.

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 around 80 members present at our meeting in May. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our next 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 WWCH CNC router group will meet on June 15th at Lynn Cummings house at 7:00pm.

Please contact Mike Turner for directions to meeting site or other information—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 details at marksmithb@windstream.net

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Our next quarterly meeting will July 22, 2017, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South on Beltway 8. Discussions this year have been great. The topic for the July meeting has not been set. Stay tuned to this column for further details as they develop. Bring your items for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions. A big thanks to Mike Jeffrey for offering to make Noah's ark and Rick Spacek for doing the animals. This will be donated to the craft show in November from the group.

For information about this group contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or 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 July 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

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.

Intarsia Splinter Group: Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 29th 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.

February Program Wrap-up



Charles Volek, WWCH Vice President and Program Director, spoke about the deck restoration of Galveston's tall ship, Elissa, that occurred in 2012 and 2013.

Replacing and restoring the decking was a major restoration project. The project required around 9000 linear feet of vertical 3 ½ x 5 inch Douglas Fir, the tight grain at about 40 rings per inch. The quarterdeck and the deckhouse had to be demolished before new decking could be installed.

Of particular interest was the caulking of the planks which consisted of one pass of cotton followed by two passes of oakum. The caulking is "horsed" into the joints using a large mallet called a beetle. Horsing the caulking in requires just the right amount of pressure lest you drive the caulk all the way through the joint. The decking was then paved with Jefferies #2 marine glue (pitch).

Charles brought samples of the new deck with materials and tools necessary to caulk between the deck planks.

Charles also showed numerous photos of the restoration as it progressed.

Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

◆ **Please check your contact information**

Be sure you sign in at every meeting; this ensures an accurate headcount which helps us justify use of the large meeting room. Also, 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.

◆ **Don't forget your member discounts!**

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.



Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.
For high resolution pictures, visit www.wwch.org.

PRESENTERS

Fred Sandoval	Cradle
Peter Doe	Outdoor Table
Chuck Meeder	Scroll Saw Projects/Bowl
Steve Wavro	Clock
Bob Wink	Day of the Dead Projects
Larry Wenner	Etagere
Rick Bajenski	Shaker Candle Box
David Janowitz	Bowls/Display Case
Steve Ellis	Step Stool
Mark Womack	Bench
Mike Turner	Marking Knives/Shuttle Project
John Gay	Bead Boxes
Denis Muras	Dominoes/Sander
Rick Spacek	Scroll Saw Cross/Picture
Dave VanDewerker	Moxon Vice



Using ipe for its weather resistance capabilities, **Peter Doe** crafted this outdoor table topped with glass mosaic tile pieces.

The tiles were glued to the top with Titebond 3 and epoxy then sealed with three coats of epoxy finishing with three coats of spar varnish. The tiles were cut with a carbide tipped wheel cutter and cut to fit with a nibbler. For the legs Peter used three jigs to make four angled cuts on the bandsaw with a carbide tipped 3/4 inch blade.

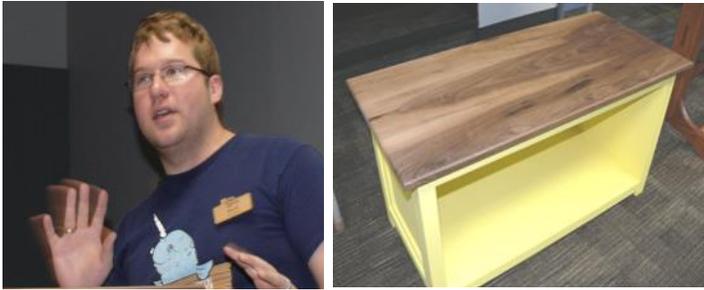


From a [Sue Mey](#) moon pattern and Wooden Teddy Bear Collection Catalogue, **Chuck Meeder** scroll sawed two projects of curly maple and mahogany then finished with spray lacquer. The yarn bowl, finished with Mylands Friction Polish is a gift for his daughter who likes to knit otherwise Chuck would use it for his collection of tall tales and whoppers. The cutout allows the yarn to be pulled out without the ball of yarn "running" away.



Rocking the cradle **Fred Sandoval** explained how he carefully mortised and aligned the joints to accommodate the slats for the side of the cradle. The cradle is of red oak which Fred found hard to turn unless you have sharp tools. Fred finished with Hydrocoat.

Show and Tell



Following an existing plan rather than creating a design using [SketchUp](#), **Mark Womack** made this bench for his niece to place under her window. Mark used poplar and plywood with a walnut top and then assembled with pocket screws. Mark used a mallet to drive 3/8 dowels into the pocket hole spaces then used a flush-cut saw to cut away excess.



After reading an article about woodworking without power tools for persons with Alzheimer's, **Denis Muras** crafted a hand-operated disk sander that can be used for sanding pens. Denis showed various other jigs that can be used to make pens without using power tools. Denis made a set of larger and easier to see dominoes of maple and walnut for his father then finished in a wax oil finish. Denis explained how he set up his drill press to drill the pips.



While visiting a resale shop **Mike Turner** became inspired to craft layout and marking knives from standard kitchen knives. The blades are blued rather than tempered. Mike explained how he adapted a pattern from the Internet that can be used for crafting simple models of the Space Shuttle.



From a [Rick Hutcheson](#) pattern **Rick Spacek** scroll sawed this beautiful cross out of inlaid oak and purple heart. The scroll saw picture is painted with acrylic and finished with spray clear gloss



Using new sewer pipe **John Gay** crafted these boxes for the [Beads of Courage](#) program. Seniors, at a special senior center, did the painting. The Viking and teddy bear are crafted from aromatic cedar. For the Viking's beard John used a mixture of potpourri and cedar shavings from a lathe.



Dave VanDewerker crafted this Moxon vise from white oak then finished with linseed oil. Dave clamps the vise to the work bench and he says it works quite well. I'll bet it helps him get a grip on things.

Show and Tell



Steve Wavro departed from his usual intarsia work to craft this fretwork clock of walnut and cherry intended as a Christmas present for his daughter who recently married a Dutchman. Steve explained how he had to make adjustments to the measurement to the pattern with overseas dimensions to accommodate the clock and the moving parts. The pattern came from a scroll saw magazine.



Rick Bajenski crafted this Shaker inspired candle box using dovetail joinery and finished with six or seven coats of milk paint which Rick admits is way too much.



Being a "fan" of the Day of the Dead, **Bob Wink** repurposed ceiling fan blades to show off Day of the Dead faces. Bob got an "agreement" from Norm Nichols and laughs from club members when Bob explained that one was supposed to uh.... resemble Norm.



Taking a lot of time to peel off the bark from a water oak burl, **David Janowitz** was able to craft this oddly shaped bowl that he finished with linseed oil and wax finish. The smaller bowl, which he calls "floor" wood, came from a piece found on his father's workshop floor. The other bowl is of osage orange. The display case is of osage orange and walnut finished with four coats of water borne polyurethane.



The original version of the etagere was made for a tall ceiling so **Larry Wenner** built this shorter version. Larry designed the granite shelf then had it cut first. The etagere is all solid walnut and heavy enough so it won't fall over. It is finished with sprayed on lacquer and is for sale for \$1700 – a bargain folks.



WWCH welcomed **Steve Ellis** as a new member as he showed club members his simple step stool - simple being a relative term – the compound angles required seem to defy a lot of people. The only power tool that Steven used was a pad sander – the rest were hand tools and helpful jigs (Steven was a carpenter).



June's featured website is www.mattcremona.com.

Matt opens each of his videos with "Hey everyone, my name is Matt. Welcome to my shop." And make you feel welcome he certainly does. He has an easy going, simple style that makes you want to listen and learn.

He did not grow up in a family of woodworkers. When he was a child, his father taught him the value of self-sufficiency and the do-it-yourself mentality. His dad instilled in him the idea that you can learn to do things outside your area of expertise without formal training. His willingness to take on any project, no matter the area, is very inspiring.

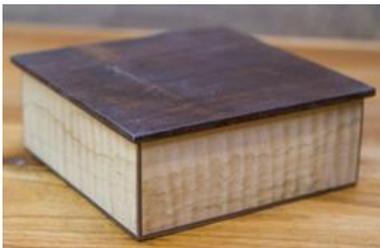
He has been a full-time content creator since early 2015. He admits it hasn't been easy, but he wouldn't change anything and has never been happier. He clearly enjoys interacting with the community and teaching people about something he loves.

Matt describes what he does as "In short, I turn trees into fine furniture." All his woodworking projects start with trees he harvests himself. He is obviously fascinated by all aspects of woodworking and enjoys sharing that with others. His videos follow the course of projects from tree to finished furniture. He does an admirable job covering the processes of furniture design, stock selection, milling rough lumber, cutting joinery, assembly, and finishing. He also produces videos about related topics including hand tool maintenance and use, tips and tricks he has learned along the way, useful shop projects, and even the fabrication of his log-hauling trailer. In the past year, he has designed and built his own oversized bandsaw mill.



His projects have included furniture from various periods, and he continues to explore new styles and methods. His goal is to make educational videos about woodworking and related topics in the hope he can inspire others to hone their skills and try new things. He states it has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Matt produces weekly Shop Update videos that include short updates about the projects he is working on, and showcases projects made by his viewers. He also publishes step-by-step project videos on a regular basis. These videos make it clear he takes pleasure in explaining the techniques and processes behind the creation of fine wooden furniture. He is great at quickly getting back to you on any questions or comments you may have on his projects.



He also collaborates with Marc Spagnuolo, "The Wood Whisperer", as an instructor in the Wood Whisperer Guild. He and Marc, along with Shannon Rodgers, produce an entertaining podcast "WoodTalk" that covers a wide range of woodworking, and sometimes other, topics. And you can follow him on Instagram at "<https://www.instagram.com/mattcremona/>".

Matt lives in Brooklyn Center, MN with his wife Lindsay, his sons JR and Max, and Pancake, the family's French Bulldog. He will be the featured speaker at WWCH's July seminar.

July Presentation Expo

It's that time of the year again. The July 8th meeting **will not** be at the Bayland Community Center. We will meet at Crosspoint Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd, just inside the I-610 loop. This year's speaker will be Matt Cremona. While this meeting is free to members there is a \$10 charge for lunch which should be paid at the June meeting. If you cannot pay at the meeting you must contact David Janowitz **before June 24th**.

He will present 6 topics: Card scrapers, Milling your own lumber, Hand cut half blind dovetails, Integrating hand tools into a power tool work flow, Working with live edge, and Dealing with defects.

Extra, extra, extra... For those who would like to meet and greet Matt, he will be at the Beer Market Company, 920 Studemont St #900, from 5pm to 9pm on Friday July 7th.

May Shop Crawl



Ron Kirchoff



Lisa Sessions



Michael Jefferies

The above members opened their shops to members following the May meeting. This was a great opportunity for members to gather ideas for their own shops and “steal” good practices and organization tips. From Bill Harris, Crawl Organizer: “I would like to thank the shop crawl hosts for a fine job. I think everyone who went enjoyed themselves. I know I did. In fact, I even learned a thing or two. Not bad for an old guy, wait it wasn't new, I just forgot that I learned that before. For those who did not go, you missed a good one.”

Monarch School Project

The Woodworkers Club has been asked once again to help the Monarch School with a woodworking project. The students at this school have neurological disorders. They are great kids and fun to work with on their projects. This time the students will be cutting out a butterfly shaped serving tray. The school supplies all materials and the club supplies scroll saws and personnel. That's where you come in. We need you come to the school between 9:00 am and 11:30 am to assist these students. Two people per session. The dates when we need your help are June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and July 5, 6, 11, and 12. Your help will yield you with a very rewarding time with these students. To sign up contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or scrollsaw@comcast.net.

Member Tips and Techniques

Steven Ellis, who presented a step stool joined with compound angles at the May meeting, has submitted two articles on how to arrive at these angles. Go to the www.WWCH.org web page and click on the links, “Hip and Valley Angles” and “Step Stool Compound Angles”, which will download PDF files.

Newsletter Input

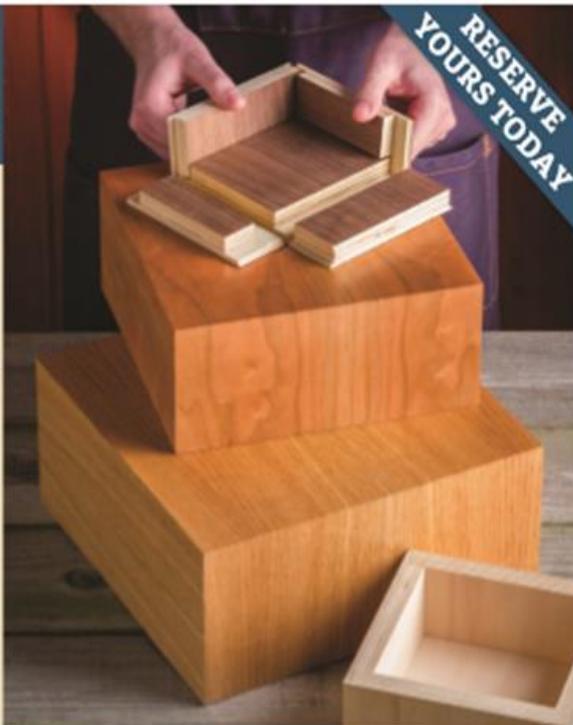
Do you have a tip or technique you would be willing to share? Maybe you would like to submit a review of a woodworking course you attended recently or can share a woodworking related experience you have had.

Inputs to the newsletter are always welcome!

If you have something you would like to submit, contact Ron Kirchoff, WWCH Newsletter editor, at kirchko@gmail.com.

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday June 10, 2017

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Presentation by: Mark Bolinger on Early Woodworking Machines.

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

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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!