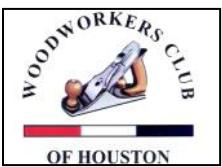


# The Sawdust Sentinel

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

June brings hope of the summer season and for WWCH this also means hopefully meeting in person again soon.

I appreciate your feedback to the two polls recently conducted. This helps inform the BOD of the general health and expectations of Members in our Club for meeting up again in-person.

Your leadership team will be experimenting with new technologies in the next month or so to help innovate reaching those who would prefer to continue meeting over Zoom, as well as make our in-person meetings more impressive.

Currently the BOD is aiming for July to resume in-person meetings, and plans on coordinating a simultaneous Zoom meeting at that time.

So hold on for just a little while longer - and be sure to keep a cold drink close by as we all know what the Texas heat can do to us, especially if you have a non-climate-controlled shop.

Have fun making sawdust! Cheers!

**Chris Schwartz**

**WWCH President**

## 2021 Dues Waived

Due to the COVID crisis's impact to club activities and the lack thereof, the WWCH Board has decided that all members in good standing for 2020 will have their dues waived for 2021. That's right, if you were a paid member for 2020 you will continue to be a member through this year at no additional cost. Any new members will still need to pay 2021 dues.

## Splinter Groups

Scroll Saw Splinter group: Norm Nichols ([scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net))

Furniture/Finishing Splinter group: Ron Kirchoff ([kirch76@gmail.com](mailto:kirch76@gmail.com))

Handtool Splinter group: Mark Bolinger ([marksmbth@gmail.com](mailto:marksmbth@gmail.com))

CNC Splinter group: Bill Teague ([wateague@gmail.com](mailto:wateague@gmail.com))

## Face-to Face Meetings

With COVID related restrictions relaxing nationally and in Houston and surrounding areas, the BOD believes it is safe to resume face-to-face meetings. A survey was sent out to the members to guide the decision. Thank you for an overwhelming response to the survey. Based on the survey results BOD discussed the logistics of resuming the face-to-face meetings. As mentioned in President's address, we are aiming to start the meetings from July. Denis Muras is working hard to get all the logistical hurdles cleared so that we can have the meeting also telecast via Zoom. Thank you Denis for all your hard work. I am sure everyone in the club is looking forward to meeting in person.

## Program of the Month

**David VanDerwerker** will take us into his shop to demonstrate how he makes beautiful scroll saw baskets (Steve Good design). These baskets look incredibly complex, but David shows us that they're actually pretty approachable! For our June Zoom meeting, join David as he shares his process, including lots of great tips around layout, scroll saw technique, and the glue-up. .



## Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

<http://www.wwch.org>

## Note of Appreciation

Clarence Mallett gave a woodworking talk to the Houston - Harris County Retired Teachers Association. They gave the Club a \$50 donation in return. Thank you to Clarence to spread the joy of Woodworking to the community. Thank you to the Harris County Retired Teacher's Association for their generous donation.

## Show and Tell



This Harlequin Great Dane Intarsia project was for a friend. I took a Judy Gale design (shown in the Brown tones) and using a photo from my friend's dog, I created the final look. The photo of me holding it, is to give you an idea of the size. The materials used are: Pine; Basswood; Ebony; Huisache and a mystery Wood that I wasn't sure what it was. This project took me a



little longer than normal, due to trying to match the photo.

I also created the ring holder for another friend that just got engaged. It also holds a couple of sets of earnings. Glued up some Black Walnut and Pine. Finished with some Danish Oil. — **Chris Farquhar**



My daughter needed two new lamps . So I made them from Wink Wood, what else? Finished with spray poly.  
—**Lon Kelley**



## Show and Tell

I made two cutting boards for a friend to give as wedding presents. The boards are black walnut and the insert is hard maple. I have the initials laser engraved into the maple, then I inset the square into the board. The finish is mineral oil and beeswax. — **Tom Paulley**



These are the 4 different baskets I made for the video (should be part of this month's meeting) on the scroll saw. Poplar with maple and walnut vertical slats, Maple with mahogany vertical slats, Mahogany with walnut vertical slats and Walnut with mahogany vertical slats. One pic to show the difference in 3/32" difference in thickness of the stock (mahogany vs walnut) All finished with 2 coats of slightly amber shellac, lightly sanded and 2 coats water based poly (semi gloss). — **Dave VanDewerker**



Here are a few simple projects I have been working on.

The Dinosaur group is a set of plans from "ToymakingPlans". I used the free poplar from Dave VanDewerker and Andy Tofuri to make them. I am planning on making more for donations. I will also be making some from white pine, as I removed 2 kitchens and have a load of white pine from the shelving.



The helicopters I had made before. I am using up more of the white pine from the kitchens.. — **Denis Muras**



## Show and Tell



The bowl on the left is just an ordinary pleasing bowl shape, but is special in that it is made of Camphor wood, and has a wonderful fragrance! Treated just with mineral oil. 9" x 2 3/4"

The one in the right is a candy dish of Osage Orange, with just Tung oil on it. As usual, I love the fine polish this hard wood takes to get that shine. 9" x 1 1/2"



This is another try at epoxy. Definitely learning on the fly. I didn't want to use a huge amount of resin, so a lot of it is shallow. More Osage Orange. This table is too short to design like a traditional trestle table, with seating on each end, so I put the legs only two inches from the ends to maximize side seating. At 68" x 32", you could squeeze in 6 if you had to, but makes spacious seating for 4. Mortise and tenon joints for the leg assemblies. I also made this to break down, with horizontal tusk tenon joints to attach the stringers, threaded inserts in the top, with screw slots in the top cross members to allow for wood expansion, and threaded inserts and levelling feet, all stainless steel hardware, as this will be outdoors. I did not want to use a film finish outdoors, so I used Minwax Maximum protection wood preservative, plus Howard outdoor furniture wax on the top. — David Janowitz



I made these 2 country end tables and this oversized coffee table for our living room. Made of common pine board from Home Depot. I painted the bottom with a base coat of "Quite Shore" white and extremely light brush strokes afterwards with a barely wet "mountain smoke" grey to give it that worn out look.

The top was simple. Wood conditioner then dark oak stain with 3 coats of polycrylic sanding in between. I found the design at a website called Ana White ([www.anawhite.com](http://www.anawhite.com)). — Wilson Carneiro



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### **NEXT MEETING**

# **Will be held via Zoom on Saturday 12 June**

*See Chris' email for instructions to attend.*

*Zoom meeting info is also available on our website*

<http://www.wwch.org>

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