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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is late October, and the Holiday season is upon us. We finally have a real break from the stifling summer heat, and being in the shop is no longer an endurance test, but a source of joy for me, and I hope it is also for you.

So, in my shop, it is time to get cranking on gifts - Halloween decorations, Thanksgiving decorations, carving boards big enough for a Tom Turkey, and all sorts of Christmas decorations and gifts for friends and family. Gifts may be as large as a piece of furniture or as small as a scroll-sawn ornament or a turned handle. In any case, the unique character of each piece of wood draws us to make something worthwhile out of that which was once a living tree. And as long as I am working on gifts for those I know well, I also try to find time to make toys for those who might not have enough cause for joy this year. What about you? What are you working on in your shop this time of year?

Once again, our October meeting was a success, at least among those who attended. The weather was wonderful, and once again we had live music to entertain us courtesy of Sam Grice and his group of talented musicians. Our raffle was the usual draw, and the odds were in the favor of those who bought a ticket since a ~\$300.00 item only had about six or seven \$5.00 tickets in the jar. Congratulations to the winners!

Our silent auction gave us an opportunity to see and even purchase for ourselves some of our members' work and to raise a few dollars for the club. A total of thirteen members offered up 42 of their projects for sale, and of those, 23 items sold, yielding a total of \$856.50 for the club. Thanks to Richard Bajenski and all of those who helped with the auction, including George Alderete, Joe Callahan, Jim Davis Sr., Roslyn Hager, Jim Hiles, Tommy Thompson, and Bob Wink. They offered ideas and help in the months leading up to the Picnic and several chipped in time during the event itself. The question then becomes, did you enjoy the silent auction, and would you like to see it as a regular part of the picnic? Let us know your feelings.

Ben Tillison

WWCH President

WWCH Calendar

07 Nov..... Furniture Splinter Group
 09 Nov..... Monthly Meeting
 24 Nov... Hand Tool Splinter Group
 05 Dec..... Furniture Splinter Group
 14 Dec..... Monthly Meeting
 25 Jan .. Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



**Get your
ticket at the
meeting!**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

We are happy to have you

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The group meets at Bill Teague's workshop behind his house in West University Place. For information contact Bill at wateague@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

Toy Splinter Group: Toy Splinter Group: Currently all toys are constructed by individual members for donation to area children's charities. "Toy of the Month" plans and critical parts can be picked up at the WWCH monthly meetings.

For more information contact John Lastrapes, jlastrapes@entouch.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet for its next discussion Jan 25, 2020 at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8) 9:30 AM. Bring your Show N Tell items and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For questions and more information contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group: The splinter group will meet Thursday, 7 Nov. The meeting will be held in George Alderete's shop. Details will be sent to all registered group members soon.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, contact Ron Kirchoff kirchko@gmail.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.

Galveston County Woodworkers Guild has been recently formed. For more information see the column to the right or contact Walt Hanson at whansen2@comcast.net.

Odds & Ends

WWCH Emails—If you receive your WWCH emails through Comcast please be advised that quite frequently I receive reports from Comcast that messages have been delayed 4 or 8 hours and sometimes even 24 hours. This should not be an issue unless you like to respond immediately to "Client Needs" eblasts.

Dues Renewal—It is not too early to reserve your place in the club for 2020. Dues remain at the incredible low price of \$36 for the year. See WWCH Treasurer, Henry Majoué, at any meeting.

Woodcraft Southwest—Randy has informed us that they are planning a big sale on 9 & 10 November with many specials, demonstrations, and giveaways.

New Splinter Group

A new splinter group has been formed for especially for those on the southeast side. Fourteen Woodworkers attended the first meeting of the **Galveston County Woodworkers Guild** at Dickinson Public Library on October 26, 2019. Walt Hansen and Ron Kirchoff teamed up to bring kolaches and coffee for refreshments.

Walt led the meeting following an agenda similar to the larger club's monthly meetings. The group formally adopted the name "Galveston County Woodworkers Guild" and after reviewing some organizational material, we discussed problems and solutions. David Firple started a discussion about re-sawing wood. Ron Kirchoff stressed the importance of inviting young people to get involved in woodworking. Bob Soehl expressed an interest in workshop design. He was referred to a book on the subject published by Fine Woodworking Magazine and to Bill King, who has some great photos of his innovative and compact shop on his phone.

Fred Sandoval showed us a beautiful dovetailed box that he had made and filled with interesting jigs and described how each was made and how they are used. He also showed us a Stradivarius style violin that he had crafted and described differences in construction between Stradivarius and Baroque violin styles. Ron Kirchoff showed us two trays and two boxes he had made and described the construction of each. Many thanks to Fred and Ron for sharing their projects with us.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Dickinson Public Library on Route 3 in Dickinson. We will NOT meet in November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Proposed topic for the next meeting is shop design/layout.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

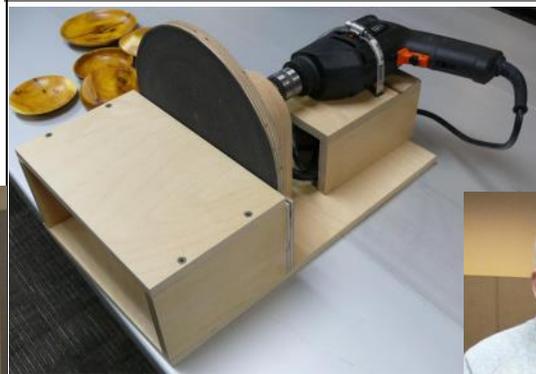
Steve Wavro.....Intarsia
David JanowitzBowls & Table
Denis Muras..... Race Car
Tom Paulley.....Sander
Bernard Bynum Table
Lon Kelly..... Bowl
Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.

Using a design from Scroll Saw Woodworking magazine, **Denis Muras** showed one of twelve F1 race cars that he crafted from walnut, maple, and mahogany.



Steve Wavro crafted his intarsia beach chair for his wife's friend who recently retired. Woods used were aspen, bloodwood, blue

spruce, cedar, yellow heart, and mahogany.



David Janowitz described his challenges to get the angles on the 32 pieces to come out without error and how he worked around the errors to make it look right. David found that purchased folding legs allowed more wobble than he liked so he attached "boltable"

Tom Paulley needed something to help with the sanding of the toys he has been making, so Tom bought two bearings and, using an old drill, crafted a disc sander. The challenging part was getting the shaft plumb.



legs. The table is of Osage orange and mesquite.



For an alcove at his church, **Bernard Bynum** crafted this fine table of red oak and, of course, was rewarded with blessings and requests to make other projects.

Show and Tell

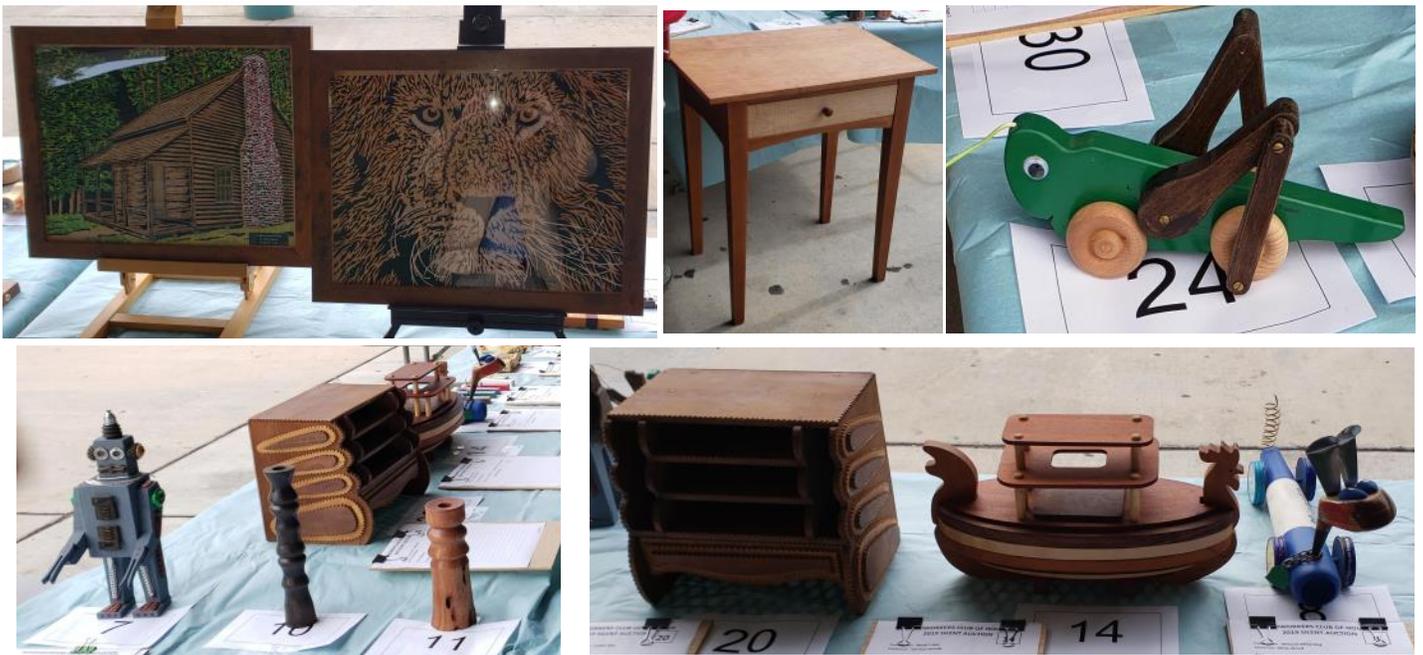


Lon Kelley showed slides to help explain how he cut up Wink wood plywood to create the diamond patterned decagon bowls which was a challenge to get all the pieces with the same pattern. Some strips were added to increase the circumference. (For more on this techniques, see our website.)

Picnic Raffle-Big Winners



Silent Auction Items





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NEXT MEETING

Saturday November 9th

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

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

We're on the web!

www.wwch.org

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 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!