

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## WWCH Calendar

Oct 5.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Oct 14.....	Monthly Meeting/Picnic
Oct 19.....	CNC Splinter Group
Oct 22.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Oct 28.....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
Nov 2.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Nov 11.....	Monthly Meeting
Nov 16.....	Intarsia Splinter Group

## Monthly Raffle



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

## New Members

**Welcome to WWCH**

David B Messersmidt

**Happy to have you with us!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, what can you say? The month of August finished with a major surprise for all of us. Who could have predicted that the worst hurricane in the history of the United States would hit South Texas? Many of our member's homes suffered major damage due to the flooding. Hurricane Harvey hit us hard, but as you watched the coverage of the storm on television, you saw firsthand what Texans do when confronted with a crisis of this proportion. Within hours help started pouring in from first responders and volunteers from not only Texas, but across the country. The club received an email from an individual representing the North Carolina Woodworkers community on the east coast that has an internet base membership in excess of 28,000 members that wanted to commit to help our membership with funding to support those members in our club who received damage from Hurricane Harvey. To date, we have received \$1,500.00 from this group. These funds will be distributed as soon as we have identified those that have reported damage from Hurricane Harvey and need help. A special thanks to The North Carolina Woodworkers community for their care and support during these difficult times.

I would like to thank Randy Kuhn with Circle Saw Supply for his presentation on new products available for woodworkers and the services they provide at Circle Saw Supply. Whether it is a new tool you need, blades sharpened, or parts to repair your tools, you can depend on good service from Circle Saw Supply. Circle Saw has always been a major contributor to supporting our special programs that we have for our July meetings.

We will be having our annual fall picnic at our October 14th meeting. We will have an abbreviated meeting inside and then move to the pavilion outside for the picnic. The tickets are \$10.00 per person. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, you may contact David Janowitz at [elstupido@att.net](mailto:elstupido@att.net) in order to purchase one. This helps to provide an accurate count of how much food to order.

We also need volunteers to work on a committee to elect new officers and a board for 2018. Please contact Lisa Sessions for more information.

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.

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

## September Program Wrap-up

**CNC Router Splinter Group** The CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, October 19th 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:** Next discussion group will be October 28th, Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, at 9:30 AM. Discussion topics will be (1) making Christmas ornaments and (2) open discussion. We'll talk about various types of ornaments. Bring any that you have made or are making. Asking each of you to bring an item for the open discussion. Anything is fair game for this discussion time. Don't forget your items for Show N Tell.

For information about this group contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

**Toy Splinter Group:** The toy group is currently working individually. Watch the newsletter for information about toy making efforts.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

**Furniture Splinter Group:** The furniture splinter group meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on October 5th. 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).

**Intarsia Splinter Group:** No meeting in October. Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 16th 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](mailto:steve.wavro@gmail.com).



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## Web Site of the Month



Jon Peters



Jon Peters is an artist and craftsman specializing in hand made furniture and custom artwork.

With almost 25 years experience, he designed his site to be a helpful hand for the Do-it-yourself weekend warrior, and also a trusted mentor for the serious artist and art student.

The site has various articles and videos on designing and building furniture, shop projects, and home improvements.

He also provides guidance on painting various types of artwork, bee keeping, and welding. He publishes a new video each week.

Check it out at: <http://jonpeters.com/>

## Odds and Ends

**Many Members Affected by Harvey:** As you are probably aware, a phone tree was organized to contact all WWCH members to see how each fared during Hurricane Harvey and if anyone needed assistance. We found that 15 members have experienced flooding ranging from a few inches to over 4 feet. Some members experienced flooding in their home, shop, and vehicles. So far we have responded to one request for assistance with sheetrock removal and to several members who had questions or needed assistance with tool restoration. If you are in need of assistance from flood damage to your home or shop, please contact Lisa Sessions at [lisaasessions@gmail.com](mailto:lisaasessions@gmail.com).

**Picnic:** Our annual club picnic will be held following the October monthly meeting.

**2018 Officer Nominations:** Its time to volunteer to be an officer or board member for 2018. See more information at the bottom of page 5.

## Show and Tell

### PRESENTERS

<b>Steve Wavro</b> .....	Penguin Intarsia
<b>Charles Volek</b> .....	Bird Intarsia
<b>Rich Bajenski</b> .....	Cam Clamps
<b>George Alderete</b> .....	Box
<b>David Janowitz</b> .....	Table
<b>Jeff Larsen</b> .....	Marking Gauges
<b>Glen Edwards</b> .....	Scoll Sawn Plaques
<b>Charlie Bennett</b> .....	Coffee Table
<b>Denis Muras</b> .....	Toys
<b>Mike Green</b> .....	Puzzle Frame
<b>Bill Harris</b> .....	Toys
<b>Don Lackey</b> .....	Marking Gauge
<b>John Lastrapes</b> .....	Soap Dishes
<b>Joe Touzel</b> .....	Icosidodecahedron

*Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.  
Playground vehicle photos by Paul Carr.*



**Charles Volek** crafted this intarsia of birds – gold finch, cardinal, blue bird, mud hatch, and chickadee from various woods. Charles found that putting the intarsia pieces into a frame challenging. Charles finished with Waterlox.



**Rich Bajenski** crafted these wooden cam clamps by laminating three contrasting pieces together. He finished with two coats of Watco Danish Oil then waxed for a shine. This was a Hand Tool Splinter Group project.



From a Bruce Worthington pattern and forty-one pieces of various woods, **Steve Wavro** crafted his intarsia penguins. It was a simple project (easy for

him to say) with the exception of the toenails. Steve used pickling white for the coloring of the penguin front then finished with polyurethane.

# Show and Tell



The most expensive part of **George Alderete's** box was the metal top handle. George used pieces of wood he had laying around and then used planes and chisels to craft his box of ambrosia maple topped off with three coats of Danish oil.



**Glen Edwards's** son has a couple of friends getting married so he crafted these plaques for them.



**David Janowitz** was able to mill some large lumber and then craft it into this beautiful large table. David finished with water borne urethane. David spoke about how fast he was able to air dry lumber in his metal shed where the sun beats down on it.



Making 120 cuts and using a half gallon of Titebond 3 glue, **Charlie Bennett** and his son made this table from one sheet of maple plywood.



From the hand tool splinter group meeting **Jeff Larsen** crafted a couple of marking gauges, one that marks with a pencil and the other with a cutting tool. Mark used white oak, red oak and a piece of Osage orange. Jeff definitely left his mark.



**Denis Muras** showed club members toys that he made using mostly Wink wood.



## Show and Tell



**Mike Green** made several frames for the ladies in a retirement home who put together picture puzzles.

As a thank you gift they made a tall ship puzzle for Mike who had been in the Navy. Mike glued the puzzle to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch MDF then used epoxy resin to seal then framed it to hide the edges – ahoy there Captain Mike!



During a hand tool splinter meeting **Don Lackey** crafted this marking tool from plans from Fine Woodworking magazine. Don used maple, oak and some African mahogany plus a blade piece from an old hand saw.



Because of the flood **Bill Harris** had more time to work in his garage so he crafted toys using Wink wood and 2x4's then finished with mineral wax.



Eleven holes equidistant apart in each strip locate the LEDs that light up this sphere crafted by **Joe Touzel**. The formal name for this sphere is icosidodecahedron– a ball of pentagons and triangles. Joe did not use a form – the strips just “fell” into place as he assembled the sphere. Have a ball, Joe!

## WWCH Needs You!

It is almost time to elect our 2018 Board of Directors, and we have many positions to fill. According to the WWCH bylaws, a member may only serve on the board for three years. Many of our board members are "timing out" under this bylaw, and several others are no longer able to serve. So far, we only have two volunteers to fill nine board positions. We are seeking volunteers for all positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and several Board Members. The duties for each officer are presented here: [WWCH Officer Duties](#). WWCH is solely run by volunteers, and we cannot continue to conduct business without a board of directors.

If you are interested in volunteering for a board position, or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Sessions at [lisaasessions@gmail.com](mailto:lisaasessions@gmail.com).



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## WWCH General Information

### WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President Mike Turner  
 Vice President Charles Volek  
 Secretary John Lastrapes  
 Treasurer David Janowitz  
 Publications Director Gary Rowen

#### DIRECTORS

Bill Harris, Lynn Cummings,  
 Roslyn Hager

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

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 Technology Denis Muras  
 Video Library Lisa Sessions  
 Web Master Gary Rowen

### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday October 14, 2017**

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

**No presentation this month due to picnic**

***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](mailto:kirchko@gmail.com).

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

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