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WWCH Calendar

Aug 12	Monthly Meeting
Aug 17	CNC Splinter Group
Aug 17	Intarsia Splinter Group
Aug 26	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Sep 7	Furniture Splinter Group
Sep 9	Monthly Meeting
Oct 22	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



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

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Dale Gomm	Andy Henderson
John Briner	Yihua Cai
Nick Stepp	Ron Gallerano
Mike Hoehner	Stephen Earnest
Ben Dellsperger	Rafael Orgeta
Jack Bailie	Cody Green
Kathy Henderson	Doug Nath

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone enjoyed our July program with Matt Cremona as much as I did. There has been so much good feedback on Matt's presentation and the impact it has had on our club. It is amazing to me that someone with six years' experience in woodworking can accomplish what Matt has done in that short a period of time. Not only does he build challenging projects, Matt harvests lumber and runs a saw mill on the side. I have been working wood for fifty plus years and never had that kind of energy to spare. Oh, and did I mention in his spare time he does videos of his woodworking projects and posts them on YouTube.

We had fourteen new members sign up in July. In my opinion, Matt's presentation at the July meeting was a major factor in this increase in membership. First, I want to thank Matt for coming to Houston to make his presentation to our club. I want to thank all of those who committed so much of their time in making this program a success. The officers, board and membership really stepped up to make this happen. I want to thank Circle Saw of Houston and Woodcraft South for their sponsorship of our July program. I want to thank Crosspoint Church for so graciously letting our club use their facility once again. I want to thank those in our membership who made the space shuttle toy kits and the crosses for Crosspoint Church's adult Vacation Bible School.

In August we will be back on schedule with our normal meeting protocol at Bayland. If you have a favorite tool or some new technique you have discovered, please bring it.

Looking forward we have our club picnic coming up in October. If you would like to volunteer to work with the officers and board to help make this happen, please contact anyone of us.

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 90 to 100 present at our July program. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our 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 Aug 17th at Lynn Cummings house at 7:00pm.

Please contact Mike Turner for directions or other information 281-633-1807 or mkturmer49@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 discussion meeting will be Oct 28, 2017 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion has not been set so stay tuned to this column in the months to come. As we will be getting close to Christmas time let's see those presents you are making. And of course Problems N Solutions are good for discussions also. Got a topic idea?

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 summer.

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 Sep 7th. 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, Aug 17th 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.

July Program Wrap-up



Our guest speaker Matt Cremona gave presentations on six areas. He demonstrated various techniques using a draw knife in working with live edge wood. Matt showed us his techniques for crafting half-blind dovetails and using files, sharpening stones, and burnishers to sharpen a card scraper. He shared his process for making bowtie joints using the router to hog out the bulk of the joint and finishing with hands-on chisel work. He explained how he integrates hand tools to "finish up" work done with power tools. He discussed his experiences harvesting his own wood and gave tips on starting this process.

Club Picnic

Save the date

Saturday, October 14th

Our annual club picnic will be held following our October monthly meeting. The picnic is open to all active members and their families. You can pre-pay for the event at the treasurer's table during the August and September monthly meetings. Please also consider donating items for the prize give-away.

Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

◆ Fall Craft Show

The show is coming up on Saturday November 11 at First United Methodist Church Missouri City 9:00-4:00. All craft items that you want to donate to the club to be sold as part of our fundraiser are to be given to Bill Harris at the Oct. picnic if possible. Bill is also looking for help setting up on the Friday evening before. Any questions call Bill at 281-498-8482.

◆ Become a published author!

The newsletter can always use articles on woodworking related topics. Whether it is a tip or technique, an experience you had during your summer travels or a review of a class you took at one of the many woodworking schools out there, all are welcome. If you would like to submit something contact Ron Kirchoff, kirch76@gmail.com.



Show and Tell

There was no show and tell at the July meeting below are some highlight from earlier in 2017. 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
Lon Kelley	Recipe Boxes
Rebecca DeGroot	Artistic Critter
Mark Womack	Desk
Tim Shaunty	Plywood Creations
George Graves	Scroll Saw Work
Charles Volek	Intarsia Duck
John Lastrapes	Plaque
Lon Kelley	Star Boxes
Singaraju Katari	Intarsia Parrots
Ron Matherly	Clocks
Glen Edwards	Cross



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



Parallel strand lamination lumber leftover from construction in his neighborhood became the wood source for **Lon Kelley's** pair of recipe boxes. Lon also spoke about the process. There were voids that Lon filled with stainable filler – squeegeed it in then sanded. .



“You can’t carve plywood” was the challenge that **Tim Shaunty** accepted. Tim carved a fish and because it looked like a fish the “loser” donated \$100 to a women’s shelter. Way to fund raise, Tim. Tim explained how he used King Arthur angle grinder wheels to rough out the shapes from Wink wood which was followed by lots of sanding.



Rebecca DeGroot’s “critters” seem to take on a personality when she completes them so she named this one, “Dauntless”. The quills are of rosewood and the body of maple. The body was originally turned on a lathe then shaped to final form. Paste wax finished the quills and spray satin polyurethane finished the body.



A fun first time project for **Mark Womack** was a desk that his wife pretended to like to two years. So Mark came up with a new design using Sketchup. Joinery is pocket holes and glue. Handles from Hobby Lobby. Mark finished with water borne polyurethane because oil based yellows over time which Mark didn’t want.



George Graves crafted a plaque for a friend, some Christmas ornaments for his wife, a cutting board for his daughter, who just got married, and a sleigh to hold their big collection of Christmas cards, too. George used patterns from Steve Good.

Show and Tell



Charles Volek crafted this great looking duck for a church auction, no, not for his doctor, then decided he liked it so much he is going to make one for himself. This one is of birch, birds-eye maple, cherry, and walnut then stained with various colors.



Crafting birds of poplar that almost take flight is the craftsmanship of **Singaraju Katari**.



John Lastrapes explained that this gumbo award plaque made of penny cypress framed with mahogany is a work in progress. The spoon as well as name plates will be attached later. Now will John bring us some winning gumbo to sample?



Scroll sawing numeral fives gave **Ron Matherly** trouble 40 some years ago so he made figure eights to grace a bar clock of pine as a Christmas gift for his father. Advancing to CNC Ron crafted another bar clock that, this time, features the numeral five – all from one piece of cedar left over from a patio project.



Inspired by and borrowing some techniques from traditional Japanese craftsman, **Lon Kelley** fashioned these decorated boxes of maple, walnut, cherry and mahogany. Lon explained how it took 40 stars for it all to come together. Yoku yatta (good job) Lon!



Glen Edwards was looking for some simple Christmas gifts. He scroll sawed a cross from 1/8 inch Baltic Birch then framed it with a frame from Dollar Tree.

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 12, 2017

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Presentation by: Jim Phillips on Chain Saw Art

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!