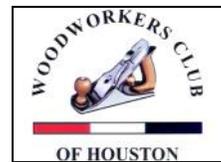


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom)	11 Dec
Furniture Meeting (via Zoom).....	TBD
Hand tool Meeting	TBD
Scroll saw Meeting (via Zoom).....	NA

2022 Dues

Due to the COVID crisis's impact to club activities the WWCH Board had decided that all members in good standing for 2020 had their dues waived for 2021. With regular club activities having resumed the yearly dues will be reinstated. It is time to renew your membership. You can pay the dues during the meeting or contact Treasurer (David Janowitz) on how to renew.

Splinter Groups

Scroll Saw Splinter group: Norm Nichols (scrollsaw@comcast.net)
Furniture/Finishing Splinter group: Ron Kirchoff (kirch76@gmail.com)
Handtool Splinter group: Mark Bolinger (marksmbth@gmail.com)
CNC Splinter group: Bill Teague (wateague@gmail.com)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

December brings about the season of giving and we do just that at WWCH.

We've successfully donated toys to many local charities and because of this I'd like to give a special thanks to Andy T for helping organize this and make it successful.

Our 2022 officers have been selected by our Members and I plan on announcing the details at the December monthly meeting.

There will be more voting in December as we need to select the Woodworker of the Year. More on this at the December meeting.

And finally, thanks to our Membership for allowing me to serve as your President in 2021: it's been an honor and a privilege.

Take care, God bless, and will look forward to seeing you more in a different capacity in 2022.

Merry Christmas and Cheers! !

Chris Schwartz

WWCH President

Face-to Face Meeting

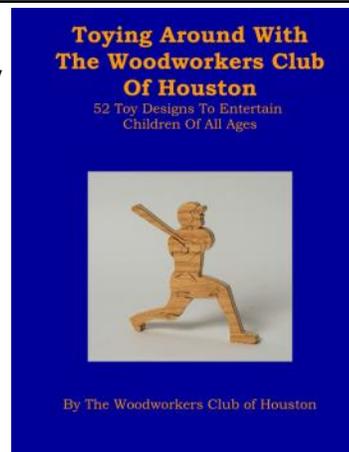
Denis, our Technology Director, is asking for those members that will be joining the meeting via Zoom to please send their project pictures for Show and Tell to him before the meeting, at the following email address: denis_muras@yahoo.com. He will store them on the Club's computer and will display them at the meeting when you give your Show and Tell presentation. We have new equipment and those picture will be bright and clear at Bayland and the Zoom presentation.

Toy Book

WWCH's ambitious project is now complete. The Toy book is now available in Amazon for purchase. This book contains 52 toy designs from our members. Many thanks to the members who contributed to the project. Special thanks to Chris Schwartz who spearheaded the project and put in a lot of effort in making this project a reality.

Please follow the link to obtain a copy for yourself or as a gift to another wood worker. WWCH will receive a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the book.

https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B09GCM28H/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_glt_fabc_C09EKJR7M8STSJP4YW47



Program of the Month

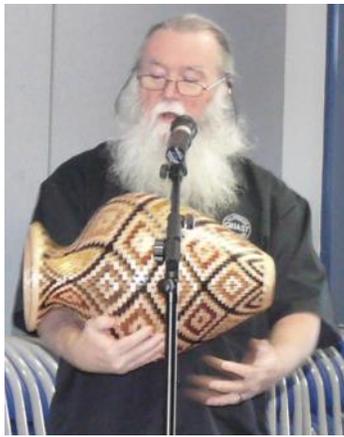
Program Name: *HOW DID YOU BUILD THAT DAMNED THING!???*

To wrap up our year with a bang, we invite you to submit a favorite technique/process/jig which you incorporated into at least one of your projects this year. This could be anything from a shop-made jig/fixture/sled to an innovative way to configure a dust collection system in your shop, to a new finishing technique you discovered. We'll be presenting our techniques at the December 11th meeting. After the meeting, members will vote for their favorite submission and the winner will take home a \$100 gift card!!

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All submissions should be emailed to me (siegel99@gmail.com) or in reply to ALL email no later than next Wednesday, December 8th at midnight. Submission emails should include: Your name, A brief description of your technique/process/jig, At least one photo (if available) to illustrate the technique or the project it was used on, Any additional descriptions, photos, videos you'd like included in the compilation we'll be making
2. Submissions will be compiled and distributed digitally to all members after the December meeting.
3. A panel will review all submissions and, depending on the number received, will select 5 members to present at the December meeting. Presentations are optional - you may submit your technique for the book and opt-out of presenting. If you'd like to participate on the panel, please let me know.
4. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes long (including Q&A) and may include anything you'd like to share with the club. This may include demonstrations, photos, stories, slides, etc.
5. Presentations may be done in person or over Zoom.

Show and Tell



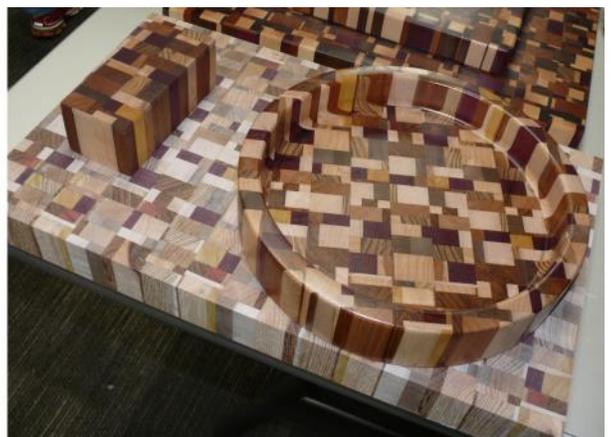
Vase of various woods. — **Roy Quast**



My jeep is 11"x16" cut from wink wood. It is a Charles Dearing pattern. Painted with acrylic paint. Has black velour paper for backer. Sprayed with clear gloss. — **Rick Spacek**



I made a bowl using the leftovers from a chaotic end-grained cutting board. I used a bowl bit on the router to clean up the interior after I hogged out the bulk of the inside with Forstner bits. Finished with spray lacquer. — **Andy Tofuri**



Show and Tell



I bought the Dewalt Scroll saw from David Janowitz last year and just recently got around using it. This is my first scroll saw art project; an "OM" symbol that is sacred in Indian culture. The back piece is Maple stained to a walnut finish and coated with spray lacquer.

Next is a pine basket, cut out using the scroll. I used a Steve Goode pattern. Stained and top coat with spray lacquer. — **Sankar Padhmanabhan**



Cook book stand. — **Paul Carr**



Truck crane of Maple and Walnut. — **Bill Hoffmeister**



Two bowls and a shop tool. — **George Graves**



The end-grain cutting boards were made using offcuts from my scrap pile into what are called Chaos Boards. The wood species are cherry, maple, mahogany, purpleheart and walnut. Finished with General Finishes' Wooden Bowl Finish, thinned with mineral spirits. — **Tom Paulley**



Show and Tell

First is a few rolling pins. The bigger ones are 18"-21", one of Osage orange, and the other two of unusual spalted curly maple, thanks to Jeff Larsen. The smaller ones are about 9", and are of Osage, Crepe Myrtle, and Ash.

Next is a table for a neighbor from some of her salvaged walnut stair balusters and a live edge walnut board. I made mortise and wedged tenons to attach the legs. The legs were already turned, and warped, so I had to mostly sand and cut the tenons by hand. Tung oil finish.

Finally, a set of 6 salad bowls and one larger serving bowl, Ash, 6 1/2" and 13". — **David Janowitz**



Balloon scene intarsia of 48 woods. — **Charles Volek**

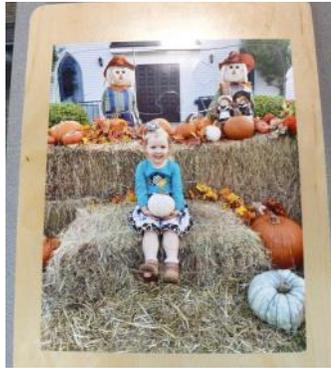


Made some Christmas ornaments inspired from a Steve Goode design. I changed the patterns a bit to get what I was looking for. I used walnut, ash, alder, and several different colors of poplar to get the look I was going for. They were stack cut four at a time, each layer is about 1/4 inch and there are 7 layers in the round one and 6 layer in the other. Finished with WB semi-gloss poly.

I also cut two Sue Mey patterns with a scroll saw. Both are natural poplar coloring. — **Dave VanDewerker**



Show and Tell



Here is the latest jigsaw puzzles I made and a few tips, I learnt making them. Use a #5 blade instead of a smaller one when the puzzle is intended for a toddler; and cutting 2 puzzles at once (face to face) to eliminate any edge tearing of the photo. — **Steve Wavro**



Truck for my grand kid. — **Earl Touchstone**



Club Announcements

The COVID 19 situation in Harris County has improved significantly since the summer. As active case levels have dropped, the proportion of folks wearing masks (in our meetings and elsewhere) has also dropped. When cases jumped during the summer, mask wearing in public places also increased substantially. There is every reason to think this cycle will continue. The next COVID wave has now moved out of Russia and Eastern Europe into Western Europe and is probably coming our way.

Given this boom/bust cycle, guidelines and individual decisions about whether to wear masks will likely change from month to month. As long as COVID remains an issue, the WWCH BOD will place an item in each month's newsletter summarizing the current guidelines for Harris County. It remains an individual decision how to make use of this information.

As of 11/26/2021 the COVID threat level in Harris county is Yellow.(Moderate). Guidelines suggest unvaccinated residents should remain vigilant, but can resume contact with others and resume leaving home. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to mask and physical distance. Fully vaccinated individuals may resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations and including local business and workplace guidance.

Following this update, the WWCH board has decided to serve Coffee and Donuts during our monthly meeting. Coffee and Donuts will be setup outside the meeting room. Members are encouraged to follow appropriate safety procedures while enjoying Coffee and Donut. Board will continue to monitor the guidelines from national and local authorities and make changes to this policy when needed.



Visit the Houston locations at:

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 11th December (9am—12pm)

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77074

Will be simultaneously telecast via Zoom

See Chris' email for instructions to attend.

Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Sankar Padhmanabhan, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at sankarnkp@live.com.

We're on the web!

www.wwch.org

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Woodworkers Club of Houston**

Zoom meeting info is also available

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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!