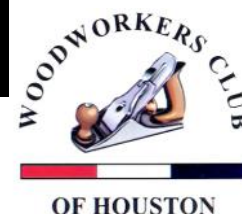


# The Sawdust Sentinel

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Did you know that the Club has been busy building a new website with a new look and feel? We are keeping many of the features of the existing website (pictures, newsletters and toy plans), but also adding new features (online payment for dues, online membership application, user forums). At the May Club meeting, we will be rolling out the new site and showing you many of the features and functions of the new site.

In order to have the new site be visible, the current site will go dark on Sunday, May 4th at 1:00pm-ish. The new site will be available shortly thereafter, but only for things viewable by the general public. We won't be turning on the logon feature until after the May meeting. At the May meeting, we will review the logon process and all of the features of the new site. Once that meeting is over, we will press the big red button and enable all current Club members to log on to the website.

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## Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH May 2025 Toy of the Month



Hummingbird Puzzle

## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting .....	05/10
Hand Tool Meeting.....	06/11
CNC Router Meeting .....	05/13
Furniture Meeting .....	05/28
Scroll Saw Meeting .....	07/26

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The new site won't be complete, polished and perfect when we roll it out, but that is the target we are aiming for. We have implemented what we consider to be the most important features, and will be adding more features in the weeks ahead. We hope that you will be (a) patient and (b) vocal, to let us know when you find a problem or opportunity. The website, like the Club, belongs to you.

See you on Saturday for the rollout!

Regards,

Tom Paulley

### Splinter Group Information

**CNC Router Group:** Next meeting is May 13th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; [2stepper@teague.us](mailto:2stepper@teague.us)

**Scroll Saw Group:** Next meeting is July 26th; meeting at 9:00am; location is Fusheng Wang's apartment. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras; [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**Furniture Group:** Next meeting is May 28th at Andy Tofuri's shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

**Hand Tool Group:** Next meeting is June 11th at George Alderete shop from 3:00pm to 5:00pm then 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at in-between sessions. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

**Sawmill Group:** For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net)

**Toy Group:** Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; [christopher7schwartz@gmail.com](mailto:christopher7schwartz@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory). You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.



## Sawmill Splinter Group



Sawmill Splinter Group  
was busy in March



Photo Credit: Tom Blanco & Chuck Meeder



## Furniture Splinter Group



Come to the next meeting; May 10th, to see the Rocking Chair that the Furniture Splinter Group made. They will show and talk about it during Show-N-Tell



Photo Credit: Ian Rosen

## Phil Huber Guess Speaker in June



Phil Huber, host of the Woodsmith Shop TV show on public television and executive editor of Woodsmith will present three sessions our annual day long journey of woodworking on Saturday June 14. Phil thrives on questions, comments, and smart remarks. So while he'll cover the following topics there will be plenty of time for asking about his work, Woodsmith, or other woodworking topics.

### Router Jigs & Usage

The router is Phil's favorite woodworking power tool. It offers an unmatched array of uses. Jigs and accessories for this tool range from the silly to the Rube Goldbergian. Phil shares a few of his favorite jigs (mostly) shop-made that unlock the potential of this clever tool. In addition to the design details and features, the story of how the jigs came to be and a demonstration of their uses make this a chance to reconsider your own router use and needs for your shop.

### Boxes & Box Building

Boxes are for the woodworker just as much as for the person who receives it. We'll trace the design details of several of the boxes that he has built as a woodworker: the good, the ... learning opportunities, and the milestones. Phil will share some principles that he follows in making boxes. A big part will be exploring the construction methods, joinery, and skills that make boxes an ideal way to bring your woodworking to a new level.



### Door Construction, Simplified & Customized

Cabinet doors present the face of a project. Building a door is a mini-project lurking inside a larger project. Although composed of a few parts and essential woodworking skills, the process can trip up woodworkers. During this presentation, we'll look at a method for building doors that streamlines the construction process and inspires confidence that the result will turn out as expected. This approach allows for a wide variety of customization, turning the door into an opportunity to give the project a personal touch.

Phil is a woodworker, editor of Woodsmith and host of the 'Woodsmith Shop' TV show. He's been woodworking for more than 30 years, having started in his dad's home shop. Phil enjoys making Christmas and gift projects for friends and family (usually starting in July). He specializes in building wall cabinets, tables, boxes, and doors. In addition he teaches woodworking classes in the Des Moines, IA area.





## Toy of the Month

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

This Month: Hummingbird Puzzle; [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org).

## Club Announcements

- ◇ May meeting (05/10/2025) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ The Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group is thrilled to unveil the completion of our latest masterpiece a handcrafted rocking chair featuring a beautifully slung tile seat.  
This striking example of fine craftsmanship will be on display at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware on Southwest Freeway this Saturday, May 3, during two showcase shifts: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM and 1:00 PM–3:00 PM. We welcome all club members to join us, even if you didn't participate in the build. If you're available to help staff a shift, please text Henry Majoue to sign up.  
In addition to spotlighting the skills and dedication of our members, we'll have our WWCH information sheet and WWCH flyers available for curious onlookers—this is a great opportunity to connect with the public and possibly welcome some new faces to our club.
- ◇ It's that time again. Our All Day Meeting this year will be on June 14. We have arranged to have Jimmy John's supply lunches if you desire.  
The usual choices will be: #1 ham, #2 roast beef, #3 tuna, #4 turkey, #5 salami, and #6 veggie and include 8" sandwich, chips, pickle a cookie and a selection of drinks.  
The cost will be \$12 for cash or check and \$13 for credit card payments. Jack Bailie will be taking orders and collecting payment at the next meeting on May 10th. The board of directors has decided to institute a one dollar per transaction for all future credit card transactions. This charge is in line with the policy of other similar nonprofit organizations and will offset the credit card transaction fees that the club has been absorbing in the past.
- ◇ Hand Tool Splinter Group will meet June 11, 2025 Meeting, this will run from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. working joint meeting with dinner in between session, and then 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. working joint meeting.
- ◇ If you are interested in being high-lighted in "Meet the Member". Please see Chris Farquhar at a meeting or contact him at: [wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com)

## New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **1** new member in April:

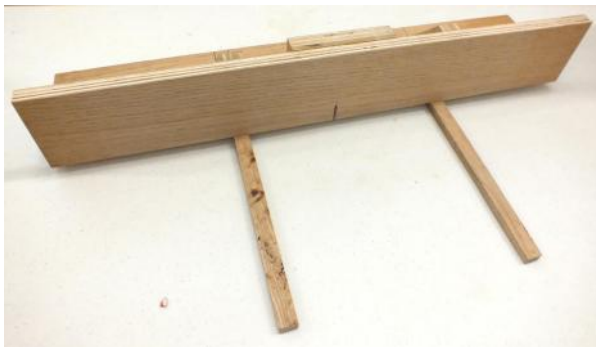
John Sinton

## Show and Tell



**Rick Spacek**

- Lamb of God



**Fred Sandoval**

- Cut-Off Sled



**Tom Blanco**

- Star



## Show and Tell



**Denis Muras**

- Toy Car of Various Woods



**Chris Farquhar**

- Wristwatch Wall  
Clock; made of:  
Black Walnut and  
Oak



**John Sinton**

- Box of Figured Cherry and Walnut



## Show and Tell

**Steve Wavro**

- Intarsia Butterflies



**Brian Murrah**

- Tortilla Press.



## Show and Tell

### Chuck Meeder

- Sitting Stool of Spalted Cottonwood and Coat Rack of Pecan



### Gary Meyer

- Senet Game and Slap Shot Game



### George Graves

- Saw Blade Box





## Show and Tell

### David VanDewerker

- Collapsible Basket, Jewelry Box Shelf



### Rod Griffith

- Cell Phone Amplifier and Hot Wheels Truck



## Upcoming Programs in 2025 at a Glance

*Please note that the topics are subject to change and occasionally need to be adjusted.*

### 2025 Meeting Topic Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 10th	New Web Team	Introduction & Tutorial of WWCH's New Web Site

June 14th	Phil Huber	All-day Seminar covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Router usage and router jigs</li> <li>- Box Building</li> <li>- Building Cabinet Doors</li> </ul>
July 12th	Bryan Bailey	Molding Planes
August 9th	Open	
September 13th	Louis Jasso with Fine Finishing Supplies in Humble	Finishing Outside of a Dedicated Finish Room
October 11th	No Program	BBQ Lunch and Raffle
November 15th	Chuck Meeder	River Dory Build
December 13th	Open	

If you have an idea for a meeting topic or wish to share a project or skill that requires more time than is available during Show and Tell or Favorite Tool, please contact Rod Griffith at one of our meetings or by email at: [rodneywgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:rodneywgriffith@gmail.com)



## Meetings at a Glance in 2025

In 2025 there will be schedule meeting dates that are changed due to a conflict with St Stevens United Methodist Church. There are only 3 at this time so please be aware of these changes so you do not miss a meeting. This post will stay in the Newsletter every month to keep you updated and informed. Any questions, please bring up your concerns at the next meeting.

<del>⇒ January 11th</del>	<del>2nd Saturday (no change)</del>
⇒ February 15th	3rd Saturday
⇒ March 15th	3rd Saturday
<del>⇒ April 12th</del>	<del>2nd Saturday (no change)</del>
⇒ May 10th	2nd Saturday (no change)
⇒ June 14th	2nd Saturday (no change) - All Day Seminar
⇒ July 12th	2nd Saturday (no change)
⇒ August 9th	2nd Saturday (no change)
⇒ September 13th	2nd Saturday (no change)
⇒ October 11th	2nd Saturday (no change) - BBQ Lunch & Raffle
⇒ November 15th	3rd Saturday
⇒ December 13th	2nd Saturday (no change)

## Upcoming in May



**Mother's Day ~ May 11th**



**Memorial Day ~ May 26th**



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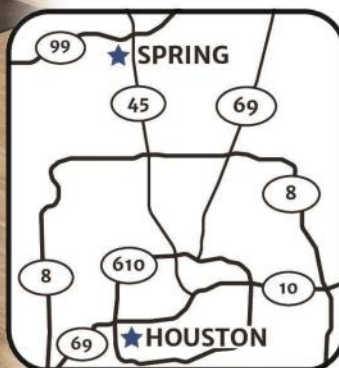
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### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday May 10th  
Starting at: 9am**

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,  
2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

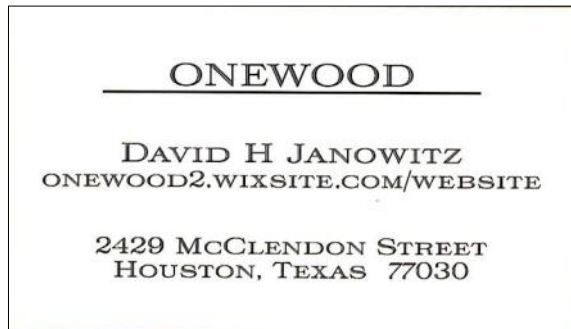
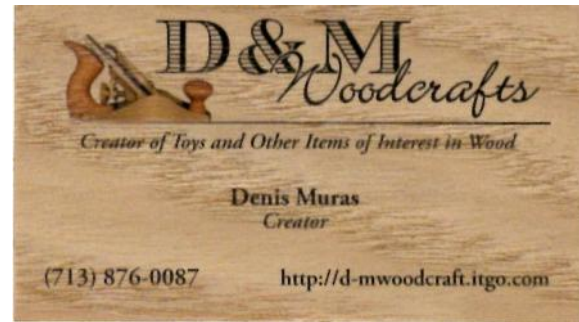
**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [wwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwchnewsletter@gmail.com). Please submit the item before June 4th to be included in the next newsletter.

*We're on the  
Web*  
[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

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

## Members Business Cards



If you would like to have your Business Card shown here  
and you are a member in good standing.

Please see Chris Farquhar