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WWCH Calendar

Oct 4 Furniture Splinter Group
 Oct 13 Monthly Meeting
 Oct 13 CNC Splinter Group
 Oct 27 Scroll Saw Splinter Group
 Oct 28 Hand Tool Splinter Group
 Nov 1 Furniture Splinter Group
 Nov 10 Monthly Meeting

Huge Picnic Raffle



**With a silent auction for
the Strazza Table**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

*JaneMcNeel Rich Ostermeier
 Stephen Hernandez Jerry Boyd
 John Stoerkel Tim Touzel*

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is looking forward to the picnic, I know I am! Let's hope for good weather. And by good weather, I mean both lack of rain, and Lord willing, temperatures less than 90F.

By long standing tradition, certain things can be expected at the picnic. 1) Barbecue. 2) Good company and fellowship. 3) Raffles. These are the fundamentals that we all know and love. Even if these were the only items on the agenda, it would make for a pleasant way to spend a Saturday in October.

But wait, there's more! We'll be treated to live bluegrass music. I've heard the band before, and I can attest that they play great music.

Is that all there is? I would like to issue a challenge for club members to let their creative juices flow.

I thought that the picnic would be a perfect event for the splinter groups to show members what they do and thereby perhaps attract new members to their group. Accordingly, I've issued an invitation to the splinter groups to set up a demonstration or man a sign up sheet at the picnic. The hand tool splinter group will have a demonstration.

Have an idea for a splinter group? What a great time to recruit.

It doesn't have to stop here. If a club member has a technique or subject that they would like to show off/ brag about, by all means bring it to the picnic. (Please, woodworking related and consistent with the physical constraints of the venue. If in doubt, contact a board member for advice.)

I hope to see everyone there!

Mark Bolinger—WWCH President

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The CNC group will have our next meeting on October 18th, 7 pm, at Lynn Cummings shop.

Contact Mike Turner for further info at 281-633-1807 or 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

Toy Splinter Group: Toy Splinter Group: Currently all toys are constructed by individual members for donation to area childrens' charities. Thus far in 2018 we have constructed and collected over 1200 toys!! "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: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will hold its quarterly discussion meeting Oct 27, 2018, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South (Bwy 8). There will be a general discussion centered around pattern/magazine organization, patterns sources, and puzzle cutting (this one is pending at the time of this writing). How do you keep track of your patterns? Are they in piles in your shop? Let's see those beautiful Show N Tell items.

For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Oct 4th. All are welcome. We will be discussing a new furniture project.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, 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.

September Program Recap



Our guest speaker for the September meeting, Vejdi Avsar, offered numerous tips and suggestions on woodworking such as plywood and solid wood selection, joinery, and incorporating natural defects of wood into your design. His talk was informative as well as inspiring.

Odds and Ends

REMINDER: Craft show items should be turned in to Bill Harris ASAP. Questions, call at (H) 281-498-8482 or (C) 713-705-4864. The show will be held Saturday November 10th at the Missouri City First United Methodist Church, 3900 Lexington Blvd Missouri City, TX 77459. Hours 10:00-4:00. Hope to see you there.

For Membership and Dues: Contact Henry Majoue @ 832-606-1372. Membership applications are on the website, download and mail to address on application. [\[Link to Application\]](#)

Show Your Membership Card When Visiting Rockler: By doing so you help the club as Rockler makes donations to the WWCH based on how many of our members make purchases at their Houston stores. Additionally, you may save as some non-sale items are discounted when you show your card.

Thank You



The West University Baptist Church recently provided their Crosspoint facility for our Woodworkers Seminar. In return, our toy group provided 120 unfinished boxes and 40 unfinished cars for their senior group to paint and decorate. They did a beautiful job and will give the toys to underprivileged children at their annual Christmas party.

Show and Tell

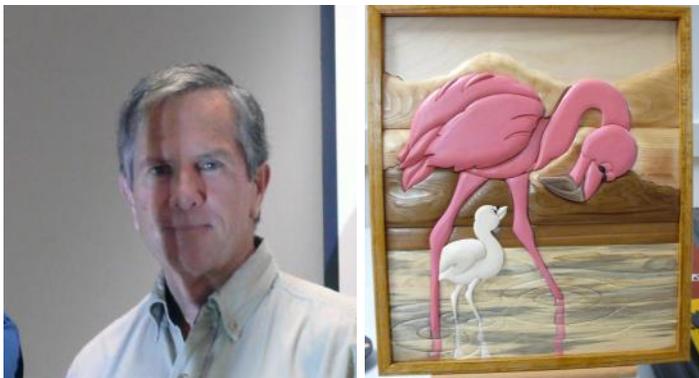
PRESENTERS

- Steve Wavro's**Intarsia Flamingo
- Norm Nichols** Wine Glass Holder
- David Janowitz**.....Rolling Pins/Bowls
- Chris Schwartz** Toy Shuttle
- Lon Kelley** Bird House
- Terry Parrish** US Flag
- George Graves** Candle Holder/Plaque/Oreo
- Rick Spacek** Scroll Saw Horses
- Bill Harris** Various Toys
- Mark Womack** Table Saw Sled
- Fred Sandoval** Violin
- Bob Wink** Folk Art Banditos
- Denis Muras** Folk Art Car

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.



David Janowitz got his new lathe up and running, and turned a bowl from a walnut veneer log, another from an unknown wood, possibly padauk, and rolling pins from Osage orange and cedar-elm.



Steve Wavro's Sister-in-Law asked Steve for a pink flamingo that he crafted from a Judy Gale Roberts design and 88 pieces of wood. His favorite part was putting together the pieces to resemble reflections in the water.



From a 2x6 yellow pine, **Chris Schwartz** made a toy Mars Shuttle from a simple design.



Norm Nichols presented three holders of pecan, pine and FOG ('found on ground') wood that allow you to hang two wine glasses, empty, that is, from one bottle.



Lon Kelley, using rough cedar, made fifty bird houses to be donated to schools for Down Syndrome children to paint for fund raising. Lon also explained how he cleverly combined a ten inch blade with eight inch dado blades to make rabbet and to-length cuts at the same time.



Show and Tell



Terry Parrish crafted this US flag with the US Marine Corps logo for his brother. Terry used a CNC machine for make the stars and the logo. A judicious use of a torch followed by staining created the desired effect.



From a Steve Good pattern **Rick Spacek** crafted twin horses cut out of elm and then finished with Shellac. The series of horses is called "Out of the Shadow" which Rick cut out of mesquite then sprayed with clear finish.



Bill Harris showed examples from his collection of 800 toys that were crafted from various scraps and cutoffs he found around his shop.



George Graves made a candle holder for his wife using an old power line insulator from the Dakotas, a Texas emblem for a friend moving to Germany, and an Oreo cookie of walnut that looks sweet enough to eat. Walnuts are edible, aren't they?



This heavy duty table saw sled with miter jig was made by **Mark Womack**. Noting that parts are expensive the runners are of wood rather than metal.

Show and Tell



Fred Sandoval showed club members that his work-in-progress violin was not “broke” but was Baroque style. Fred explained how this style was different from more typical varieties. Fred used sycamore and pine. Of interest were the special on-line ordered nails used to secure the neck to the body.



Two Arks were crafted by **Denis Muras**. This particular Ark was then donated to the Austin County Republican Party Banquet, for their Silent Auction. The other one will be donated to the Woodworking Club of Houston for the annual craft sale in November. Plans for the Arks originated from Toymaking Plans.

Missing



From a metal lawn chair, an old ironing board, cabinet doors, and rubber pieces from a fork lift, **Bob Wink** crafted his collection of folk art Banditos sans Fritos.



A Proposal from the WWCH Board

The WWCH board has provisionally approved the following policy for club interactions with charitable organizations. The policy is published here for the review and comment of the general club membership. The plan is to formally present the policy at the November monthly meeting where it will be formally adopted once approved by a majority vote of the Club membership. Any comments or questions should be directed to club officers or directors.

Guidelines for the Interaction of WWCH with Charitable Organizations

Premise Statements:

The stated objective of the club is to promote woodworking by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to help members improve their woodworking skills, techniques, and to promote safer woodworking habits and conditions. Charity work is not a primary mission of the club. (Maybe charity, teaching and promoting woodworking should be part of our mission.)

The above comments do not prohibit involvement of club members in charity. Many members of the club spend time in charitable pursuits and see charity work as a desirable form of community outreach and provides Club publicity.

Finally, there are as many charities as there are woodworkers (or more). Limited club resources dictate that WWCH cannot support every charity that asks for help or support every WWCH member's favorite charity. For example, toy making is a charitable activity which currently receives 13% of the 2018 budget.

Guidelines:

In consideration of the above premise statements, a few guidelines are proposed.

1. Donation of time by club members to charity is not restricted; however, members may not state that donated time is an official activity of WWCH without prior board approval.
2. Any charitable activity supported by the club, must be approved by the board and have some relationship to woodworking.
3. The board should annually recommend a budget for tangible charity resources, i.e. money, donated to charity.
4. There is no limit on the number of charitable organizations that WWCH supports. However, the number is expected to be small; if not, the charitable time and budget will be spread too thin to be effective.

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday October 13th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

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!