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WWCH Calendar

05 Sep.....	Furniture Splinter Group
14 Sep.....	Monthly Meeting
29 Sep...	Hand Tool Splinter Group
03 Oct	Furniture Splinter Group
12 Oct	Monthly Meeting
26 Oct ..	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



**Get your ticket at
the meeting!**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Suran Wijayasinha Bill King

Dan Warren Michael Siegel

Tim Martin Mike Jones

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What would you do differently? Now, I'm asking you to re-live the moments in life where we wish we had done or said something different. Instead, I'm asking what you would do differently if you were an officer of our club. This is your club, so what would you do differently if you were in charge? Would you change the meeting format? Is there a specific topic or presentation you would like to see? Or, would you want to add a new splinter group? What would you do differently? In line with this question, I will present two opportunities.

First, there will be a suggestion box at our next meeting, along with slips of paper you can use to express suggestions on. Your suggestions may be anonymous, or you can add your name for follow up purposes. We will tabulate the results and publish them in the next newsletter. If you can't attend the September meeting, feel free to drop me an email or give me a phone call with your thoughts.

Secondly, you can volunteer to improve your club to make it more to your liking. One way of doing so is by volunteering to be an officer. As an officer of the club, you can actually help set the direction, policies, and goals of our club. Another way to change things is to simply attend an executive board meeting after a regular club meeting. There, you can express your opinion or make a suggestion on what the club might do differently. Or, you can volunteer to teach a small class, as we have been discussing for months.

Regardless of how you do it, please know that your thoughts for improving our organization are actively sought by the officers of your club, but we don't know what you are thinking if you don't tell us.

New topic:

This month, a number of us had the opportunity to help out with the Sleep In Heavenly Peace program that Michael Siegel presented at our August meeting. We served as "station leaders" to help guide and direct a group of folks with little or no

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Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The group meets at Bill Teague's workshop behind his house in West University Place. For information contact Bill at wateague@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 children's charities. "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: Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet for its next discussion Oct 26, 2019 at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8) 9:30 AM. Bring your Show N Tell items and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For questions and more information contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group: The splinter group will meet Thursday, 5 Sep. The meeting will be held in George Alderete's shop. Details will be sent to all registered group members soon.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, contact Ron Kirchoff kirchko@gmail.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.

President's Message (cont)

woodworking experience build bed frames for children who don't have their own bed. In about three hours, the group built some thirty wooden bed frames from common construction grade lumber. The design is simple, the materials are common, and the fit and finish are primitive, but the end result is a world better than what the recipients had before, which is often no more than a pallet on the floor.

This got me to thinking about what we do. Our members product some exquisite work. From design, through execution, and on to finish, a lot of what we turn out is inspiring and challenges the rest of us to improve our own craftsmanship, in turn. We use exotic woods, sharp tools, hours of loving labor, and then finish seeking a flawless product.

But for so much of the world, it would be wonderful simply to have something that functions. A wooden spoon, a table, a stool or chair, or even a bed. So, I am wondering, what more could I do to help someone less fortunate with my woodworking? .

Ben Tillison

WWCH President

August Program Recap

"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town" is the motto of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) organization. Michael Siegel, of Houston-Central chapter, spoke to WWCH club members at the August meeting about SHP whose mission is to construct simply designed and efficiently made beds for children. Volunteers gather monthly to pre-cut 2x4s, 2x6s, and 1x4s, prepare boards for assembly, and then deliver them to homes where the beds are then assembled on site – at no cost to the recipients. SHP, nationwide, with the help of 14,780 volunteers, has constructed 4,144 bunks, taking 9,253 kids off the floor.



You can read more about SHP at <https://www.shpbeds.org/>, and for Houston-Central, their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SHPHoustonCentralW>

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Charles VolekIntarsia Owl
David Janowitz Bowls, boxes, & boards
Lon Kelley..... Bench
Steve Wavro.....Intarsia
Dale Ward Shelf
Dan Schmoker..... Bowl
Wat Hansen Chip Carvings
Tom Paulley..... Cheese Boards
George Graves Turnings
John Lastrapes Speakers
Gary Rowen Convertible Chair
Bob Wink Folk Art
Ron MatherlyHat Rack/Plaque
Norm Nichols.....Puzzles
Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.

Lon Kelley - Table/bench of mesquite.



Charles Volek - Intarsia owl of American and Peruvian

walnut, blue pine, ebony, and satin wood.



Steve Wavro - Intarsia Holy Family of aspen, ebony, blue spruce, yellow heart, bloodwood, and others.



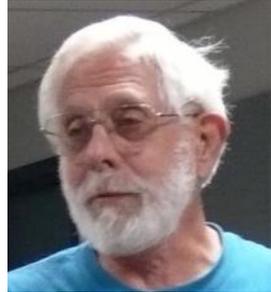
David Janowitz - Bowls, boxes, turned boxes, and cribbage board, made of osage orange, cedar elm, walnut and pear.



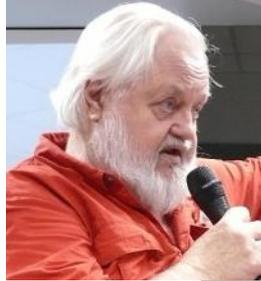
Dale Ward - Book shelf of maple and iron pipe

Show and Tell

Dan Schmoker - Bowl of honey locust finished with



four coats Waterlox.



George Graves - Turnings of various woods.



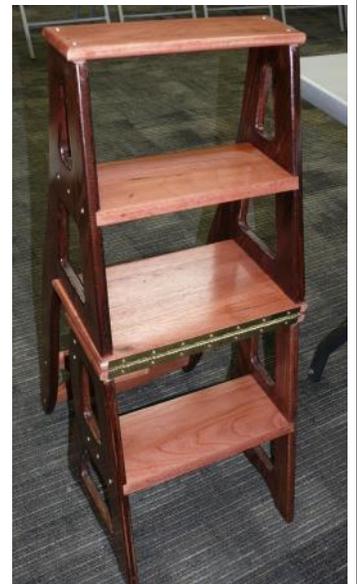
Walt Hansen - Chip carved box and cross of basswood and butternut finished with shellac.



John Lastrapes - Passive speakers from Wink wood 2x4s.



Gary Rowen - Convertible chair/step stool of red oak, sedona red and red mahogany stains, then finished in polyurethane.



Tom Pauley - Cheese boards of cherry, maple, and finished with mineral oil.



Show and Tell



Bob Wink - Folk art swordfish, bike rider, and ram .



Norm Nichols - Puzzles of plywood.



Odds and Ends

Please Sign In: Please remember to sign in at the monthly meeting. This allows us to get an accurate attendance which in turn gives us justification for reserving the big room for our meetings.

Picnic Reminder: The annual club picnic will take place following the October meeting. There will be a large raffle, live music, and a new activity, a silent auction which is open to all members. Each member can enter up to two items for sale with a 10% service charge collected by the club. Additional items may be submitted that are donated to the club. Tickets will be available at the September meeting for \$10 dollars per person for you and any family members you wish to bring. Drinks and a barbeque plate will be served.



Ron Matherly - Hat rack and box of oak and padauk.



Woodworking Show Update

While it is still 8+ months away, a number of club members are working to insure that the next Houston Woodworking Show is successful, both for our vendors and for the attendees. The Shrine Arabia Temple venue is wonderful and special thanks go out to Norm Nichols, a Shriner who negotiated to allow us to use it for our show. At this time we have over 40 commercial booths - all of the national tools will be represented. We also have a number of "specialty" vendors - small companies that cater to our special needs. If any of our members knows of or uses a product that you think might be appropriate for the show please provide contact information to Tim Shaunty, Norm Nichols, or Bob Wink and we will follow up with them. As a reminder, there will be 11 booths set aside for craftsmen - at this time we have 3 reserved so if you are interested, let Tim Shaunty know. Something new - actually 2 new things - at this show. There will be a contest recognizing the best entry made out of a simple 8 foot long 2 X 4. You can do anything you want with the 2 X 4 i.e.. turn it, bend it, resaw it, but nothing can be added except for fasteners. It cannot be painted but stains and dyes are OK. The judges will be vendors from outside the area and you must have photos accompanying the entry. Put your imagination to work and enter the 2 X 4 contest. March 15, 2020 is the deadline for letting us know you plan to enter. The last "new" program is a PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. We will be accepting entries that will be judged by the attendees with awards being made in 5 categories - (1)TURNED ITEMS, (2) SCROLLED ITEMS, (3) CARVED ITEMS, (4) GENERAL WOODWORKING ITEMS, AND (5) TOYS. Due to space limitations, all items must fit in a 2' X 2' X 2' area. Any woodworker can enter 1 item in each category. Think of this as a "SHOW AND TELL" without the tell. Notice of entry in the PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS must be received by April 15, 2020 and should be sent to tim@woodworkersoftexas.com. This is going to be a great show—send us contact information about potential vendors.

REMEMBER THE DEADLINES: MARCH 15 FOR ENTERING THE 2 X 4 CONTEST AND APRIL 15 FOR ENTRY IN THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS.



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday September 14th

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

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.

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www.wwch.org

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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!