

Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

Note:
New Location for **Feb15th** Meeting
United Way Community
Resource Center
50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007

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WWCH Calendar

6 Feb Furniture Splinter Group
 15 Feb Monthly Meeting
 22 Feb Galveston Guild
 23 Feb...Hand Tool Splinter Group
 05 Mar Furniture Splinter Group
 14 Mar Monthly Meeting
 25 Apr .. Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



**Get your
ticket at the
meeting!**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Herb Craft Pamela Gideon

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our club would not be able to function as it is without the contributions and efforts of those members who consistently volunteer to go “above and beyond”. These are the members that are there month after month, and year after year, volunteering to organize our activities and seeing that the club’ business gets done and our activities flow smoothly for the benefit of the club as a whole.

And so, in my time as president of our club, one of my greatest pleasures has been the chance to recognize those who have made contribution to our club. I was delighted to award our Golden Hammer Award for 2019 to Patti Page at our January meeting. Among the many things that Patti does on a regular basis are:

Maintain our attendance rolls and do all she can to be sure that we have accurate contact information for the annual member directory.

Edit, prepare, print and assemble and bind our annual member directory.

Provide the coolers, ice, and beverages for our annual July Seminar meeting.

Provide the coolers, ice, and beverages for our annual October Picnic.

I would be terribly remiss if I didn’t note that Larry Page, former WWCH Treasurer, is rightfully owed a large chunk of recognition too, for the way that he has supported our club and facilitates and supports Patti.

I also want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience as we have struggled with arrangements for our monthly meetings. In December, we didn’t have a meeting place for the months of January, February, April, November, and December of this year. In response to our request for help, a lot of our members responded by suggesting locations including spaces at their company, their churches, and a number of public and private spaces. I particularly want to thank Chuck Meeder

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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: will meet April 25th at Bayland -Community Center, Rm 9, at 9:30 AM. Join us for a lively discussion on anything scroll saw. Bring you items for Show N Tell. For more information call Norm Nichols (281-491-3220) or Denis Muris (979-885-7071)

Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group: The splinter group will meet Thursday, Jan 9, 2020. 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.

Galveston County Woodworkers Guild: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Dickinson Public Library on Route 3 in Dickinson. For more information contact Walt Hanson at whansen2@comcast.net.

President Message_(cont)

for doing the legwork to find a suitable location for January and February, and Bill Harris for finding a location for our April, November, and December meetings, We all owe them a hearty thank you".

Our April meeting will be held on April 4th at the west campus of Memorial Drive Methodist Church. The address is 13186 Memorial Drive. Our meeting will be in the Adult Ministries space at the far west end of the complex.

So, be sure to check the <http://www.WWCH.org> web site to confirm the meeting date and locations for the rest of the year. We certainly don't want anyone to miss a meeting because of confusion or date.

Further, I can assure you that the Board of Directors will do everything we can to return to our regular meeting place and second Saturday meeting date in 2021.

On a lighter note, I suspect that many of you are using the opportunity of our cooler weather to work on your projects. I know that is true for me in the uncontrolled climate of my garage shop. So, keep up your great and inspiring work and bring it to our meetings to Show and Tell.

And as long as I am talking about inspiring woodworking, please come to our meeting on February 15th at the United Way building at 50 Waugh Drive as we present our Woodworker of the Year award for 2019 for one of our members.

Ben Tillison
WWCH President

January Program Recap

Chris Schwartz, WWCH Vice President, spoke to club members about his meeting with Travis G, President of the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association, a Maker-Space with a 38 year history and 1200 members. The SDFWA has a wide variety of commercial grade woodworking machines available for members to use. Of inspirational interest, SDFWA released a book in December 2018 entitled "Constructing Wooden Toys". Chris is coordinating amongst members for inputs for a toy making book for publication.



Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Norm Nichols Box
Bob Wink Popeye/Cross/Bookends
David Janowitz Bowls
Chris Farquhar Intarsia Wolves
Terry Parrish Cross
Chuck Meeder Carvings
Dave Van Dewerker Box
Rick Spacek Wood Burning
Lon Kelley Box
Steve Wavro Plaque
George Graves Bowls
Rich Bajenski Mallets
Tom Paulley Bowls
John Gay Vanity



David Janowitz - Cutting boards of osage orange and water oak. Turned bowls of Osage orange, water oak, cedar elm and spalted "found wood".



Norm Nichols - Toothpaste tube squeezer (Steve Good pattern), box, and banjo neck rest.



Chris Farquhar - Intarsia wolf heads of various woods.



Bob Wink - Pop-eye and Greene and Greene Arts and Crafts style cross and bookend.



Terry Parrish - Cross made on CNC machine of red oak.

Show and Tell



Chuck Meeder - Chip carvings (Lora Irish relief pattern) of basswood.



Steve Wavro - Scroll sawed 50th anniversary heart (Sue May pattern) of Baltic birch and walnut.



Dave VanDewerker Wooden hinged box of padauk, walnut, and bird's eye maple.



George Graves - Bowls and sled for American Girl doll.



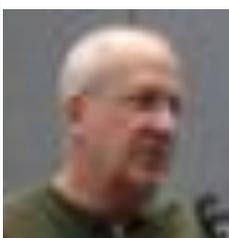
Rick Spacek - Burnings in red oak and Wink wood.



Rich Bajenski - Mallets for flattening and tenderizing meat.



Lon Kelley - Illusion box of Wink wood.



Tom Paulley - Turned snowmen of maple, walnut and cherry.

Show-n-Tell



John Gay - Cabinetry of aromatic red cedar and Wink wood. (More pictures on our website.)

Odds & Ends

2020 Dues are due:—It is a new year and that means new dues for 2020. Dues remain at the incredible low price of \$36 for the year. See WWCH Treasurer, David Janowitz, at any meeting. Dues must be received by David no later than Feb 29, 2020 to have your name and contact info included in the 2020 WWCH Directory).

Gulfcoast Woodturners—March 14-15, Gulf Coast Woodturners 25th Annual Hands-On Retreat, at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center 500 W 13th St, Deer Park, Texas. This Saturday and Sunday event attracts 90 turners and 90 lathes to participate in 27 hands-on woodturning classes. Novice through advanced turners are welcome. The weekend includes catered lunches, instant gallery, raffle, and great fellowship. For more information visit gulfcoastwoodturners.org.

Club Shirts: As a reminder club shirts are available on the club website. The order form from PK Embroidery is there. Complete it for the shirt you want to purchase. David Janowitz may be collecting completed forms for a bulk order. This way you can save a little money on the shipping. Shipping is \$8 for the first shirt and \$1 for each additional shirt. Contact David for details. Or you may order your shirt directly from the embroiderer.

HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT COMMUNITY DAY: Our club has once again been invited to participate their Craft Community Day at HCCC on Saturday March 7. This has been a very successful event for us in the past and extremely well supported by club members.

We will be located outside. The club will provide tables and covers and the facility will provide tents. To show what the club is about we will be looking for you to bring items to display on the tables. Club members will be doing demonstrations on the scroll saw, chip carving, and more. We would like to have at least one more demo. Please let Norm know if you have something you could demo. Attendees love to see what we do!

There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting. Or contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 to sign up if you cannot make the meeting. Hours of operation will be 11 AM to 3 PM. We will start set up of our booth at 9:15 AM. Not only will we need to staff the booth but we will also need folks to set up and tear down. Please plan on coming out for a few hours to help your club. We had a lot of fun last year!

NEW LOCATION FOR SCROLL SAW SPLINTER GROUP: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group lost its meeting space at Woodcraft. We cannot meet in the Warehouse due to liability issues. That's understandable I suppose. We looked at the possibility of staying at Woodcraft but it would have been very cramped. After looking at a few options I informally polled several of our group at the January meeting. It was decided to hold our meetings at the Bayland Community Center. The first meeting was successfully held January 25th at Bayland. Here is our schedule for the balance of the year, all at Bayland from 9:30 AM to 1:30 AM:

Saturday April 25, Room 9; Saturday July 25, Art Room; Saturday October 17, Room 9 (NOTE: This is the third Saturday due to election activities on the fourth Saturday).

February 2020 Toy of the Month: To download a PDF File just follow this link: <http://www.wwch.org/Plans/Toys/Feb20ToyoftheMonth.pdf>

March Meeting Location: Next month's meeting will be at Bayland Community Center, March 14th.

Woodworking Show

For the third time in the past 6 years a group of local woodworkers in Houston, Texas are conducting a woodworking show. This show came about after The Woodworking Shows changed their schedule and removed Houston as one of its stops. From the initial show with 37 booths, the show has grown, having had 47 booths in 2018 and will feature 74 vendor booths in 2020. This year's show is scheduled for May 1-3, 2020 and will be held at the Shrine Arabia Temple Convention facility at 10510 Harwin Dr., Houston, Texas. This venue was made available because of the donations of wooden toys to the Shrine Burn Hospital in Galveston and the Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston. The Exhibit Hall is a perfect location for the show with ample space and free parking.

While the show is designed to support the local woodworking community by providing a place to see and buy woodworking tools and products, this year's show will also feature 11 booths where woodworkers will be displaying their crafts. In addition the show will have a "BRAGGING TABLE." Any craftsman/woman may submit an item to be included on the table, an opportunity to show their skills. There will also be booths representing local woodworking clubs and guilds with displays of their members works and ongoing demonstrations. We also will have an attendee competition - a screw driving contest - where any and all who come to the show can try and win prizes. The contests will be at 10am, 2pm, & 4pm on Friday and Saturday and at 1pm on Sunday.

In keeping with the objectives of the Woodworkers Club of Houston there will be a series of seminars and demonstrations throughout the show. Additional information about the show can be found at the website: www.woodworkingshowoftexas.com or by contacting the Show Coordinator, Tim Shaunty (timshaunty@gmail.com or 713-503-2284)

The Danish Rescue Boat Installation Celebration



WWCH member, Walt Hansen made a presentation at one of our meetings a few months ago on the work he did restoring a Danish Rescue Boat used during World War II. Formal unveiling of the boat will be taking place this month. If you would like to attend and support Walt, you can RSVP at:

<https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?e=%5bUNIQID%5d&u=5520d515d88bbdf8f19067531&id=46faef8f91>

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:15 p.m. Program

Speakers: Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga, The Honorable Anna Thomsen Holliday,

The Honorable Jacob Vind, and Walter Hansen

7:45 p.m. Viewing of Danish Rescue Boat

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, 5401 Caroline Street, Houston, TX 77004

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday Feb 15th

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

United Way Community Resource Center
50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007

Presentation: The Wonders of Wink Wood, Lon Kelley

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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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!