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WWCH Calendar

Jan 5	Furniture Splinter Group
Jan 14	Monthly Meeting
Jan 19	CNC Router Splinter Group
Jan 28	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
Jan 28	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Feb 11	Monthly Meeting

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Jim Hiles
Richard Bajenski
Brian Shurtliff
Loren Gideon
Xun Guo

Pick up your Membership Directory and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin 2017, I am honored to serve as President of the Woodworkers Club of Houston. I look forward to working with our officers, board and membership as we begin to plan the upcoming year's activities. Our objectives for this year are simple. We want to provide programs that promote our common interest in woodworking and to share our skills and techniques to help develop safer woodworking habits and conditions. We also want to reach out to the public through new strategies that will inform and increase their interest in becoming a member of our club.

One of the best benefits of being a club member is the friendships that are developed at our meetings. You will find within our membership people who are more than willing to assist you with a problem you might have with a project. Feel free to ask for help, if that individual can't help you, they probably know someone in the membership with the expertise that you need. I have made friends through the years as we worked together on club activities or helping one another on some of our woodworking projects. Many of these friends were mentors to me and others in the club. The warm friendly atmosphere speaks volumes about our club. We welcome new members and encourage them to become involved in whatever capacity they feel comfortable.

Our new Vice-President, Charles Volek, is planning our programs for the upcoming year. He will be distributing a program survey to identify what programs you would like to see presented in 2017. This gives you an excellent opportunity to give input on what programs are presented and if you would be willing to present a program. We have many gifted woodworkers within our club who have presented programs through the years. We are always looking for new talent.

In closing, I want to invite all members to share your thoughts and ideas with the club officers and board to help our club to be the best we can be. We value your input.

Thanks for your support,

Mike Turner - President

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group will meet on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place, 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 for further assistance.

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

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet Jan 28, 2017 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. Our discussion will be on blades and wood. We will talk about blade sources, storage, types, and use. All types of wood will be discussed: hardwood, softwood, and yes even plywood. Let's hear about what Santa brought you for your shop. Bring your items for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For information or questions contact Norm Nichols at scrollsaw@comcast.net or 281-491-3220. See you on the 28th.

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group is currently on hiatus. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule in the spring.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

Furniture Splinter Group: .The furniture splinter group will begin meeting the first Thursday of the month starting in January of 2017. All are welcome. We are finishing up our chest project and will be starting on a Maloof inspired rocking chair.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at 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 the projects possible with the lumber. Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

WWCH Collecting Toys

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Thank you, from the children!

New Officers for 2017

The 2017 board of directors were elected during the December meeting. Your new board for this year is:

President:	Mike Turner
Vice President:	Charles Volek
Secretary:	John Lastrapes
Treasurer:	David Janowitz
Publications:	Gary Rowen

Board Members: Bill Harris, Lynn Cummings, Joe Cook, and Roslyn Hager (Past President)

December Program Wrap-up



Mike Turner, Vice President WWCH, explained to Club members various ways to use portable power tools to double as stand alone tools. His suggestions for those on a small budget or who live in a "shopless" home were very helpful especially for young woodworkers or those just starting out. Thanks, Mike!

It's Time to Renew!

\$36 – Still the best deal in town!

You can pay your WWCH 2017 dues at the January meeting in cash, check made out to WWCH, or credit card. Or mail your check to David Janowitz. His address is in the club membership directory or you can email him at elstupido@att.net.

Reminder! To be included in the 2017 directory, dues must be received no later than Tuesday, February 28th.

Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

- ◆ **Interested in an Intarsia Splinter Group?** There appears to be increased interest by several members for learning more about Intarsia. Steve Wavro has been making Intarsia pieces for 12 years now and is considering whether now might be a good time to establish a splinter group specifically for those interested in learning more about this art form and improving their skills. If you have not heard about Intarsia, you can see what it looks like on Steve's Shutterfly Site : <https://stevewavrointarsia.shutterfly.com> . If you think you might want to join an Intarsia splinter group, please send Steve an email at steve.wavro@gmail.com or stop by and talk to him at the January meeting.
- ◆ **Please check your contact information** When you sign in at the monthly meeting, please check your contact information. Notify Patti Page, David Janowitz, or Gary Rowen for any changes or corrections.
- ◆ **Notice all shop crawlers!** Attention all Woodworker's living in Clear Lake, Friendswood, and surrounding areas: YOU are on notice for the spring shop crawl scheduled for May 13th. Details to follow.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.
For high resolution pictures, visit www.wwch.org.

PRESENTERS

David Janowitz Cutting Boards
Loren Gideon Bandsaw Boxes
Steve Wavro Pull Toy/Wedding Tree
Bob Wink Intarsia Portrait/Texas Navy
Larry Burgess Navy Service Scroll Saw Plaque
Don Pott Cubs Plaque/Intarsia Squirrel
Chuck Meeder Christmas Ornaments
Fred Sandoval Slot Cutting Jig
Mark Bolinger Shaving Pony
Lon Kelley Recipe Boxes
Rebecca DeGroot Artistic Critter
Mark Womack Desk
Tim Shaunty Plywood Creations
George Graves Scroll Saw Work



Being new to woodworking, **Loren Gideon** watched a video about band sawed boxes and then made a couple. Because his wife loves dragonflies and has a great big heart he carved a dragonfly with a head made of maple in the shape of a heart.



A memo to friends and relatives resulted in several requests to **David Janowitz** for cutting boards mostly of Osage orange and some red oak. David used a drum sander then finished with mineral oil.



Some can't live by intarsia alone so **Steve Wavro** made a wedding tree for guests to sign. Steve also read a book from the Club library about making animated toys. After learning the hard way Steve stressed that you need to read the directions before you start cutting. Steve also had to make a jig to reduce the wheel size diameter.

Show and Tell



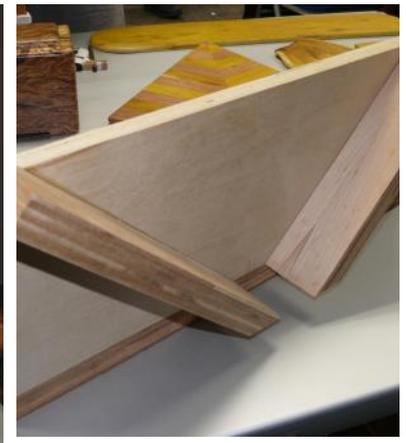
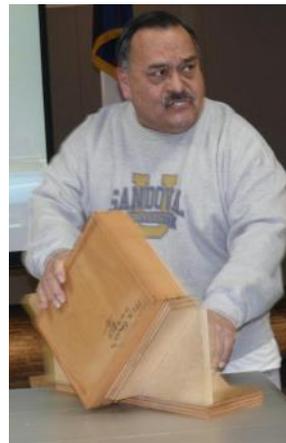
Bob Wink was inspired by a ship he saw at a local museum folk art show so he crafted a Texas Navy ship himself. Being told that “real” intarsia must use the color of real wood, Bob used red oak, white pine and black walnut to create his portrait.



Chuck Meeder carved some Christmas ornaments from basswood. Chuck finished with water borne acrylics topping off with spray on Deft lacquer.



Larry Burgess is a retired pastor and needed something to give back to the community so he started making plaques that he would give to service men. This plaque is of Luan (or Luan) plywood backing the top of Baltic birch.



Fred Sandoval showed Club members how he uses his homemade jig to make slots for 45 degree miters (wood joints, not bishop headdresses).



Don Pott has been working on his Cub plaque for a year hoping it would bring good luck – and it worked. Don thanks Fred Sandoval and Steve Wavro for all their help leading to a very nice squirrel intarsia.



Not having enough room for a shaving horse, **Mark Bolinger** made a shaving pony instead and explained to Club members how to use it. It is easier and more efficient to use as opposed to a vice clamp – you have to constantly adjust the handle. The geometry of the holes is important as well as leather on the jaws.

Show and Tell



Parallel strand lamination lumber leftover from construction in his neighborhood became the wood source for **Lon Kelley's** pair of recipe boxes. Lon also spoke about the process. There were voids that Lon filled with stainable filler – squeegeed it in then sanded.



“You can’t carve plywood” was the challenge that **Tim Shaunty** accepted. Tim carved a fish and because it looked like a fish the “loser” donated \$100 to a women’s shelter. Way to fund raise, Tim. Tim explained how he used King Arthur angle grinder wheels to rough out the shapes from Wink wood which was followed by lots of sanding.



Rebecca DeGroot’s “critters” seem to take on a personality when she completes them so she named this one, “Dauntless”. The quills are of rosewood and the body of maple. The body was originally turned on a lathe then shaped to final form. Paste wax finished the quills and spray satin polyurethane finished the body.



A fun first time project for **Mark Womack** was a desk that his wife pretended to like to two years. So Mark came up with a new design using Sketchup. Joinery is pocket holes and glue. Handles from Hobby Lobby. Mark finished with water borne polyurethane because oil based yellows over time which Mark didn’t want.



Using a scroll saw that his wife bought him, **George Graves** crafted a plaque for a friend, some Christmas ornaments for his wife, a cutting board for his daughter, who just got married, and a sleigh to hold their big collection of Christmas cards, too. George used patterns from Steve Good.



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WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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DIRECTORS

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Refreshments	S. Wavro & R. Kirchoff
Technology	Denis Muras
Video Library	Lisa Sessions
Web Master	Gary Rowen

NEXT MEETING

Saturday January 14, 2017

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

We are now officially a 501(3)(c) charitable organization, effective 12/10/2016. Donations are now tax deductible, (Note: Club dues are not considered a donation)

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!