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WWCH Calendar

Mar 4	Gathering of the Guilds
Mar 11	Monthly Meeting
March 17, 18	Lie-Nielsen Event
Mar 23	Intarsia Splinter Group
Mar 26	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Apr 6.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Apr 8.....	Monthly Meeting
Apr 22.....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



**\$1 and \$5 Raffle at
each meeting**

New Members

**Welcome to WWCH
Kelley Bradley
Happy to have you with us!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In February we were able to get back into our normal meeting room which makes one thankful for having as nice a facility as Bayland Community Center for our monthly meetings. Sometimes we take things for granted and when you don't have access to them anymore you really begin to appreciate what you had. With that said I would like to congratulate the three individuals who received awards at our February meeting. The Golden Hammer Award went to Gary Rowen for his continuous service to our club. The Woodworker of the Year Award went to Lynn Cummins for excellent craftsmanship and projects that he presented throughout the year. An award of appreciation went to Tim Shaunty for providing his shop for the Toy making splinter group for a number of years. I would like to thank all three of these individuals for their support and dedication to our club.

March is a month full of activities for our membership. You can join John Gay on Saturday, March 4th, for the Gathering of the Guilds. He asked for help with the activities on that day. It goes from 11:00 to 3:00. Also in March you can join Chuck Meeder at Clark Kellogg's shop at 2303B Dunlavy, the Lie-Nielsen Toolworks will be demonstrating their tools. Chuck has also asked for help in representing our club at the event.

I would like to thank Rebecca DeGroot for an excellent program on her woodworking skills and creativity in designing and building her art work. If you would like to present a program featuring some area of woodworking you enjoy please contact Charles Volek, our Vice-President in charge of scheduling programs for the year.

We had 80 members present at our meeting in February. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our meeting. Work safely and be sure to wear your safety glasses.

Thanks for your support,

Mike Turner - President

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group The CNC router group will not be meeting in March. We are in the process of finding a new location to meet. I will let you know if something changes.

Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 or mktturner49@gmail.com 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 for its next discussion on Saturday, April 22nd, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8). Our discussion topic will be wood, all types of wood. That will include hardwood, softwood, domestic wood, exotic wood, and even plywood. What do you like to use? Bring your items for Show-N-Tell and questions for Problems-N-Solutions.

For further information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

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

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

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group is now meeting the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on April 6th. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at Lmcummings@hotmail.com

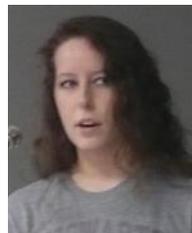
Sawmill Splinter Group is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

Intarsia Splinter Group: The initial meeting of the Intarsia Splinter Group was held on February 23 and got off to a good start with 7 scrollers attending. The group decided that for now, we will target to meet once per month with the next meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 23rd at Steve Wavro's shop in Baytown. The topic will most likely be sanding, which is the most time consuming aspect of Intarsia. If you have a pattern that you are thinking about starting, or a project that is in progress or recently finished, please bring it along with you.

For more information, contact Steve Wavro at (281) 614-9517 or steve.wavro@gmail.com.

February Program Wrap-up



Rebecca DeGroot spoke to club members about how she crafted her fine works of art, where she got the inspiration, and her trials and tribulations while developing her skill as an artist of the lathe and her career as a high school art teacher.

Rebecca shared some tips on how to create an artistic design.

2017 WWCH Directories



The New Edition of the Directory is here!
2017 Members come and claim yours at the
March meeting!



You can also pick up your new membership cards at the meeting. Both Rockler and Woodcraft offer a 10% discount on many store items to members. The discounts are available daily at the Rockler store and on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Woodcraft. You must present your membership card to obtain the discount. Rockler also presents the club with a \$20 gift card whenever a certain number of membership cards are presented at the store.

Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

- **Upcoming Shop Crawl:** The spring shop crawl schedule for May 12th will feature shops in the Clear Lake/Friendswood area. The following members have generously offered to open their shops for your viewing pleasure: Mike Jeffery, Lisa Sessions and Ron Kirchoff (Mike, Lisa , and Ron—Time for spring cleaning.)
- **Survey Says:** The survey for presentation topics taken at the February meeting yielded the following results: Joinery(29 votes) Finishing(28) Woodworking tools(22) Woods and their properties(17) Furniture(16) Scroll Saw / Intarsia(15) Marquetry / Veneering(14) Dust Collection(13) Woodturning(13) Computer programs for design(12) Restoration techniques(10) Special projects: ie. boat building, cabinets, furniture(10) Carving(7) Woodworking Company Presentation(6) Safety(6) CNC Routers(5) Other: Jigs(2); Venders; Wood sources; Sawmill/Slabs; Stringed Instruments; Signing Work.
- ♦ **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.

Show and Tell

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

PRESENTERS

Chuck Meeder	Scrollwork Shelves
Mark Bolinger	Bowls
Rick Spacek	Nature Scene
George Alderete	Cherry Table
Charles Volek	Intarsia Duck
John Lastrapes	Plaque
Lon Kelley	Star Boxes
Singaraju Katari	Intarsia Parrots
Ron Matherly	Clocks
Glen Edwards	Cross
Larry Barron	Bowls
Don Lackey	Wooden Spoons
George Graves	Scroll Saw Items



Starting out with four inch slabs, **Mark Bolinger** turned these two paired bowls and no, they aren't cymbals.



Five weeks and a half dozen or so 2 aught spiral scroll saw blades resulted in **Rick Spacek's** "Large Cutting" – a scene of nature at its finest. Rick stained with dark walnut and clear natural and finished with a clear gloss.



After sipping through a category to reduce his scrap pile **Chuck Meeder** purchased a couple of patterns from scroller online and crafted a freestanding book shelf and a wall shelf then finished with Watco Danish oil. Might even be large enough to hold Tolstoy's "War and Peace".

After taking a class by Frank Strazza **George Alderete** crafted this table of cherry using only hand tools.



Show and Tell



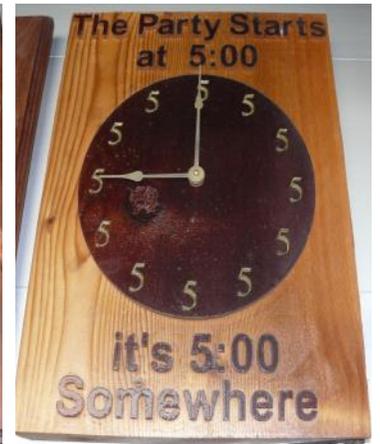
Charles Volek crafted this great looking duck for a church auction, no, not for his doctor, then decided he liked it so much he is going to make one for himself. This one is of birch, birds-eye maple, cherry, and walnut then stained with various colors.



Crafting birds of poplar that almost take flight is the craftsmanship of **Singaraju Katari**.



John Lastrapes explained that this gumbo award plaque made of penny cypress framed with mahogany is a work in progress. The spoon as well as name plates will be attached later. Now will John bring us some winning gumbo to sample?



Scroll sawing numeral fives gave **Ron Matherly** trouble 40 some years ago so he made figure eights to grace a bar clock of pine as a Christmas gift for his father. Advancing to CNC Ron crafted another bar clock that, this time, features the numeral five – all from one piece of cedar left over from a patio project.



Inspired by and borrowing some techniques from traditional Japanese craftsman, **Lon Kelley** fashioned these decorated boxes of maple, walnut, cherry and mahogany. Lon explained how it took 40 stars for it all to come together. Yoku yatta (good job) Lon!



Glen Edwards was looking for some simple Christmas gifts. He scroll sawed a cross from 1/8 inch Baltic Birch then framed it with a frame from Dollar Tree.

Show and Tell



Don Lackey made these spoons using spoke shaves and a gouge then finished with mineral oil. The holes were drilled after the bowl was shaped.



After belonging to Gulf Coast Woodturners for two years, **Larry Barron** now has his own lathe and churned out these bowls and boxes out of spalted pecan, aromatic cedar, mahogany and excess wood from a patio construction effort. Looks like Larry has turned a corner in his skills. Good job Larry!

With free mahogany from a friend, **George Graves** crafted both the box and the Valentine plaque for his wife.

Website of the Month



Jay Bates of Jay's Custom Creations is a Mississippi based internet woodworker. His website <http://jayscustomcreations.com> contains information and guidance on furniture building, shop projects, and tips on using SketchUp. Jay's projects range from beginner to expert and his laid back style make viewing his videos a pleasure. Be sure to check out his SketchUp tutorials. He also has two YouTube channels (<https://www.youtube.com/user/Jayscustomcreations> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJSMSz1eVPSHtPGs2ZtjTjA>). Additionally, he hosts a weekly podcast with the creative title "The Woodworking Podcast" (<http://www.thewoodworkingpodcast.com/>) where he conducts a lively banter with fellow YouTubers April Wilkerson and Nick Ferry.



Lie-Nielsen Toolworks Hand Tool Event

When: March 17 – 18, 2017 / Friday 10am – 6 pm; Saturday 10am – 5pm

Location: Kellogg Furnituremaker
2303-B Dunlavy St, Houston

Learn about the tools and how to use them via hands-on demos.

WWCH will have a table there to advertise our club to other woodworkers. A few more volunteers are needed to talk about WWCH, hand-out brochures and sign up new members. Contact Chuck Meeder to volunteer at cmeeder69@gmail.com or 832-477-0323, or at the March club meeting.

Gathering of the Guilds

We have been invited to be part of The Gathering of the Guilds, March 4, 2017 from 11:00 am to 3:00pm at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft at 4848 Main. As many of you know we have done this for many years. This is a great way to show off our club activities and the wide range of talent, creativity and skills of our members. This is also a great event to meet future members to our club.

For those who do not know about this, let me explain, it is a lot of fun... Each year the museums open their doors free to the public. Houston has a huge district. It is so large that the Museum District had to do it in 4 parts so HCCC and other art galleries, museums, and other exhibits in that local area are open.

HCCC has made this day special by inviting many clubs, guilds and other organized groups together. If you are new to Houston or want expand an interest in a craft then this is the day for you. There will be weavers, fabric arts, potters, basket makers, quilters, polymer clay, iron workers, turners, sculptors, doll makers and others. It's fun to meet these groups.

What is different this year is the length of the event. In years past, the hours were from 9 to 5. And there were a lot of people coming in. In years past there were over 300 people walking thru the doors. Last year there was a very bad thunderstorm that day and a much smaller crowd.

At our February meeting please bring some of your work in so we can proudly show it off. One of the best part about our club is the wide range of different kinds of woodworking and skill levels. We could use 4 members at the table. This is a wonderful event to take your family to. There will be free parking, food trucks, free rides to other interesting sites. So if you cannot be with the club, drop by and visit, we will enjoy seeing you there and your family and friends will enjoy it too.

2016 WWCH Awards

At the February meeting the club honored three members who have made significant contributions to the club last year. Roslyn Hager, WWCH 2016 President, made the presentations.



Gary Rowen receive the Golden Hammer Award recognizing his service to the Club in 2016.



Tim Shaunty receives a Special Award for his support of our toy program for the last 5 years.



Lynn Cummings received the Woodworker of the Year Award for his craftsmanship in 2016.



Visit the Houston locations at:

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Bill Harris, Lynn Cummings, Joe Cook, Roslyn Hager

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 11, 2017

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Presentation by: Clark Hardwood and Lumber on wood properties

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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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!