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WWCH Calendar

May 4.....	Furniture Splinter Group
May 13.....	Monthly Meeting
May 18.....	CNC Splinter Group
May 27.....	Intarsia Splinter Group
May 25.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Jun 10.....	Monthly Meeting
Jun 17.....	Woodville Field Trip
Jul 22.....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



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

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

**Bolie Williams
Christian True
Laura Wilde
Jim Price
Sam Grice**

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Woodworkers are a unique group of people. Through the years since I joined the club I have made many new friends. The fellowship that we share is very special. They are a brotherhood of men and women who demonstrate their talent on a monthly basis. Names like Chuck Maxwell, whose specialty was creating specialty jigs to make building his projects a little easier. He called this redesign "Maxwellizing it". Lewis Vallette's specialty was turning segmented bowls and vases on a lathe. Lewis also made special turning tools with carbide inserts that you would find normally on tooling for metal lathes. Their ingenuity which enabled them to develop these clever ideas always amazed me. These individuals were my mentors along with others who took the time to share with our club new design techniques that improved our woodworking skills. When I was a shop teacher, I always encouraged my students to think outside the box. Whether you are just starting woodworking or you are working at an advanced level, always know that there is room for improvement. One of the benefits of being in our club is resourcing membership for assistance on your project.

I would like to thank Mike Haynes for his excellent presentation on basic furniture making. Mike's presentation had something for everyone, whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced woodworker; he touched on all three levels.

Be sure to set your calendars for the shop crawl after our May meeting and a field trip to Woodville to Allen Barr's saw mill coming up June 17th.

Once again, if you have a program that you would like to see or you would be interested in doing a program for our club, please contact Charles Volek.

We had 74 members present at our meeting in March. 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 splinter group will meet Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00pm at Lynn Cummins's house at 18315 Tangle Tree Lane, Houston, Tx, 77041.

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: Our next quarterly meeting will July 22, 2017, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South on Beltway 8. Discussions this year have been great. The topic for the July meeting has not been set. Stay tuned to this column for further details as they develop. Bring your items for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions. A big thanks to Mike Jeffrey for offering to make Noah's ark and Rick Spacek for doing the animals. This will be donated to the craft show in November from the group. For information about this group 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 May 4th. 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 group continues to work on various techniques and procedures to create their own projects, sharing what they learn as they go. The group meets once per month with the next meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 25th at Steve Wavro's shop in Baytown. 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.

April Program Wrap-up



Mark Haynes spoke to club members about how he designs and builds furniture. He stressed the importance of accuracy and provided many other useful tips and techniques.

2017 WWCH Directories



The New Edition of the Directory is here!
2017 Members if you have not already please claim yours at the May 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.

Shop Crawl Information

The shop crawl will begin following the May 13th meeting and is concentrated in the Clearlake/Friendswood area. These members will be opening their shops for viewing.

Mike Jeffery

Lisa Sessions

Ron Kirchoff

Their contact information and location can be found in the 2017 WWCH directory. (Note: Ron's phone number is incorrect in the directory and should be 832-875-5871.) Additionally, maps will be made available at the May meeting. Ron will have gourmet stadium steaks available for your dining pleasure.

Thanks again to these members for opening their shops to us.

Show and Tell

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

PRESENTERS

George Graves	Wall plaques
Rich Bajenski	Boxes
Ron Kirchoff	Serving tray
Mark Bolinger	Dust Collector
Richard Hash	Mechanical Models
Rick Spacek	Scrollwork
Mike Turner	Workbench
Terry Parrish	Wine Caddy
Steve Wavro	Intarsia Plaque
Mike Hardy	Music Stand
Norm Nichols	Bandsaw Box
Lisa Sessions	Cart
Ridg Gilma	Barn Box
Lynn Cummins	Cabinet
Denis Muras	Toy
Lon Kelley	Coasters
Glen Edwards	Scrollwork



Rich Bajenski— built these beautiful poplar boxes using half lap joinery; handle of one was colored with black Sharpie!!



Ron Kirchoff – cheese/cracker tray w/ mineral oil / beeswax finish; cut cove on table saw.



George Graves — Wall plaques celebrating his daughter's love for cycling.



Mark Bolinger – Dust Collector Retrofit. Used the Super Dust Deputy cyclone!

Show and Tell



Richard Hash – Mechanical marvels in wood; white oak, mahaogany, osage orange, jatoba, maple, mesquite, walnut. Great demonstration of gears and mechanisms.



A cute puppy intarsia plaque created by **Steve Wavro** from a Kathy Wise pattern in walnut, oak, ebony, and a mystery wood.



Rick Spacek - Running Horses scroll saw piece is all one piece of mesquite with a cedar stand; amazing detail.



Mike Hardy – Cherry Music Stand. He used Japanese finger files for clean up of stand details. Very beautiful.



Lisa Sessions - Built this mobile cutoff cart as she continues to outfit her shop.



Mike Turner – Reworked work bench. He lightened the top and added DIY wood vices.

Lon Kelley – Created coasters from recycled star box “scraps”. (I hesitate to call it “scraps”!)



Terry Parrish – Fashioned this wine caddy and toy car. Here’s to you!



Ridg Gilmer – Built this barn box for his granddaughter to store her equestrian equipment.

Show and Tell



Lynn Cummins – Built this record album cabinet of maple and walnut with beautiful butterfly inlays!



Denis Muras – Is a prolific toy maker, his latest creation is pull toy puppy.



Norm Nichols – Made a bandsaw of mahogany and poplar; first time band saw project (but not last!).



Glenn Edwards – scroll sawed a cross and fish wall hanging of Baltic birch and walnut.

Website of the Month



April Wilkerson of 'Wilker Dos' is a Texas based internet woodworker. Her website is <https://www.wilkerdos.com>. She says "When I started this blog in February of 2013 I had never used a power tool before. I didn't grow up working on things, or take a shop class in high school. But when I couldn't afford to buy the things I wanted for around the house, I decided to try my hand at making them and dove head first into building. Now three years later, even though I'm now in the position to buy the things I need, I much prefer to build them." Additionally, she hosts a weekly podcast with the creative title "The Woodworking Podcast" (<http://www.thewoodworkingpodcast.com/>) where she passes on her woodworking knowledge with fellow YouTubers Jay Bates and Nick Ferry.





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NEXT MEETING

Saturday May 13, 2017

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Presentation by: Charles Volek on ELISSA Deck Restoration.

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.

We're on the web!

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!