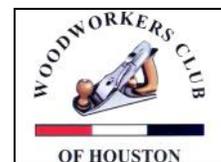


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	14 May
Scroll saw Meeting	TBD
Hand tool Meeting	28 May
Furniture Meeting	TBD

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Scroll Saw Splinter group: Norm Nichols
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

July will soon be upon us, and we have been unable to secure an outside speaker for a full day presentation, so the Board has adopted plan B. We propose to still have an all-day event, but to make it into a series of half hour member run workshops on various topics. The proposal is to have six sessions running at the same time, with each workshop repeated once or twice to give everyone a chance to see it. The list of topics and presenters is still being finalized. Watch this space for future details, and don't be surprised if you get a phone call asking for you to run a session.

Journey of a Woodworker, Part 4

My dad was a carpenter, and was very good at what he did. What he didn't do was build fancy furniture from expensive woods, because there was no money available for such things. He did, though, make several built-ins of various kinds, and I can remember as a kid watching him work on some of the joinery. Lumber for those projects was usually scraps from various job sites.

The main recollection I have is that it seemed to take him forever to decide that something finally fitted right. I could not believe that anyone would spend that much time fiddling with the fit of a joint just to get it exactly correct. Of course, the older I get, the more likely I am to do precisely that.

Built-ins often seem to me to fall somewhere in between what we might traditionally think of as 'fine' woodworking and carpentry. They always involve some 'carpentry' because they have to fit the space and must sit on some kind of base that is typically attached to the floor – definitely not fine work, but it does have to be pretty accurate if you don't want to deal with problems later.

There is also often a constrained creative aspect, because you are designing something that has to match what's already there. That can force you to use a particular species, and stain to a particular color. Once you are past those constraints, however, the quality of the work can be just as high as you want to make it.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

I've done a few built-ins over the years. The first such project was to add an extra cabinet and counter space to the kitchen in our first house. The first picture shows staining in progress, the second picture shows the finished item, with new flooring in place. These were scanned from old prints, so you'll have to excuse the picture quality.



Wood here was ash and ash plywood, since that was what the existing kitchen cabinets were made

of, and the stain was as close a match as I could make it. I chose to use water soluble dyes, which have advantages and disadvantages. The advantage is the ease with which you can custom mix the color. The disadvantage is that getting a really even color can be quite a challenge. I bought several packets of the dye of various colors. A little goes a long way. This project dates from 1983, and I still have some dye packets on the shelf. I actually used some of it on the last built in I made – a couple of years back.

The top on this cabinet is a pre-bought maple butcher block. I had no tools to attempt to flatten such a big piece, and took the easy way out. The rest of the project was designed around the size of the top.

Peter Doe

WWCH President

Program of the Month

During our April meeting we had 3 presentations covering various topics:

- Rod Griffith spoke about applying the Safety Triangle to the Woodworker's Safety Triangle
- Fred Sandoval spoke about how to sharpen and maintain woodworking scrapers plus showed and demonstrated several of his shop made precision jigs
- Jeff Larsen updated members with slides on the design of the community workbench project.



Program of the Month (Cont..)

Program Name: This month we will have a 2-part program.

- 1) *Documenting Complex Projects*—Denis Muras
- 2) A Woodworker's First-Aid Kit—Alan Bachrach

Monthly Toy Challenge

Monthly Toy Challenge – You could win \$500 worth of stuff!

For the April challenge (Toys for girls), we had three entries. Dave VanDewerker built glass-less hand mirrors; Andy Tofuri presented some Heart Boxes and Jim Hiles showed Floatable Tugboat



May Challenge: A toothbrush holder. This should be painted or finished to withstand water. (New toothbrushes and a small tube of toothpaste will be provided for each copy at the Toy Sorting event in November).

A document covering how the Toy Challenge works and guidelines for the challenge is posted in the WWCH website ([WWCH Toy Challenge](http://www.wwch.org)). Stay tuned for updates and keep checking the website for updates and changes to the toy challenge.

Members suggestions for Monthly Challenges to fill in the blanks are welcome. Send your ideas to Andy Tofuri (andy.tofuri@comcast.net).

Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

<http://www.wwch.org>

Club Announcements

July All day event will be held but instead of a guest speaker, we have a different idea in the works. Lookout for further info during meeting and emails.

Show and Tell

Cross of Maple and Walnut. — **Jack Bailie**



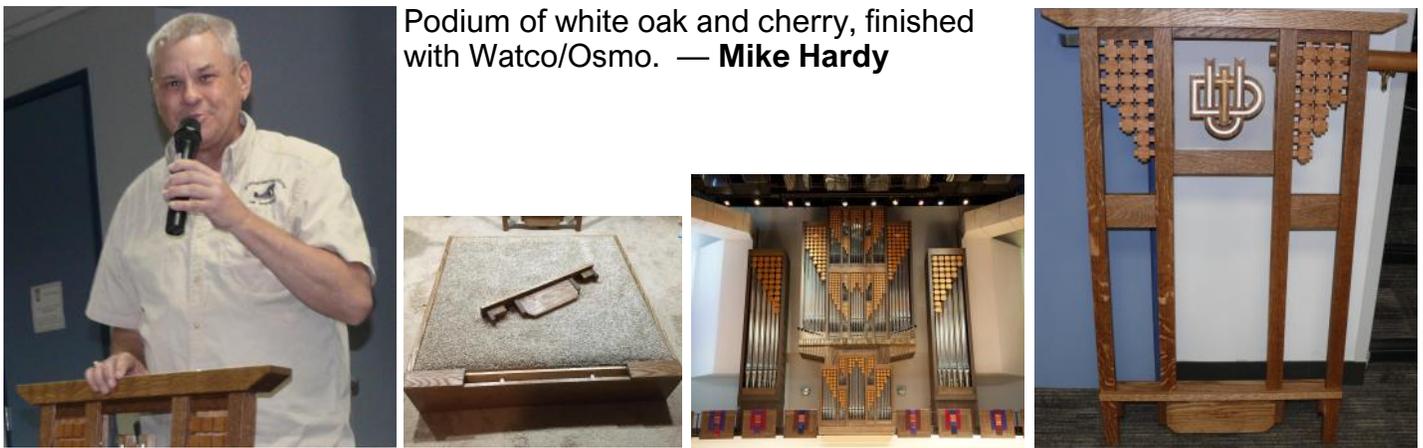
Intarsia deer scene of 260 individual pieces in different species of wood. — **Steve Wavro**



Pine Box. — **John Gay**



Podium of white oak and cherry, finished with Watco/Osmo. — **Mike Hardy**



Box of Maple and Mahogany. — **Hugh Parker**



Mantel Clock Made out of Cherry and finished with Boiled Linseed oil. Legs are of brass. — **Sankar Padhmanabhan**



Show and Tell

Knives and wedding items of different types of wood. — **Chris Farquhar**



Tool box, vise, spoons, and chisel box. — **Mike Belovsky**



Many items of various woods. — **Russ Rucker**



Car and trailer of maple and mahogany. — **George Graves**



Show and Tell

Stage coach of mesquite and Jesus of Osage orange. — **Rick Spacek**



Dough bowls of sycamore finished with tung oil. — **Jeff Larsen**



Bench parts of ash and ring boxes of walnut. — **David Janowitz**



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 14th May (9am—12pm)

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