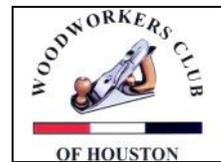


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom)	09 Oct
October Picnic	09 Oct
Furniture Meeting (via Zoom).....	TBD
Hand tool Meeting	TBD
Scroll saw Meeting (via Zoom).....	23 Oct

2021 Dues Waived

Due to the COVID crisis's impact to club activities and the lack thereof, the WWCH Board has decided that all members in good standing for 2020 will have their dues waived for 2021. That's right, if you were a paid member for 2020 you will continue to be a member through this year at no additional cost. Any new members will still need to pay 2021 dues.

Splinter Groups

Scroll Saw Splinter group: Norm Nichols (scrollsaw@comcast.net)
Furniture/Finishing Splinter group: Ron Kirchoff (kirch76@gmail.com)
Handtool Splinter group: Mark Bolinger (marksmbth@gmail.com)
CNC Splinter group: Bill Teague (wateague@gmail.com)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

October generally starts warm and ends cool. Many of us have already begun making presents for our dear ones for Christmas.

These gifts include toys for charity which is a generous donation by many of our Members. If you're one of those Members, may I remind you that this is the last month to make toys. Subsequent months involve packing and delivering. And in case your dear ones want to give you a gift in return, may I suggest the Club's new toy book, *Toying Around With The Woodworkers Club Of Houston: 52 Toy Designs To Entertain Children Of All Ages*. This book is available online on Amazon.

But enough of Christmas already: we've got our meeting coming up on October 9th, with no presentation and an extended Show and Tell time. And of course, afterwards we'll be having our picnic and raffle. So hopefully, knock-on-wood, we'll have some good weather and fun times had by all.

Finally, election season is soon. Your BOD has some officers that are being suggested to help fill next year's BOD. But as a Member, you can feel free to nominate a Member as an officer in October for our upcoming elections in November. Will talk more about this process and how it works at our October meeting. Until then...Have fun making sawdust,

Cheers!

Chris Schwartz

WWCH President

Face-to Face Meeting

Denis, our Technology Director, is asking for those members that will be joining the meeting via Zoom to please send their project pictures for Show and Tell to him before the meeting, at the following email address: denis_muras@yahoo.com. He will store them on the Club's computer and will display them at the meeting when you give your Show and Tell presentation. We have new equipment and those picture will be bright and clear at Bayland and the Zoom presentation.

Program of the Month

Program Name: *October Picnic*

We will have our yearly picnic after our October club meeting. We will not have a regular program during this month. If you have not yet purchased your dinner yet please contact our Treasurer David Janowitz.

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>

Show and Tell



Woodworking Show of Texas was held from Sep 10-12th at the Arabia Shrine Temple.

Woodworker's Club of Houston had a booth during the show. Works by the club members were displayed. Denis Muras had brought a Scroll saw which he used to demonstrate scrolling techniques.



Booth had a good turnout during the show and many people were interested in the club and its activities.



The two train designs came in a group of 5 that I purchased from "The Wooden Teddy Bear Collection" catalog. I made the first one 6 years ago and I finally got around to finishing these two. The trains and the frame are made out of Pine. The darker wood frame (on the inside) and the tabs on the back are made out of Dark Walnut. The background is Black poster board and the back is plywood. The name tags are laser etched. — **Chris Farquhar**



Crosses and Flag case. — **Bill Teague**



Show and Tell



Toy duck and grasshopper of oak, poplar, and pine . — **Charles Volek**



Ercot in water of box elder. — **Rick Spacek**



This maple vase is a segmented turning made from 10 rings of 12 segments each. Each ring started out as 3/4" thick with a final thickness of about 9/16" after flattening. The two trim rings near the top are thin veneer strips. Overall size is about 7" across and 5-1/2" tall. I made this with my grandson as a training exercise for him to learn segmented turning. We used Jerry Bennett's Wedgie Sled to accurately cut the segments.



The purpleheart and maple puzzle is comprised of nine interlocking pieces. Very difficult to put together. When assembled it is a 6" cube. — **John Dawson**



I made this Memorial Flag Case using curly cherry and curly maple. Finish is Odie's Oil. The real challenge was cutting the 22-1/2 degree angles at the bottom of the triangle. Getting the angle and the length is critical, so I'm looking for any guidance members might have using conventional tools and jigs to get a better fit if I or anyone else ever has to make another. The laser engraving was done by a friend (not a WWCH member) on his Neje Master 2S laser engraver (\$369.00) equipped with a 30 watt laser, using the air assist, and using LightBurn software (\$40). The engraving took a little over 1 hour. — **Andy Tofuri**



Show and Tell

First the Cedar garden beds. These are made of "green" (aka not dried,) rough cut red cedar 2x6 boards. I planed the outside surfaces, jointed the edges, and also routed the top trim pieces with a 1/4" roundover. A diagonal at the bottom of each corner adds considerable strength, and cross bars keep it from spreading in the middle.

Next, I made dibbles, (aka dibbers, aka dibblers,) from, of course, Osage Orange. They are used to poke a hole in the ground, then you can drop in a flower bulb. The grooves mark depth in inches. Turned in two parts, I made a tenon on the vertical piece, and drilled a hole in the handle with a 3/4" forstner bit, and glued together with Titebond III. The wood's hardness should make these very durable. — **David Janowitz**



Tote box of butternut and Nativity scene of various woods. — **Chuck Meeder**





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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 9th October (9am—12pm)

**Bayland Community Center
 6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77074**

Will be simultaneously telecast via Zoom

*See Chris' email for instructions to attend.
 Zoom meeting info is also available on our website*

<http://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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!