

Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom) 12 Sep

Monthly Raffle

Will resume at the next live meeting!



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 currently in good standing at this time will have their dues waived for the coming year. That's right, if you are a current member you will continue to be a member through next year. Any new members who join after September 1, 2020 will get 15 month's of membership for the normal 12 month cost of \$36. In other words, they will not be charged the normal prorated amount for the last three month's of 2020.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I apologize to each of you for the fact that I have been shirking my duty and not turning out my monthly column for the newsletter. I don't have great excuse, beyond the challenges that so many of you are sharing, so there's really no justification for my laziness. All I can say is that I'll do my best not to let it happen again.

We are trying to keep our WWCH community together with Zoom meetings, and we have had 25 to 30 attendees for two meetings, but we have also had a real problem with getting into one of our meetings. We will continue to try and improve our Zoom meetings, and I hope that you can join us Saturday, September 8th at 09:00AM. You can find the link to the meetings on our website: WWW.WWCH.ORG, and in an email blast message sent to everyone whose email we have on file. I hope that you can join us for the upcoming meeting. We hope to have a speaker, but if we don't we always have lots of: "Splintergroup News"; "Problems and Solutions"; and as always, "Show 'n Tell".

We still have reservations for the pavilion at Bayland Park for our annual October picnic meeting. What we don't have is a good idea of whether the Harris County Pandemic Restrictions will allow to hold our meeting. Nor, do we have a good feeling as to whether you would even be willing to attend our picnic, or what conditions might let you feel comfortable with this annual gathering. So, at the end of our next Zoom meeting, you will have a chance to respond to a poll soliciting your opinions on this question. I hope you will take time to give us your thoughts.

Ben Tillison
WWCH President

Show and Tell



I made a Cat House. This cat prefers the outside. Made from an old cedar fence. The front lifts up for cleaning. Also there is a loft inside for kitty guest—B John Gay



This is my Grand Finale for a while anyway This is called "Spirits of the Wild" A Stampede It is a pecan slab 60"l x 15-21" w x 1". It is a Charles Dearing pattern. I cut and arranged. It took a few months to cut,painted with acrylic paints sprayed with helmsman clear satin. . -Rick Spacek



Two recent projects, a 3D cutting board using a design from Jonathan Katz-Moses. The woods are Maple, Cherry, Walnut and Wenge and the finish is mineral oil and beeswax. The second is a folding outfeed table for my table saw based on a design from April Wilkerson. The wood is pine and plywood with a high pressure laminate top and it is finished with



two coats of Watco Danish Oil. - Tom Paulley

Show and Tell



First 2 pics are a large bowl from a chunk of Pear wood I got from Jeff Larsen, (thanks!) It had 3 trunk/branch sections so it had a large void running across the diameter. I filled this with epoxy before turning, and the epoxy turned nicely. Great curly swirly grain on this because of the complex trunk/branch arrangement. Second is out of Ash, cut from next to a big knot, thus giving beautiful patterns also. 10" Next is a small Walnut candy dish, 5" and 3" deep. Finally is a Box Elder pencil box, with the typical pink markings. All are "finished" with tung oil. - **David Janowitz**



This is the master closet. The cabinetry is mahogany. I built them 24 inches deep so that doors can be added to enclose any one of the compartments if desired. Normally for closets I build the cabinets 16" deep, which is deeper than the typical 12". Stuff always falls off 12" deep shelves, except the ones used for shoes.

This closet includes two (yes two) secret doors. The full length mirror opens to reveal stud depth shelves for jewelry or small purses. The unit next to it, with glass doors for ties and belts is itself a door (like a secret door bookcase). It opens to access a small closet for all the communications wiring (internet, cable TV, security system etc). The shoe rack has adjustable shelves. Under the window is a seat with a lid to access storage. —**Steve Procter**



I answered the e-blast regarding the Mancala game board, and got to learn to make and use a router template, a new technique for me. I made this board of (drum roll please...) Osage Orange. As Rockler was out of an adapter to use guide bushings with my Bosch router, I purchased a bowl cutting bit with an included bearing, then made a full sized template out of 1/4" masonite. After biting into the template a couple of times, I realized that it would be better 1/2" thick, as the bearing does not touch the template until the bit is at least 1/4" deep in the project wood. Well... next time. Anyway, I sanded this to 400 grit for a nice smooth feel, then slapped on some Tung oil. - **David Janowitz**

Show and Tell

Steve made me do this. He salvaged some spalted maple, and told me to make bowls. The wood was bone dry and a little punky, but finished OK. Here they are finished in wax. - **Lon Kelley**



David Janowitz-Here's a steady rest I built from Wink-wood plywood, a few nuts and bolts, and some 3" urethane ball-bearing wheels. This should work great for medium to large spindle turning, like those baseball bats I made and could have used it for, but will need some smaller wheels for thin spindles, as these wheels leave about a 3/4" gap in the smallest position. This will also work well for turning larger and thinner bowls to reduce chatter and thus tear-out.



Andy Tofuri created this large pasta board for a chef friend.



Denis Muras has been busy producing this fleet of vehicles for the annual toy drive. Toymaking Plans has featured one of Denis Muras's toy trucks in their email advertising.

Toy of the Month



This Pig Puzzle is the September Toy.

<http://www.wvch.org/Plans/Toys/Sept20ToyoftheMonth.pdf>

Help Wanted

We are currently looking for a member to take over duties as the Newsletter editor. This position fills a strategic role for the club and is a great way to give back to our organization. Producing the newsletter requires only basic PC skills and the current editor, Ron Kirchoff will provide extensive training to his successor. If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact Ron at kirch76@gmail.com.



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NEXT MEETING

**Will be held via Zoom on
Saturday 12 September**

See Ben's email for instructions to attend.

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www.wwch.org

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Woodworkers Club of Houston**

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!

