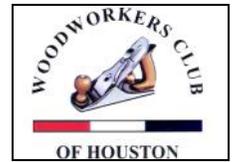


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom)	11 Sep
Furniture Meeting (via Zoom).....	09 Sep
Scroll saw Meeting (via Zoom).....	25 Sep
Hand tool Meeting	26 Sep
Houston Woodworking Show..	10 -12 Sep

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

September brings about the change of seasons and this brings relief to many because of the cooling temperatures. There's usually a 80s temperature day or two in September and for that we're thankful.

As a reminder, we will be meeting at the Woodworking Show of Texas in September.

More here: <https://www.woodworkingshowoftexas.com/>

We look forward to seeing you at the Show. This Show should be good times had by all! Cheers!

Chris Schwartz

WWCH President

WWCH Announcements

Per the CDC guidelines, the WWCH BOD request that you wear a mask at this meeting. If you decline to wear a mask, we request that you attend via Zoom (see Zoom invite below). Also, there will be no coffee and donuts to minimize our Club's health risk; so please adjust accordingly.

September meeting is at the Arabian Shrine Center, (10510 Harwin Dr, Houston, TX—77036), the site of the Houston Woodworking show, which is Friday to Sunday, Show hours are Friday and Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-4, admission to the show is \$12, though our meeting is free as always.

October Picnic sign-up sheet - please be prepared to spend \$12 /meal in advance at the August meeting. Contact David Janowitz if you need to make special payment arrangements.

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.

Program of the Month

Program Name: *Vendor Demonstration*
Presenter: *Peke Safety*

In the presentation representative from Peke Safety will discuss protection factors, filtration factors and various types of respirators. We will also discuss various wood types and their toxicity levels with the goal of determining the best protection during the craft of woodworking.

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

Jeff Larsen spoke to members about how he got into lute making, first starting by making lutes for Shakespearean plays.

Jeff explained in detail the techniques he used to build his lutes and mentioned useful sources for advice on crafting lutes.

Thanks, Jeff, for an excellent presentation. — **Jeff Larsen**



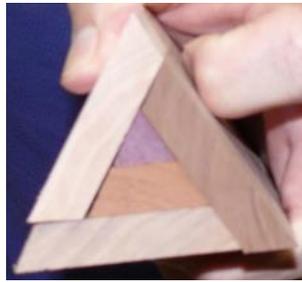
Black Bear cub. This is a Judy Gale Robert's design, took 2-weeks to make. It has 43-pieces made out of: Walnut; Black Walnut; Red Oak; White Oak & Ebony. Finished with spray on Poly. — **Chris Farquhar**



End table in black walnut and hickory. The top is black walnut with a ten degree bevel on all edges. The base is hickory with angled bridle joints pinned with shop made black walnut dowels. The risers for the floating top effect are also black walnut. It is all finished with Osmo Satin Polyx Oil. — **Mike Hardy**



Show and Tell



3-D Cutting Boards made from a plan from Jonathan Katz-Moses, using Cherry, Maple, Walnut, Purpleheart and Wenge. First board finished using mineral oil and beeswax, last two finished with



Salad Bowl Finish cut 50% with mineral spirits. — **Tom Pauley**



Cross of pine and Horses of pecan. — **Rick Spacek**



Knife handle of padauk. — **Norm Nichols**



Spalted bowls. Over a year ago during the pandemic, Steve Wavro called to say he had salvaged a log that he thought would make a great bowl. We weren't sure of the wood, but called it maple. It fits the definition of spaling as given to us by a program presenter; that is, the dark lines are boundaries established by competing funguses. The bowl is finished with spray poly. — **Lon Kelley**



The cabinets that I constructed for Berean Christian Academy were assembled from Baltic Birch Plywood and expertly assembled with Kreg Pocket Hole screws. The school needed furniture for their new classes of Junior Kindergarten. After observing the asking price from Lakeshore Learning, I calculated that instead of their asking price of almost \$3000, the Baltic Birch plywood would cost less than \$600, so I offered to construct the units for about half that price.

The two lower cabinets are supported by casters so the teacher can relocate the units where they are needed. The two taller cabinets are for books and children's dress up. — **Denis Muras**



Show and Tell

First is a Kitchen oil stand made using hand tools. The shelves are resawn and planed down to 7/16" from a 4/4 White Oak stock. The sides are from Purple Heart. The joinery for lower shelf is dovetail. Pins/tails are marked free hand, so not all are the same. The top shelf is connected to the sides using a double tenon. Given my impatience in setting machines, I find hand tools allow me more flexibility, since I can customize each joint/tenon etc. independently. It is finished using spray lacquer.

Second is a scrap wood project. I had lot of scrap from Cherry, Maple, Walnut lying around. Instead of throwing them out, I thought of making this wall art which is inspired from a YouTube video. Scraps were of varying thickness, so to bring them all to same thickness I made a simple planing jig. The jig is basically 1/4" plywood with two wood pieces of exact height I wanted glued and houses the plane. The plane is contained to run straight by gluing another short piece of wood on top. After the scrap pieces were planed, I glued them to a backer board. Finished using spray lacquer. — **Sankar Padhmanabhan**



I made about a hundred various dinosaur and dragon puzzles out of mostly poplar but also a few maple and beech. They were all cut on a scroll saw using a Pegas #3 reverse skip blade. These are for the toy drive for the club. — **Dave VanDewerker**



Table made out of Mahogany, cutting boards from mahogany, walnut and other assorted woods. — **David Janowitz**





Toy Dinosaurs made from Poplar. — Denis Muras



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 11th September (9am—12pm)

**Arabian Shrine Center
10510 Harwin Drive, Houston, TX 77036**

Will be simultaneously telecast via Zoom

See Chris' email for instructions to attend.

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Zoom meeting info is also available

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!