

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Reminder:
April Meeting is at the
Texas Woodworking Show
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WWCH Calendar

Apr 13-15	Texas Woodworking Show
Apr 14	Monthly Meeting
Apr 14	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
Apr 19	CNC Splinter Group
Apr 29	Hand Tool Splinter Group
May 3	Furniture Splinter Group
May 12.....	Monthly Meeting

Monthly Raffle



Get your ticket at
every meeting!

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Dick Amabile

Stephen "Arch" Erich

Justin Melvin

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

- It's hard to say goodbye...

... to tools, wood, and miscellaneous hardware. Actually, one could apply this to other items, but for the purposes of this discussion I'm going to stick to a discussion of tools.

Old tools. There are some old tools that practically never die and should be used forever. The worst that can happen to a well maintained plane is that the blade is sharpened so many times that it recedes to the slot; but then it just need a new blade, the rest of the plane is still good. A quality marking gauge might need a new knife, also an easy item to repair. 100 year old levels are probably as good as the day they are new as long as they haven't been abused.

On the other hand, there are those tools, new and old, that are either surplus to our needs or are, in reality, junk. I used to think it was my own personal problem. Then, several years ago, I acquired some Japanese chisels from my wife's great-uncle. There were many nice chisels that I'm still happy to have and use. In the collection, though, were a few of these :



At the top is what used to be an excellent chisel, but is now just, to be polite, a nub; the lower one is a still usable example for comparison. Why was this chisel still in the tool roll? It's too short to sharpen. It's too short for self-defense. In a stretch, one might use it as a scraper but there were six of them. Conclusion: the old carpenter couldn't bear to throw it out. Worse: why do I still have the nub? Conclusion #2: I need a twelve step program for tool addicts.

There are lots of other examples of worthless tools. The saw that has been sharpened so many times the end comes to a point. The square that was accidentally dropped and is now permanently 2 degrees off. The plane that was dropped and the casting broke. The item from a certain well known store that only cost \$12.99 but only worked once. I could go on and on,

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, April 19th at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Turner for further information at 281-633-1807 or mturner49@gmail.com.

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

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group has a new coordinator, thanks John Lestrapes. Watch this column for more news soon.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group's meeting has been moved up two weeks to April 14, 2018. It will be held at the woodworking show because we have a great opportunity to have well known presenter, Steve Good. You read that correctly - Steve Good. Steve will be a program for us at 2 PM at the show. He will be in the same meeting room where the club will be meeting earlier that day. The program is not known at the time of this writing but it will be fantastic!

A group from the DFW Scrollers will be coming down to see Steve's presentation. It will be fun to meet and talk with them.

Steve, Charles Deering, and Wesley Blako are at the show thanks to Bear Woods. The three of them will be in the booth talking and giving demos. This is going to be a wonderful show!!!! For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Apr 5th. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects. For more information on the furniture splinter group, 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 lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

President's Message (cont)

What to do?

Quality tools, still perfectly usable.

Sell. Someone out there needs one. The downside is the seller needs to have a reasonable view of value, and the buyer needs to realize it won't be free.

Donate to charity. There are charities out there who take good tools and send them to craftsmen in third world countries. Previously, this was good for a tax write-off, but alas, no longer.

Donate the item to the WWCH monthly raffle. In return, you'll receive days if not weeks of warm, fuzzy feelings.

Broken tools or outright junk.

Sell. After all, one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Strip it of valuable components for spare parts (screws, brackets, etc.) and recycle the remainder (if metal). The last part is important; let's not fill landfills with tool debris if possible.

Give it to your neighbor with instructions to throw it in the trash. This allows you to avoid the hardest part of this process.

Notice that this list does not include donating the item to the WWCH raffle.

And in the end, just remember that freed up storage space is priceless.

Mark Bolinger

WWCH President

March Program Recap



Ron Kirchoff spoke to members about the techniques and processes required for crafting a Sam Maloof style chair. Considerable precision is required plus many hours. Ebay has a vintage chair for sale at \$47,000.

April Meeting Location

Remember, our next meeting, April 14th, will be at the Texas Woodworking Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway. This show is shaping up to be one of the best we have ever had in Houston. What is really exciting is that this is a show by woodworkers for woodworkers! Woodworker West magazine featured this show in its March-April 2018 edition. The show is a complete sellout with a couple of vendors actually being in the hallway. We will have a club table where we will be demonstrating and exhibiting our works and efforts. Everyone will have the chance to BUILD IT - make a small candle holder that will be personalized by some of the CNC vendors (candles will be provided by the show). There are over 35 vendors with something for everyone. We have all of the major manufacturers of tools and accessories, at least 4 CNC vendors, multiple scroll saw vendors (Steve Good from the Scroll Saw Workshop will be at the show), a series of "new" machines - router, power carvers, lathe accessories, and a special BLOCK DROP raffle to support some toy making. Regardless of your interest and needs, The Texas Woodworking Show will have something for you. The show hours are noon - 6pm on Friday, April 13th, 10am - 6pm (immediately after our club meeting) on Saturday, April 14th, and from 11am - 4pm on Sunday, April 15th. The BLOCK DROP will take place on Sunday at 3:30pm and remember, you do not have to be present to win one of the \$100 gift certificates (1 for Circle Saw and 1 for Woodcraft). Please share the information about the show with anyone who might have an interest and utilize your social network contacts to get the word out. These vendors are making a serious commitment to us and we need to provide them with a supporting audience of customers.

Special Recognition



Awards (from L to R, recipient on left): Andy Anderson for coordinating WWCH toy program; Chuck Lickwar, Special Award for contribution of toys crafted for WWCH toy program; and Mike Turner for service as President of WWCH

Craft Community Day

A couple of Saturdays ago, a group of WWCH members gathered at the Houston Center for Craft to promote woodworking and the club during Craft Community Day. Throughout the day, we spoke with many people about woodworking and showed off some of the beautiful items our members have made. Denis Muras demonstrated at the scroll saw, and Jeff Larson demonstrated different hand tools on his shaving horse. It was a beautiful day, and we all had lots of fun hanging out and talking woodworking. Some of us even



ventured inside to try out other skills that were being demonstrated, including weaving, soldering for jewelry making, doll making, printing on metal, book making, and several other crafts. There was lots of interest in the club, and I hope to see some new faces at future meetings as a result. A big thank you to Mike Turner, Ron Kirchoff, Lon Kelley, Steve Dittrich, Jeff Larson, Norm Nichols, John Gay, and Denis Muras for helping out at the event!

Odds and Ends

2018 Membership Cards and Directories: The new WWCH membership cards and directories are available for all members who's dues are current. Please see Patti Page for your copy. Also remember to show your member card at Woodcraft and Rockler to let them know that the club is supporting them. In return, they donate items to the club from time to time. Additionally, Rockler will give you a discount on most items.

Save The Date: A club field trip to the Berdoll Sawmill is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am. The mill is located in Cedar Creek, TX; about a 2 hour drive from Houston. We have also found a great barbecue joint in Bastrop for lunch. Please plan on enjoying the day with your fellow club members. Details to follow.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Don Pott	.....Intarsia Rooster
Fred Sandoval	.....Lathe Tools
Sankar	.....Coasters
John Lestrapes	.....Rustic Table
Chris Schwartz	.....Puzzle
Charles Volek	.....Intarsia Boy with Dog
Loren Gideon	.....Marking Gauge
Sam Grice	.....Segmented Vessel
David Janowitz	.....Workshop Project
Lynn Cummings	.....Game Boxes
Lon Kelley	.....Bowls
Bob Wink	.....Baseball Folk Art
Gary Rowen	.....Folk Art Car

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.



Making diamonds from maple, cherry and walnut, **Sankar** was able to create 3D coasters – how about some diamonds from carbon next?



With some maple, walnut, and cherry laying around his shop plus ideas from Steve Wavro, **Don Pott** crafted an intarsia rooster –definitely something to “crow” about.



Fred Sandoval explained to club members how he modified older iron wrenches to cut round tenons on a lathe.



A friend of **John Lestrapes** in the Texas hill country with plenty of cedar pieces helped John create this side table. John used ten times as many screws as was used in the Sam Maloof style chair on display.

Show and Tell



scape and Wink wood, created this interesting but simple puzzle.

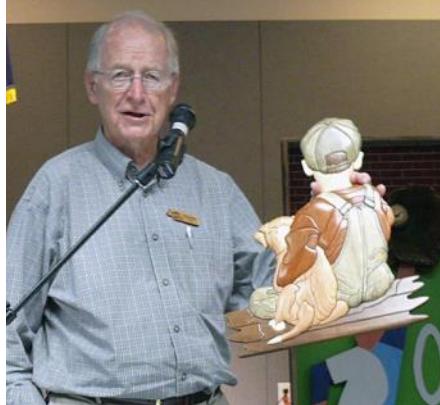
Inspired by Norm Nichol's recommendation for simple things for kids, **Chris Schwartz**, using a New Mexico desert land-



Loren Gideon crafted this heirloom cutting gauge of maple and 1/16 scrap steel that works very well for him. He finished with tung oil.



A birthday present for his daughter and grandson, **Charles Volek** crafted this intarsia boy with dog from a pattern by Bruce Worthington using various unstained species of wood.

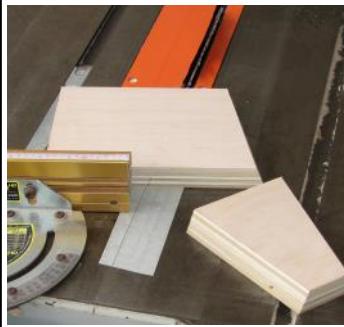
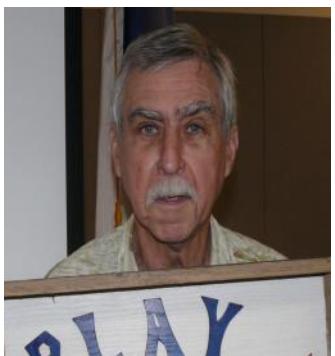


Fiddling around with various pieces of scrap wood, **Sam Grice**, created a very nice hollow vessel with two choices of tops. He finished with Minwax and water-borne polyurethane.

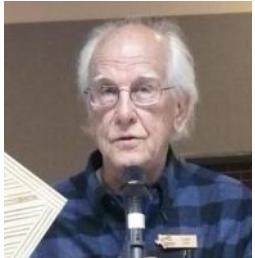


David Janowitz shared his plans for a new workshop that is currently under construction in his side yard. We are sure many members will be jealous.

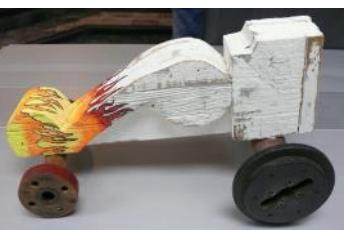
Show and Tell



Showing slides of how he prepared and assembled eight pieces cut using compound angles to form the sides of a bowl (as opposed to using a big chunk of wood from a log), **Lon Kelley** was able to turn these neat bowls. The cutting board was made from Wink wood – a very interesting pattern. Lon finished with Minwax natural and wax.



From fence boards, Wink wood, and an old ball mitt, **Bob Wink** crafted these baseball story boxes.



From a flea market in Canton, Texas, **Gary Rowen** acquired a bracket, crafted to look like one from a renovation, and empty spools to create a folk art hot rod. His granddaughter painted the flames. Will Bob Wink let Gary into his "inner" folk art circle?



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday April 14th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway

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WWCH meetings!**

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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!