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WWCH Calendar

Aug 2	Furniture Splinter Group
Aug 11	Monthly Meeting
Aug 26	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Sep 6	Furniture Splinter Group
Sep 8	Monthly Meeting
Oct 27	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



Returns at August meeting!

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Rodrigo Loza Kyle Dincans

Patrick Brennan Brenda Parker

Allen Mikulencak Ronnie Webb

Meredith & John Foster

We are happy to have you

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, that turned out great, didn't it? I'm referring, of course, to the July meeting, where Frank Strazza was our featured speaker. Frank (almost) made an end table with drawer from start to finish during the meeting. You could tell Frank was an experienced professional; he decided to forego the stage and conduct the seminar theater style; I was a bit dubious at first, but I soon decided that was definitely the right way to go. It was much easier to see the procedures.

I personally learned a lot, even though I have some familiarity with hand tool techniques.

Hide glue. This has been on my to do list for quite some time, but I've never really gotten started. I even bought a \$5 mini-crockpot at a garage sale in preparation for this (I have no idea if it will hold the right temperature). We pretty much got the complete tutorial on using it, and seeing the live demonstration really helped. I'm going to get off my duff and order some.

Krenov style sawhorses. I've been using two Workmates in lieu of sawhorses for the last couple of years. They are good tools, especially for heavy work, but they lack portability. They're just too heavy. So I have an opening for sawhorses, and Frank's looked good. Simple to make, light, and accurate.

Planing. You would think that I would have no use whatsoever for planing tips, but you would be wrong. In watching Frank, I can see that I need to get a bit more speed into my plane strokes.

Dakota Premium Hardwoods. When did these guys hit town? I had never even heard of them until the July meeting.

Endgrain. I can't wait to try out the tip about 50/50 water/ethanol.

This is just a partial list, so you can tell that I thought the seminar was great.

Next, I'd like to thank some of the people that made it possible.

First and foremost, Charles Volek was in charge of organizing it. Great job, Charles! Denis Muras was indefatigable on the camera, all day long. It made the seminar twice as good. Crosspoint Church was once again very generous and accommodating. A special thanks go to Gary Pennington, the facility manager, and David Gernand, who coordinated the meeting. Thanks to all the guys that helped Frank unload on Friday and reload on Saturday evenings. Thanks to George Alderete and Henry Majoue for providing lunch.

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Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The CNC group is taking the summer off. We will not be meeting in June, July, or August. We will have our next meeting in September. Contact Mike Turner for further info at 281-633-1807 or mktturner49@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: Toy Splinter Group: Currently all toys are constructed by individual members for donation to area childrens' charities. Thus far in 2018 we have constructed and collected 481 toys!! "Toy of the Month" plans and critical parts can be picked up at the WWCH monthly meetings.

For more information contact John Lastrapes, jlastrapes@entouch.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: We will hold our next discussion meeting Saturday October 27, 2018, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8). Stay tuned to this column for the discussion topic. Bring your Show N Tell items and questions for Problems N Solutions.

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 Aug 2nd. All are welcome. We are discussing plans to make toy boxes to compliment the toy group.

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.

November Craft Show

Please have all items you have made for the craft show to Bill Harris ASAP. The show is at First UMC Missouri City on Nov. 10 from 10:00 - 4:00.

President's Message (cont)

And of course, a big thank you to Frank Strazza, the star of the show!

(I'm sure I've missed some worthy participants; thanks to you too!)

And to reiterate my closing message from last month, if you get bogged down now that Frank is long gone, the Hand Tool Splinter Group is here to help!

Mark Bolinger—WWCH President

July Program Recap

Frank Strazza was our featured speaker for the July meeting. Frank is an award winning furniture maker working out of a small studio shop in the Texas Hill Country. He has been building furniture for over 25 years. Frank employs centuries old techniques to



produce his furniture. He only uses solid wood throughout. Frank uses hand tools to create precision hand cut dovetails and surfaces that are hand planed to perfection. Each piece is signed and dated. During this all-day seminar Frank built an end table with a drawer, utiliz-

ing both hand and power tools. He demonstrated mortise and tenon joinery, created tapered legs, solid drawer construction, and half blind dovetails. Admission to this seminar was free to members as well as guests. Lunch was available for members and guests. The Woodworkers Club of Houston thanks Crosspoint Church for the use of their facilities for this seminar. (Pictures next page.)

Website of the Month

FineWoodworking

We've all seen the magazine but have you been to their website? Projects & Plans, How-To's, Workshops, Videos, Blogs, Gallery, Podcasts and more. Lots of good free content and members get even more. Check them out:

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/>

Odds and Ends

ATTENTION ALL FORT BEND RESIDENTS: The Fort Bend County Fair is around the corner. In past years several club members have submitted their items into the Adult Creative Arts Department and have been very successful. All you have to do is bring your items to the fair grounds on Sept 26th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sept 27th from 8:00 AM to Noon in Building "D" to turn them into the fair. From there they will be judged and placed into display cases for the duration of the fair. Of course wood is not the only thing you can enter. All types of arts and crafts, baked goods, canned goods, needlework, quilts, antiques, collections, paintings, photos, floral, and holiday. You get the idea. If you or anyone in your family live in Fort Bend County and do any of the above, bring them to the fair. For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

Show and Tell

There was no Show and Tell in July due to the special presentation. Below are pictures from the seminar. Photos and commentary submitted by Gary Rowen.

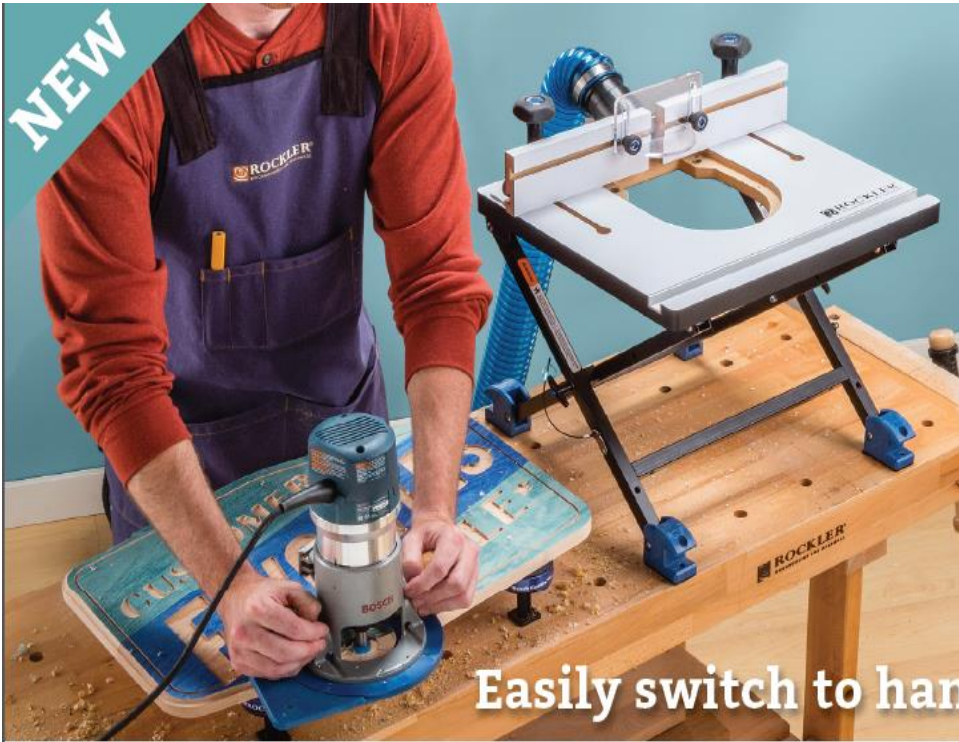


Terron Shurtliff won 2nd place in his age group at the Texas rodeo pre-qualifier art show in 3rd grade. He wanted to frame it so his Dad convinced him to do so. Terron made all the cuts for the frame himself.

He glued up and sanded as well and his Dad only helped direct and set the table saw. Terron finished it with wax. *(Editor Note: Terron was inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter—My apologies.)*



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 11th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Ron Kirchoff, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at kirchko@gmail.com.

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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 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!