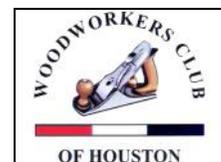


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom)	14 Aug
Scroll saw Meeting (via Zoom).....	28 Aug
Furniture Meeting (via Zoom).....	12 Aug
Hand tool Meeting	TBD

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

So good to see many of you in person again as our July meeting seemed to be a success! We're looking forward to seeing many of you this month in person again soon.

August typically brings about some of Houston's hottest weather for the year. Please remember to stay plenty hydrated and take breaks as you make sawdust, especially if outdoors. Have fun making sawdust! Cheers!

Chris Schwartz

WWCH President

Face-to Face Meeting

Given the current situation regarding Covid in the Houston area 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.

There will be two sign-up sheets at this meeting:

1. September Woodworking Show Meeting sign-up sheet (2 hour shifts, can sign-up for multiple shifts if desired). More info at the August meeting on this.
2. October Picnic sign-up sheet - please be prepared to spend \$11 /meal in advance at the August meeting. Contact David Janowitz if you need to make special payment arrangements. More info at the August meeting on this.

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: *Discovering the Lute*
Presenter: *Jeff Larson*

We're in for a treat!! Popularized during the Renaissance, the lute has been around since at least the 13th century. Join our own Jeff Larson as he demonstrates (and plays) his beautiful, hand-crafted lute. Jeff will speak to us about lutherie, wood selection, the unique challenges of lute-making, and the history of the lute.

"Thou art my lute, by thee I sing, --
My being is attuned to thee.
Thou settest all my words a-wing,
And meltest me to melody."

-Paul Laurence Dunbar

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



Tables from swap meet. —
John Gay



Tigers of pine, oak,
and Wink wood. —
Rick Spacek



Tool box — **Mike Turner**



Wolf of various
woods. — **Chris Farquhar**



Bowl of spalted pecan and lift-top tables of water oak . — **David Janowitz**



Show and Tell



Boxes from various woods. — **Andy Tofuri**



Bowls. — **Paul Foster**

Intarsia panda of western red cedar, walnut, aspen, ebony, and poplar . — **Steve Wavro**



Chipmunks. — **Charles Volek**



Patterned bowls with inlay. — **Lon Kelley**



Bowls. — **George Graves**

Made from poplar that Dave VanDewerker and Andy Tofuri have been collecting from a local mill-works shop and providing for club use. After expertly cutting the patterns, a sanding mop was employed to smooth the sharp edged and burnish the items. There is no finish application employed as these may be painted by the recipients upon presentation and for later presentations.

The exquisite patterns come from the talented Steve Goode on his blog, scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com. I chose these as simple puzzles for a donation to the Woodworkers Club of Houston Christmas Children's Toy Drive. I presented Andy with a number of puzzles at the July meeting and this was continued production. — **Denis Muras**



Show and Tell

First is a dining table with two benches. (only one bench shown.) African Mahogany, the table top was from a double trunk tree, so the center split also has bark. I cut part of the outside live edge where it stuck out too far, and at an angle to resemble the existing edge, then stained it all to match. With the gap in the middle, it acted like two separate tops. I beefed up the apron, all 1.25" thick x3.5" tall, and extra cross bars too. Kerf mounted steel corner brackets and hanger bolts hold the apron to the legs, pocket screws hold the cross bars, and table top clips in grooves hold down the top. 73.5" x 40", 30" tall The benches are 15" x 60" x18" tall, also with extra large aprons at 1.25" x 3". All finished with tung oil to bring out the grain and darken the color, allowed to dry, then HVLP sprayed on water borne urethane, which worked great on these large surfaces.

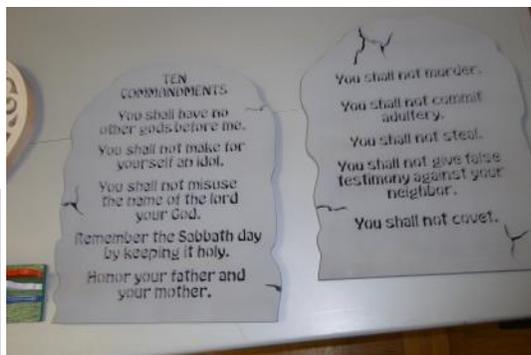
The second project was for Sugarland, who requested six little library boxes. Really just basic carpentry, I call them oversized bird houses! These are of 3/4" exterior grade plywood, with lots of pocket screws and glue, stainless steel hinges and latch, one middle shelf, and 4 triangles of 4x4 below to surround the expected 4x4 post to which they will be attached. Acrylic panel just held in with brads, is translucent in the photos, because of the film to be removed later. These are unfinished as they will be painted by six different artists. I had to hunt to find some solar lights that are not crap. These have a brighter light, bigger collector, and much bigger, better battery. I discarded the lower parts, drilled a hole for the LED filament bulb, and attached with caulk so it can be removed later if the battery needs to be changed. — **David Janowitz**



Baskets of walnut and mahogany and puzzles of alder. — **Dave VanDewerker**



Astros, Heart cross, Ten Commandments. — **Norm Nichols**





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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 14th August (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!