

Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

Note:

**Same old Location for March Meeting
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonet**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In last month's column, I noted my pleasure in being able to present the club's Golden Hammer Award to a member who always does a great deal for our club. I got to repeat that pleasure in February, when I was able to present our Woodworker of the Year Award to someone who has shown us his artistry in woodworking. As a reminder, the last three winners of this award serve as a nominating committee, and the membership then votes to determine who should win the award. So I guess it should come as no surprise to those who can regularly attend our monthly meetings that Steve Wavro's wonderful work won him this year's award.

WWCH Calendar

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| 09 Mar | Furniture Splinter Group |
| 14 Mar | Monthly Meeting |
| 28 Mar | Galveston Guild |
| 29 Mar ... | Hand Tool Splinter Group |
| 02 Apr | Furniture Splinter Group |
| 11 Apr | Monthly Meeting |
| 25 Apr .. | Scroll Saw Splinter Group |
| 1-3 May | Woodworking Show |

Steve's mastery of Intarsia is amazing, creating wonderful three-dimensional works of art. I know that I aspire to be able to just come close to the level of woodworking skill that Steve has demonstrated. Maybe we can convince him to teach another class in intarsia.

I must confess that I am nowhere as accomplished in my woodworking as I would like to be. I dabble a bit in furniture making, antique restoration, turning, scrollsaw, etc. but I have never developed the mastery of a single aspect of woodworking as some of our members have. I suppose that I seem to embody that old saw about the "jack of all, but mastery of none". But I will keep trying, and maybe someday I'll find a project style that really inspires me.

Monthly Raffle

**Get your
ticket at the
meeting!**



What about you? Do you focus on one or two areas of woodworking, or are you drawn to all sorts of projects? Perhaps you could drop a suggestion in the box at our next meeting on an aspect of woodworking that you would like to see more information (a program?) on. I know that Chris Schwartz is always looking for program suggestions and speakers for our meetings.

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Juan Cardenas
Eric Henao

We are happy to have you

Next month, we return to the community center at Bayland Park for our monthly meeting on March 14th. Then in April, we will hold our first meeting in the Adult Ministries Area of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church on April 4th. We decided not to meet on April 11th as it is the day before Easter and the church was unable to accommodate our needs in the midst of their preparations for Easter. As we have never met at this location, we will include a map to help you find our meeting place in an e-mail blast and in the newsletter before the meeting.

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Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The group meets at Bill Teague's workshop behind his house in West University Place. For information contact Bill at wateague@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 children's charities. "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: Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet April 25th at Bayland -Community Center, Rm 9, at 9:30 AM. Join us for a lively discussion on anything scroll saw. Bring you items for Show N Tell. For more information call Norm Nichols (281-491-3220) or Denis Muris (979-885-7071)

Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group: The splinter group will next meet Thursday, April 2nd, 2020. The meeting will be held in George Alderete's shop. Details will be sent to all registered group members soon.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, contact Ron Kirchoff kirchko@gmail.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.

Galveston County Woodworkers Guild: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Dickinson Public Library on Route 3 in Dickinson. For more information contact Walt Hanson at whansen2@comcast.net.

President Message_(cont)

Elbert Hubbard is quoted as saying that "The sculptor produces the beautiful statue by chipping away such parts of the marble block as are not needed - it is a process of elimination".

As the sculptor produces chips and dust, so does the woodworker.

Ben Tillison

WWCH President

Odds & Ends

New Directories—The 2020 WWCH Directories and membership cards will be available and distributed at the March meeting to those members that have paid their dues.

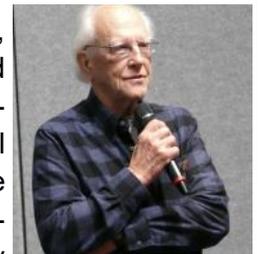
Woodworking Videos—All members in good standing have free access to an extensive collection of woodworking DVDs on various topics. You can see the complete list of available DVDs on the club's website at <http://wwch.org/Library/DVDs.htm>. You can request a DVD by emailing the club's DVD librarian, Steve Brackney, at steve.brackney@gmail.com. Steve will then bring the DVD to the next meeting.

Lie-Nielson Hand Tool Event - at Clark's Hardwood Lumber, 5 1/2 St, in the Heights, Fri & Sat April 3&4.

Woodworking Show - May 1-3 at Shrine Arabia Temple (10510 Harwin). F&S 10-6. Sun 11-4. Download flyer with contest rules.

February Program Wrap-up

WWCH member, Lon Kelley, spoke to club members and showed slides about how he cleverly makes use of commercial quality plywood. His designs take advantage of the different characteristics of the layers in plywood by arranging them in a way that results in various geometric patterns. Lon's source of plywood is from Bob Wink who acquires plywood as scrap from a local commercial woodworking facility near Bob. This wood from Bob is referred to as "Wink" wood.



Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Steve Wavro Intarsia
Hugh Parker Box
Ron Kirchoff Tray
George Graves Bowls
David Janowitz Bench
Rick Spacek Scrollsaw Scene
Charles Volek Cross/Duck
Richard Hash Bowls
John Gay Puzzle

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



Ron Kirchoff - Serving tray of maple, mahogany, walnut, and purple heart then finished with mineral oil and bees wax.



Steve Wavro - Intarsia giraffes, designed by Judy Gale Roberts, of aspen, mahogany, ebony, wenge, birch and oak.



George Graves - Bowls of oak and one other of various woods.



Hugh Parker - Box of maple, walnut, and ebony, finished with Tru-Oil.



David Janowitz - Bench of water oak finished with water borne urethane. The bench has 20 mortise and tenon joints. See our website for more on the process he used to create this bench.



Show and Tell



Rick Spacek - "In the Garden" scroll sawed in cedar with plexi-glass backing to prevent breakage of small pieces.



Richard Hash - Two bowls, one of hackberry with mesquite and the other of spalted pecan.



Charles Volek - Intarsia duck of aspen, walnut, lacewood, blue pine, sycamore and others, and Dennehey designed cross of maple, oak, and bocote. Finished with Danish oil and wax.



John Gay - Puzzles of Wink wood plywood used in teaching scroll sawing techniques to girl scouts.

Awards



Steve Wavro earns the Woodworker of the Year for 2019. Presented to the club member who demonstrates the finest craftsmanship through participation in the Show and Tell programs throughout the previous year. The Woodworker of the Year is elected by members of the club.



Patti Page earns the Golden Hammer award for the year 2019 presented by Ben Tillison, President 2019. The Golden Hammer award is presented to one Club member for recognition of his or her service to the Club in the previous 12 months.



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 14th

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Guest Speaker, Dan MacDonald

Houston Rockler Store/New Products

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.

We're on the web!

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!