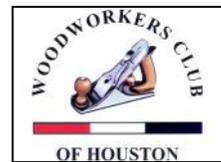


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## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting (via Zoom) .....	13 Mar
Furniture Meeting (via Zoom).....	04 Mar
Scroll saw Meeting (via Zoom).....	10 Mar
Hand tool Meeting (via Zoom).....	28 Mar

## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

St. Patrick's Day themed woodworking may be a little something to try out this month. After all, we could all use the Luck of the Irish, right?

And with Spring soon to arrive, and with this an expectation among many with non-climate controlled shops, an anticipation of comfortably long days making sawdust. But whether your shop is climate controlled or not, these months of beautiful weather, and days getting longer, encourage us to continue to do our best at woodworking.

Have fun making sawdust! Cheers!

**Chris Schwartz**

*WWCH President*

## March Splinter Group

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will have a monthly Zoom meeting Norm Nichols will send out invite a week before the meeting date. If you wish to join the scroll saw splinter group please contact Norm Nichols ([scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net))

The Furniture and Finishing Splinter will meet Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Place to be determined. The group is working on the Memorial Garden Bench Project. If interested in attending/learning more contact Ron Kirchoff ([kirch76@gmail.com](mailto:kirch76@gmail.com)).

To learn about Handtool splinter group please email Mark Bolinger ([marksmbth@gmail.com](mailto:marksmbth@gmail.com)). March meeting will be held via Zoom on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

## Program of the Month

We hope you'll join us for WWCH's inaugural **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT VIDEO** screening as WWCH's own **Peter Doe** unlocks the secrets of angled dowel joinery. Peter is an excellent instructor and will walk us through his process for creating flush, crisp dowel joints without any specialty tools.



## 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

My husband and I made in the last months a spring pole lathe. A forever dream of mine has been to make my own bowls, spindles, and candlesticks, etc. In between after Christmas and even during the deep freeze was a creative process of making the spring pole lathe, and finishing it! My husband was so kind to be able to help bring this dream to life, and we worked tirelessly to complete it. Maybe in the next article I can show one of the finished bowls.



The spring Pole lathe is a Roy Underhill design. Always making sure the designs stand the test of time, the construction is made of yellow pine, with the springs are made of hickory. The dead centers are made of O1 drill rod steel. — **Pamela Gideon**



Toys for Xmas. 200 tops, 9 Wheely bugs, 9 Stacker toys, paint topped with lacquer.

Members make more toys. Now is better than December.

Designs from the book Turning Toys, by Richard Raffan. — **Dan Schmoker**



# Show and Tell



These bowls are made from Douglas Fir and poplar. The fir is from the wood that David, Mike and I recovered from a local church re-building project. The poplar came from Andy. The fir was cut on a 45 angle to make the grain appear as a leaf. Finished in poly and wax .  
—**Lon Kelley**



Craftsman style bed side table. Made of Quarter sawn red oak, pinned through tenon legs. Finished with General Finishes stain and Arm-R-Seal. —  
**Jack Bailie**

“Woven” serving board. 16”x13”x7/8”, walnut, cherry, mackore, and maple. Finished with a couple of coats of Osmo Top Oil (Osmo’s food safe product). First ‘fancy’ board I have made, and it was fun! —  
**Mike Hardy**



I finished this box just before the BF.  
I made it for myself. It is made from an unknown (to me) wood, that my dad used to make a friend’s kitchen cabinets in 1954. All we knew at the time was that was a hard wood from the Philippines.  
It is a very hard wood. —  
**Hugh Parker**

In spite of the freeze, I was getting ready for spring planting. This is the 2nd version of a patio garden that I have made. It is made from cedar fence pickets and has 3 drain holes in each trough and a piece of the weed fabric on the bottom to let water drain without losing fill. . —  
**Tim Shaunty**



Here is an Intarsia Fall Welcome sign I finished last week. It is comprised of 52 individual pieces of Aromatic Cedar, Butternut, Mahogany, Oak, Poplar, Red Cedar, Spalted Maple, and Walnut. Finished with 2 coats of amber shellac. —  
**Steve Wavro**



My wife built this blanket ladder just before the big freeze, so it came in handy during the cold days. Ladder sides are regular 2x4 from orange box store and steps are 1” birch dowels. It has a two-tone paint finish; white for the top and gray in the bottom part.—  
**Sankar Padhmanabhan**

## Show and Tell



It is a mobile base for a 10" Dewalt table saw. The base is designed to fold up the legs and then roll the saw to transport it or use it at the jobsite. The base is made of 1 1/4" steel square tubing, 1/16" wall. The length of the base frame is 36" and has a width of 16". The legs are designed to fold up underneath in order to transport. Once you

are ready to set up the saw, you fold the legs out and install the locking bolts to hold the leg in position at a 10 degree angle. The wheels in front of the frame are 1 1/2" wide by 6" in diameter, steel hub, 1/2" diameter axel. I made a swivel caster base to use while at home to move it on concrete. . —**Mike Turner**

Thanks to Bill Teague for saving this piece of firewood and giving it to me! We did not know what it was, but it turned out to be a Mesquite burl with amazing grain.



Next, another FOF wood (found on floor, of a retired woodworker,) I believe this is a maple burl, with swirling grain, some birds eye effect, and great iridescence. Both finished with Tung oil.



Finally, another FOF wood project, but this one was labelled as Marble Wood. also known as Brazilian Teak. With rotating Osage Orange handles, and finished with Tung oil. (yes, that is food safe; In fact, Tung oil is sometimes used as a food additive.). — **David Janowitz**



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### NEXT MEETING

**Will be held via Zoom on  
Saturday 13 March**

*See Chris' email for instructions to attend.*

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