

Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

The picnic is almost here!
Purchase BBQ tickets at the
next meeting or by mail.
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New Members

Welcome to WWCH!

Jose Luna

Pick up your Membership Directory and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

WWCH Calendar

September 7 Toy Group Day Meeting
 Sept 10 Monthly Meeting
 Sept 15 CNC Router Splinter Group
 Sept 15 Furniture Splinter Group
 Sept 18 Hand Tool Splinter Group
 Sept 28 Toy Group Evening Meeting
 October 8 Monthly Meeting & Picnic

September Raffle

Well... I guess I should have been at the last meeting. Unfortunately falling off the roof of my new shed took priority. I will have a nice raffle planned for September so be ready!

Lynn Cummings

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A group at work was asked to plan an appreciation event on virtually no budget. What can you do inexpensively for 300+ staff members, many of whom work remotely?

We had an Olympic theme, and many groups created team flags. We drew bulls' eyes on a glass window in the break room and shot nerf guns. We had a ring toss in the break area, borrowed from someone's niece, and a tug of war in the elevator lobby. There are only four cars on each side, so space was limited, but no one seemed to mind. A large picture of a pc went on a hallway bulletin board as part of a "pin the icon on the pc" game. We planned a scavenger hunt which would have allowed remote coworkers to participate by emailing or texting pictures of the sought-after item. We had to change the location at almost the last moment, leaving no room for a test to see how quickly people could correctly reassemble the keys on a discarded keyboard. Do you know the order of the keys? It's one thing to train our fingers and another to another to know the correct sequence. And we invented games, like "Curling chairs". The goal was to give an occupied desk chair one shove, hoping it would land on the marked spot. No one even came close.

It didn't all work as planned but I was pleased that so many people enjoyed themselves. Sometimes all it takes is being willing.

Roslyn Hager, President

September Program

Meeting Topic: Building a Roubo Bench

Presented By: Fred Sandoval

Fred will have one of his Roubo benches at the meeting for demonstration during his presentation.

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place, 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 for further assistance.

Hand Tool Splinter Group: Per group member requests, the meetings will be moved to Sunday evenings until further notice. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Please watch your email for any changes or cancellations. Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: The next quarterly Scroll Saw Splinter Discussion Group will meet October 22nd at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. This has been a great year with lots of participation and good attendance. In October, we will have several of our members discuss how to better use the computer for our patterns. One of the main items for discussion will be how to convert black line patterns to red line patterns. We have a new member, Don Pott, who is a retired computer software man and knows how to do several of the activities we will be covering. This will be a very informative session!

As we are getting closer to Christmas, you are probably making gifts so bring them in for Show N Tell. Write down those questions for Problems N Solutions. We all learn from others "problems".

For more information contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220.

Toy Splinter Group: meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Tim Shaunty's shop. On September 14 we will meet from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m., and on September 28 we will meet in the evening from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Andy Anderson at 713 409-7030.

Furniture Splinter Group: Our table project has wrapped up and some nice work by our members has resulted. In August, we discussed and reviewed dovetail design and the different ways to create them. Both the hand cut and jig methods were looked at as well as the full and half blind dovetails. A topic I'm sure we'll revisit again.

In September, a couple of our members will be giving a tutorial on sketch up. Each member will also be selecting and preparing for the upcoming chest

project. All are welcome, the shop is air conditioned!! We meet again Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00pm at 18315 Tangle Tree Lane, Houston, 77084

For more information, email Lynn Cummings at 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 the projects possible with the lumber. Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

WWCH Collecting Toys

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Thank you, from the children!

Picnic Raffle Update

A quick picnic raffle update. We have received a WorkSharp WS3000 Sharpening system. Kreg Jig has sent a number of Pocket Rocket Drilling guides with videos. Franklin International has sent us glue, Titebond 1, 2, and 3, and a Bosch Jobsite Radio was donated by a member.



Stay tuned, as more items are on the way!

Denis Muras

Coffee Drinkers Rejoice!



Ron Kirchoff has graciously offered to be Steve Wavro's back-up and make coffee when Steve Wavro can't attend meetings.

Thanks very much, Ron!

WWCH Annual Picnic



Members, Guests, and Families are invited to attend

11:00 am – 2:30 pm October 8 at the Picnic pavilion at Bayland Community Center

BBQ lunch served from 11:30 – 12:30

The general meeting will begin at 9:00 am as usual, but will be abbreviated with no guest speaker. There will be a show'n tell, so bring plenty of projects to show our guests and families. To cover the cost of the BBQ food, utensils, and service, there is a fee of

Members and Guests	\$12
Children under 12	\$6
Children under 2	free

There will also be the usual raffles and some special raffles for woodworking tools, books, jigs, gift cards, and other great items beginning about 1:00 pm. (See page 2 for some of the big raffle items.) Traditionally, club members bring desserts to share on a completely voluntary basis. If you are so inclined, please bring some of that special dessert you make. There will also be games for kids, so feel free to bring your children or grandchildren to join in the fun.

Please pay David Janowitz, Treasurer, at the September club meeting. If you can't do that, please pay David by September 23rd so we know how much food to order. Send him a check made out to the club or call him with a credit card number. His contact info is

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Phone: 832-641-6769

You might want to bring your favorite lawn chairs as the only seating at the pavilion is the picnic table benches.

Members Attend International Woodworking Fair

IWF 2016 was an amazing experience. While the show is designed for the commercial side of woodworking, there were plenty of sights and experiences for we hobbyists. With a floor of one of the halls devoted totally to hardware, the show was an opportunity to see what is "new" in the industry and what we can expect to see next year. Many vendors who are found in our Houston woodworking stores (Circle Saw, Rockler, and Woodcraft) were there displaying and demonstrating their products.

It was good to visit with Rick Bragg, former manager of Woodcraft SW and now with SawStop. Tommy Mac from the Tommy MacDonald TV show was very easy to visit with and is welcome to an invitation to come to Houston in the future. While most of the show was not appropriate for my needs, I am glad I went and look forward to future opportunities. I would add that my wife, Claudette, accompanied me and she was overwhelmed by the



Members Attend IWF, continued

size and displays. She, along with me, really enjoyed seeing the student (College and University) competition, and we were able to visit with two of the students who had work selected to be displayed. We also visited with one of the professors who had students selected for the show. Dean Grimes and Norm Nichols were at their first show and all three of us were worn out each day from the sheer size of the show.

Submitted by Tim Shaunty

I have been trying to think of one word to describe the IWF and it is not easy. If I had to select only one word, it would HUGE. The two halls where the show was held were built for the Olympics, so you may be able to get a feel for the size. It took Dean and me one and a half days to just walk both halls.

To me it was fascinating to see these huge machines take a sheet of plywood on one end and turn out a set of fully cut cabinets or a piece of furniture on the other end. There were lots of vendors with components for these machines as well. We saw many vendors with drawer slides, edge banding, drawer hardware, etc.

I talked with several wood suppliers, but for the life of me I just couldn't figure out how I could handle a truck load of wood! In other words most of them were wholesalers. We saw several familiar vendors with tools and supplies. I was a very good boy and only bought new dust collection equipment for my scroll saw and a set of gravity stops for my GRRippers. It was a wonderful experience, and as they say, "Been there, done that." Even got the T-shirt! I feel every woodworker should see this show at least once just to see how the other half of our woodworking world functions.

Submitted by Norm Nichols

Show and Tell

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

PRESENTERS

George Alderete..... Bank Boxes
Bob Wink..... Folk Art Pieces
Norm Nichols Scroll Saw Art Piece & Cross
Steve Wavro Intarsia Art Piece & Door Plaque
John Gay Tool Box & Bowl
Chuck Meeder Bench
Rick Spacek Crosses & Antler
Ron Matherly Dining Room Chair
Charles Volek..... Intarsia Horse & Owls
Mark Womack Cutting Board
Bill Harris Toy Cars
Lon Kelley Bowl
Rick Spacek Scroll Saw Art Piece & Cross
David Janowitz..... Rolling Pin
Rebecca DeGroot..... Sculpture



Bob Wink, known for his whimsical creations, dazzled members again with a short puppet show, a rodeo display and a well-known somebody giving the peace sign. Like John Gay, Bob makes excellent use of "excess" wood.



George Alderete purchased some postal box doors from eBay and repurposed them into coin banks – with working combinations, no less. George used zebrawood, mahogany and walnut then sealed with Armorseal. For joinery George used his Festool Domino machine.



Show and Tell



Norm Nichols, playing with different woods, crafted a cross out of leopard wood and a mardi gras scene of three ladies made from red oak



Keeping up with his tradition of mostly using “excess” lumber, **John Gay** rescued some presswood underdecking for his wooden platter. The gold gilding was not panned by John in Colorado.



Steve Wavro's sister saw this bird and nest in a scroll saw magazine and asked him to make one for her. Steve could not find any wood approximating the blue of the eggs so he painted them. Everything else is natural wood. Steve boiled some twigs and then put them in a clamp to bend them to create a more natural nest look.

With a daughter marrying in October, Steve was asked to make a door plaque commemorating the event. To help design the letters and numbers, Steve found a downloadable shareware program, Inkscape, online for his Mac (numerous tutorials are available on YouTube). Steve used a Sandflea sander to sand the project without damaging the fragile fretwork. Steve finished with multiple coats of spray on polyurethane.

After having crafted a tool box with tools for a Masonic order, John made a tool box and tools for himself. Once again “excess” wood shines through his tools. Of historical interest is that John had some leftover white oak that came from a Danish boat under restoration at the Houston Holocaust Museum. This boat was used by Danish fisherman to ferry Jews and other minorities out of Denmark to escape the NAZIs during WWII.



On a trip to Colorado, **Chuck Meeder** visited a couple of sawmills and came back with some cottonwood that was turned into a bench with maple legs. The joinery was mortise and tenon and half blind dovetails. Chuck used two coats of Armorseal then five coats of finish. The butterfly substitutes for a crack. One member suggested several butterflys “in flight” – the, um, butterfly effect?



Rick Spacek showed a fallen soldier memorial, a cross made of Corian, and an antler with wording sawn into it. Using a 2/0 spiral scroll saw blade, Rick carved out the take-down details into the horn of a buck. Rick stated that he carefully held the antler while scroll sawing, not using clamps or a vice.

Show and Tell



Ron Matherly showed his first of eight chairs made from mesquite. At least Ron will have one to sit on while resting. The leather is stamped to look like ostrich – real ostrich leather is expensive. Ron praised his Festool Domino machine for all the mortise and tenon work, “like shooting fish in a barrel.” The inlay for the back was made on a CNC machine. Ron will seal with shellac and finish with polyurethane – done to match a table that Ron also made.



Keeping up with the toy effort, **Bill Harris** showed a few from about 200 toy cars that he crafted from “excess” wood.

July Show & Tell



Lon Kelley showed this bowl made of padauk with an inlay made from plywood. The bowl was finished with spray polyurethane and wax.



A friend of **Charles Volek** asked him to make a horse for his granddaughter. So, from a Kathy Weiss pattern, Charles crafted a white horse with black mane. Since polyurethane tends to darken the maple Charles used polyacrylic.

With only a camera to capture the pattern, Charles made some owls and then more owls with the leftover wood. Now Charles has something to hoot about.



Rick Spacek showed two scroll saw projects, a picture of puppies and a cross.



A very nice cutting board crafted by **Mark Womack** is his first attempt at detailed woodworking – well done, Mark! Mark cut all pieces to dimension on his table saw, stressing the importance of a straight fence – a reminder that we all need. This board will be a Mother’s day gift – yes, for his Mother.



David Janowitz presented a rolling pin he turned from Osage orange. David applied mineral oil to the pin as a food safe finish.



Rebecca DeGroot presented this sculpture she created using carving techniques, including the use of a power carver.



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NEXT MEETING

September 10, 2016

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Fred Sandoval: Building a Roubo Bench

Guests are always welcome at 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!