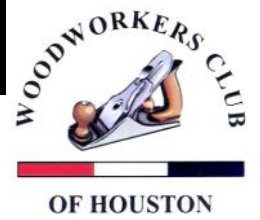


# The Sawdust Sentinel

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Fellow Houston Woodworkers,

As your new Club President, I want to begin by expressing my appreciation to Tom Paulley for his excellent leadership for the last two years. As I am beginning to familiarize myself with the requirements of the job, I am amazed to learn first-hand, of all that he has done for our Club during his tenure, and am a bit overwhelmed by the list of responsibilities that he has handled so capably. I deeply appreciate his past service and continued assistance in making the transition manageable for me. Thank you, Tom.

Your officers and directors have hit the ground running this year. Work is proceeding apace with the creation of the new WWCH website. The website committee consists of Tom, Nathan Carlson, Frank Fuss and myself, who are meeting weekly to design and implement the new site. Special thanks to Nathan, our technical guru, who is doing all of the dirty work to construct the site itself, based on input from the other committee members. Further special thanks to Scott Haddix, website creator/manager for the Gulf Coast Woodturners Association, who is consulting with us on the design, creation and maintenance of the Turners' site. And thank you, Gary Rowen, for all you have done in maintaining our site for all these years.

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## Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH February 2025 Toy of the Month



Snake Puzzle

## WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting .....	02/15
CNC Router Meeting .....	02/11
Scroll Saw Meeting .....	04/26
Hand Tool Meeting.....	02/06
Furniture Meeting .....	02/19

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

One trend that has come to the attention of the Board, is that annual expenses now exceed Club revenues. We are now paying rent for meeting space and the cost of operations has increased, like everything else in the economy. The Club continues to operate in the black, thanks to reserve assets in our account, but we are now having to draw from those reserves to meet monthly obligations. As announced at the January meeting, the first measure that the Board is taking to improve our revenue stream, is to add a convenience fee of \$1 to every credit card transaction with the Club. Therefore, if you choose to charge your annual dues payment, rather than paying by cash or check, your dues payment will be \$37, rather than \$36. New Board member Brian Murrah, is leading a new committee to review revenue-creation options.

I'm also pleased to repeat the announcement made at our last meeting, of the Board's approval of Club participation in Rob Crosman's The Purple Heart Project's (PHP), whose mission is to introduce physically and mentally injured Combat Wounded Veterans, still suffering from the negative effects of combat, to the peace and joy that can be found through the therapy of traditional hand tool woodworking. Details about the program can be found at <https://www.thepurpleheartproject.org>. WWCH will participate by building workbenches for local-area veterans graduating from this program. More details will follow, and questions may be directed to Rod Griffith.

Last, I want to encourage everyone to pay their dues to Jack Bailie as soon as possible, and to inform Patti Page of any changes to your contact information. If you want your information to be included in this year's directory, dues must be paid by no later than February 28. Contact information will be published in the directory, unless you advise Patti that you would like for your address to be listed as PRIVATE.

**WWCH President  
Jim Price**

## Splinter Group Information

**CNC Router Group:** Next meeting is February 11th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; [wateague@gmail.com](mailto:wateague@gmail.com)

**Scroll Saw Group:** Next meeting is April 26th; meeting at 9:00am; location is TBD at this time. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis Muras; [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**Furniture Group:** Next meeting is February 19th at Andy Tofuri's shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

**Hand Tool Group:** Next meeting is February 6th at George Alderete shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; [hjmajoue@gmail.com](mailto:hjmajoue@gmail.com) or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

**Sawmill Group:** For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: [bill\\_lindsey@comcast.net](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net)

## 2024 Awards

### Congratulations to Andy Tofuri & Steve Wavro



**Golden Hammer  
Andy Tofuri**

### Woodworker of the Year Steve Wavro



## Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

This Month: Snake Puzzle; [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org).

## Club Announcements

- ◇ February meeting (02/15/2025) **3rd Saturday** will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ The board of directors has decided to institute a one dollar per transaction for all future credit card transactions. This charge is in line with the policy of other similar nonprofit organizations and will offset the credit card transaction fees that the club has been absorbing in the past.
- ◇ 2025 Dues are to be paid to Jack Bailie; you must be a member in good standing to be in the new Membership Directory.
- ◇ Remember to check you information with Patti when signing in. This information will be going into the new Membership Directory.
- ◇ If you are interested in being high-lighted in "Meet the Member". Please see Chris Farquhar at a meeting or contact him at: [wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com)

## New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **4** new members in January:

Gary Meyer, Terry Parrish, Priya Remnigius & Greg Staff

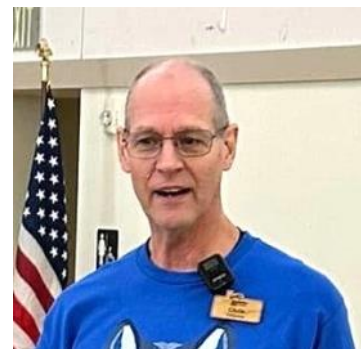
## Show and Tell



**David Janowitz — (5)**  
Bowls; 1) Elm, 1) Holey,  
2) Mesquite & 1) that  
blew apart



**Curtis Love**  
- Chaos Cutting Board



**Chris Farquhar**  
- Layered Wolf Design; made with:  
Pine, Poplar, Oak & Black Walnut

# Show and Tell



**Brian Murrah**

- Marquetry



**Mike Hardy**

- Music Stands; made with: Cherry & Walnut



# Show and Tell



**Fred Sandoval**  
- Boxes & Scratch Stock



**Thomas Hackney**  
- Box made of Murado



# Show and Tell



**Rob Campbell**  
- Router Bit Storage  
Box



**Gary Meyer**

- Beer Kurg & Crokinole Board





## Program of the Month

This month, we're excited to feature two engaging presentations. First, Maria Carlo and Brian Murrah will showcase their custom-built Rubio workbench, sharing insights into its design and construction.

Following that, Alan Bachrach will provide valuable tips on preventing and managing rust on tools, particularly in Houston's humid climate. We look forward to an informative and inspiring session!

## Upcoming Programs in 2025 at a Glance

*Please note that the topics are subject to change and occasionally need to be adjusted.*

### 2025 Meeting Topic Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
February 15th	Maria Carlo, Brian Murrah	Custom-Built Rubio Benches
	Alan Bachrach	Managing Rust on Tools

### 2025 Meeting Topic Schedule:

March 15th	Jeff Larson	Spokeshaves
April 12th	Peter Doe	Bed Build
May 10th	Furniture Splinter Group	Rocking Chair with Slung Tile Seat Reveal
June 14th	Vic Tesolin	All-day Seminar
July 12th	Bryan Bailey	Molding Planes
October 11th	No Program	BBQ Lunch and Raffle
November 15th	Open	
December 13th	Open	

If you have an idea for a meeting topic or wish to share a project or skill that requires more time than is available during Show and Tell or Favorite Tool, please contact Rod Griffith at one of our meetings or by email at:

[rodnewgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:rodnewgriffith@gmail.com)

## Meetings at a Glance in 2025

In 2025 there will be schedule meeting dates that are changed due to a conflict with St Stevens United Methodist Church. There are only 3 at this time so please be aware of these changes so you do not miss a meeting. This post will stay in the Newsletter every month to keep you updated and informed. Any questions, please bring up your concerns at the next meeting.

- ~~⇒ January 11th                      2nd Saturday (no change)~~
- ⇒ **February 15th                      3rd Saturday**
- ⇒ **March 15th                              3rd Saturday**
- ⇒ April 12th                              2nd Saturday (no change)
- ⇒ May 10th                                2nd Saturday (no change)
- ⇒ June 14th                               2nd Saturday (no change)  
- All Day Seminar
- ⇒ July 12th                                2nd Saturday (no change)
- ⇒ August 9th                              2nd Saturday (no change)
- ⇒ September 13th                       2nd Saturday (no change)
- ⇒ October 11th                           2nd Saturday (no change)  
- BBQ    Lunch & Raffle
- ⇒ **November 15th                        3rd Saturday**
- ⇒ December 13th                       2nd Saturday (no change)



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## WWCH General Information

### WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President	Jim Price
Vice President	Rod Griffith
Secretary	Mike Hardy
Treasurer	Jack Bailie

### DIRECTORS

Bill Harris	Rich Ostermeier
Curtis Love	Brian Murrah
Tom Paulley - Past President	

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Andy Tofuri
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Web Master	Gary Rowen

### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday February 15th**  
**Starting at: 9am**  
St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,  
2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

<http://www.wwch.org>

**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [wwchnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwchnewsletter@gmail.com). Please submit the item before March 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

*We're on the*  
*Web*  
[www.wwch.org](http://www.wwch.org)

**Join our Facebook Group!**  
**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!

## Members Business Cards



If you would like to have your Business Card shown here  
and you are a member in good standing.

Please see Chris Farquhar