

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## WWCH Calendar

4 Apr .....	Furniture Splinter Group
9 Apr .....	CNC Splinter Group
13 Apr .....	Monthly Meeting
27 Apr ..	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
28 Apr ...	Hand Tool Splinter Group
2 May .....	Furniture Splinter Group
11 May .....	Monthly Meeting

## Monthly Raffle



**Get your ticket at  
the meeting!**

## New Members

**Welcome to WWCH**

**Sonny Lawson Randy Jones**

**Ken Moughalu Larry Behrmann**

**We are happy to have you**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

– Not the Ides but the Ills of March

It is officially Spring – and it has been since March 20<sup>th</sup>, according to the calendar. Which I admit had me a bit confused. Somehow, I always thought the Spring Equinox came on the TWENTY\_FIRST of March. Not the Twentieth! I guess it just proves that astronomy is another skill I never mastered. But now that I think of it, I really don't need a calendar or media types telling me that it's Spring – my oak trees have been telling me it's Spring for several weeks. Between the leaves, the pollen and the (flowers?), I need to sweep or blow around the house every other day. I think that the trees around here are even more amorous than a teenage boy.

And with Spring and the great weather, I am really itching to get out in the shop and make sawdust and shavings. I've got materials for several projects, and plans for several more. I've got "honey-dos" lined up and gifts to make for several occasions. Great times for a woodworker, right? Wrong! On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, I managed to injure my left foot, and I have had to be off my feet most of the time since then. I'm starting to get where I can walk or stand for about thirty minutes without too much pain, but I'm not yet up to a few hours in the shop. The best I've been able to do was some scroll saw work. (Which I need lots of practice at!)

So, mostly I find myself at the computer looking at project ideas and drawing up more plans for pieces large and small that I want to make. So, maybe Spring won't be wasted, but it sure is frustrating to while away these comfortable (for a guy with no Air Conditioning in his shop) days indoors.

As an aside, I had the opportunity to visit Cormark International up in North Carolina a couple of years ago, and I was amazed at the amount of hardwood they had in stock. They had many 40-foot containers of hardwoods in their warehouse and are willing to ship to small users as well as to Rockler and Woodcraft. And they have aisles and aisles of turning blanks – literally thousands of blanks. Also, I remember Frank Straza singing the praises of Brazos Lumber Company at our July Seminar last

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## Splinter Groups

**CNC Router Splinter Group:** Bill Teague has stepped up to host the CNC Router Splinter Group. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm in his workshop behind his house in West University Place. Bill is open to suggestions for the date and time to increase participation.

For information contact Bill at [wateague@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 or click here <http://www.wwch.org/Plans/Apr2019ToyofTheMonth.pdf> for the current plan.

For more information contact John Lastrapes, [jlastrapes@entouch.net](mailto:jlastrapes@entouch.net).

**Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet for a discussion on how to do segmentation and how it differs from intarsia. We meet at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8), 9:30 AM, April 27, 2019. Bring your items for Show N Tell and all your questions for Problems N Solutions.

For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

**Furniture Splinter Group:** The furniture splinter group will next meet Thursday, May 2nd. The meeting will be held in George Alderete's shop. Details will be sent to all registered group members prior to the meeting.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, contact Ron Kirchoff [kirchko@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net).

## President's Message (cont)

year, and I finally had a chance to walk (limp) through their Houston warehouse this week. They don't stock all of the exotics, but they have huge amounts of domestic and import hardwoods stacked twelve to twenty feet high. I think I got a bit of a "hardwood buzz" walking through their place. They also stock an enormous amount of sheet goods and mouldings, as well as Festool, Bessey, and other lines. And they are willing to work with small orders as well as truckloads for professional shops. I recommend you make a visit if you have the chance.

So, get out there and make the magic happen! I will as soon as the Doctor gets me out of this special shoe!

**Ben Tillison**

**WWCH President**

## Field Trip



We had a great turnout for our trip to the **Algoa Mill Works** on this past Saturday. Thanks to our hosts Cory Casella and Cory Pullen for showing us a great time. They have a great selection of slabs in pecan, cedar, cypress and other local species. Please show them our thanks by looking to them for your lumber and milling needs. You can reach them at 832-607-9775 or [www.doctorlumber.com](http://www.doctorlumber.com)

# Show and Tell

## PRESENTERS

**Bob Wink** ..... Folk Art  
**Norm Nichols** ..... 18 Wheeler  
**Steve Wavro** ..... Intarsia Sailboat  
**George Graves** ..... Bowls  
**Denis Muras** ..... F1 Racer  
**Lon Kelley** ..... Jewelry Boxes  
**Peter Doe** ..... Guitar Stand  
**David Janowitz** ..... Table, Lazy Susan  
**Dave VanDewerker** ..... Trucks, Wolf Plaque  
**Ron Matherly** ..... Bed  
**Jim Hiles** ..... Bowls  
**Ted Ojevich** ..... Dog Dish Stand  
**Dane Schmitt** ..... Charcuterie Board  
**Ken Moughalu** ..... Keepsake Box  
*Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.*



From a pattern by Kathy Gale Roberts, **Steve Wavro** crafted his intarsia sailboat from a variety of woods such as aspen, bloodwood, cherry, blue pine, and others.



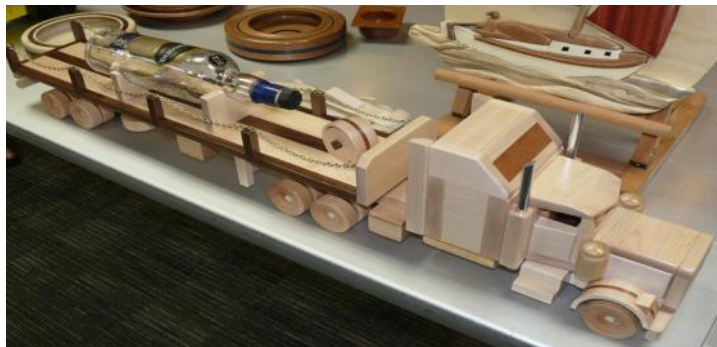
**Bob Wink** crafted a truck-cannon inspired by the real truck-cannon in Ringling



Circus museum in Florida. A bike muffler provided the "body" for his other oddity and a "something" that no one could identify for the other.



**George Graves** explained how he did some wood burning and a touch of epoxy to finish his bowls.



A Steve Good pattern was the basis for this F1 racer made of plywood by **Denis Muras**.

From a pattern by a wood-worker in Australia, **Norm Nichols** explained in detail how he crafted his 18-wheeler from maple and black walnut plus some mesquite for the fenders and yellowheart for headlights. He finished with six coats of lacquer. Norm also built a jig to make the small parts.



# Show and Tell



**Lon Kelley** provided a slide show that complimented his detailed explanation of how he crafted his two cylindrical jewelry boxes. Lon used mahogany and padauk.



A knock-down table of cedar-elm with "different" leg spacing for added stability was crafted by **David Janowitz**. David also talked about his lazy susan, cutting board and bottle stoppers. David used water-borne polyurethane finish except for the cutting board on which he used mineral oil.



Using spiral blades for the first time, **Dave VanDewerker** scroll sawed a plaque of wolves. Dave used Wink wood to make a couple of trucks carting smaller trucks.



**Ron Matherly** provided a slide show and a description how he made his master bedroom headboard set. The main backing is floor cork. To lighten some wood that didn't match the others, Ron sprayed tinted shellac over polyurethane until he got the desired matching of colors then topped with polyurethane. Ron credited Scott Holmes for that tip. To admire his headboard will Ron sleep with his head at the foot of the bed?



## Show and Tell



**Jim Hiles** showed his bowls of mesquite and oak complimented by worm holes – a nice effect. Jim finished with Minwax and clear finish.



Proud of his charcuterie board, the first one that he made, **Dane Schmitt** learned that it is crucial to spend enough time sanding and to pay attention to the wood that you are using – a lesson we all need to be reminded of.

**Ted Ojevich** made this dog dish stand from scraps then “blow-torched” it with propane for effect then sprayed with polyurethane.



**Ken Moughalu** took a class in woodworking and from the class came a keepsake box of pine for his daughter. Ken explained how he used coffee as a base for the stain that was finished with shellac.



## Odds and Ends

**2019 Directories:** The new directories will be available at the meeting on Saturday April 13th, 2019 to those members who are in good standing and have not yet gotten theirs. Annual dues remain at the bargain price of \$36. If you have not already, you can pay at the next monthly meeting, or contact the treasurer, Henry Majoué.

**Program Ideas:** Tom Blanco, program director, is seeking input from the membership on what topics they would like presented at monthly meetings. Please pass on any ideas to Tom or another board member.

**Upcoming shop Crawl:** We will have a shop crawl Saturday, April 13, following the monthly meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maps will be available at the club meeting.

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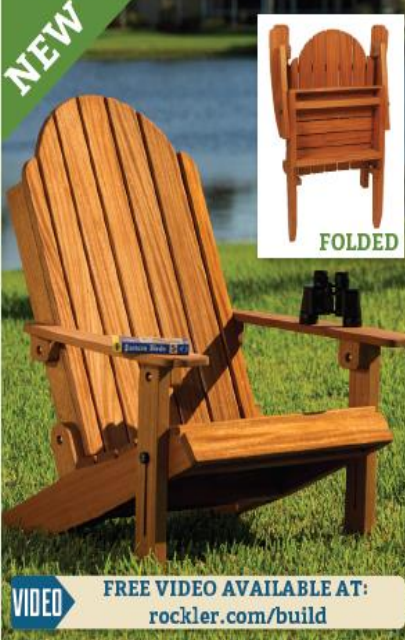
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**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday April 13th, 2018**

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

Presenter: Joyce Lin on TXRX Labs

***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](mailto:kirchko@gmail.com).

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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!