

The Sawdust Sentinel



Monthly newsletter of Woodworkers Club of Houston

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Fellow woodworkers:

After a wonderful vacation in Ukraine (air raid sirens and drone attacks, notwithstanding) I'm glad to be back in the USA and to be able to make some sawdust, without Russian interruption!

You will recall the announcement that the new Club website would be rolled out this month, and that we would be offering a presentation on its contents and usage at this month's meeting. While great progress has been made, we are not yet able to meet our (optimistic) self-imposed deadline of April 12. The task has been a Herculean one, and we are all deeply indebted to Nathan Carlson and Tom Paulley for their leadership efforts on this project.

The rollout of the new website will now be extended to our next meeting on May 10. Save the date and be there or be square. I know that it will be worth the wait!

WWCH President,
Jim Price

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH April 2025 Toy of the Month



Excavator Puzzle

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	04/12
Hand Tool Meeting.....	04/03
CNC Router Meeting	05/13
Furniture Meeting	04/23
Scroll Saw Meeting	04/26

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April 20th



April 12th

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is May 15th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is April 26th; meeting at 9:00am; location is Fusheng Wang's apartment. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras; denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Furniture Group: Next meeting is April 23rd 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; hjma-joue@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is May 1st at George Alderete shop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; hjma-joue@gmail.com or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net

Toy Group: Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; christopher7schwartz@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory). You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

2025 Craft Show



Photo Credit: Tom Blanco & Chuck Meeder

St Stevens Fund Rasing Projects

WWCH Members Came Through Making Bird Houses



Photo Credit: Luck Cain & Chris Farquhar

Hand Tool Splinter Group Making Bird Houses



Photo Credit: David VanDewerker

Phil Huber Guest Speaker in June



Phil Huber, host of the Woodsmith Shop TV show on public television and executive editor of Woodsmith will present three sessions our annual day long journey of woodworking on Saturday June 14. Phil thrives on questions, comments, and smart remarks. So while he'll cover the following topics there will be plenty of time for asking about his work, Woodsmith, or other woodworking topics.

Router Jigs & Usage

The router is Phil's favorite woodworking power tool. It offers an unmatched array of uses. Jigs and accessories for this tool range from the silly to the Rube Goldbergian. Phil shares a few of his favorite jigs (mostly) shop-made that unlock the potential of this clever tool. In addition to the design details and features, the story of how the jigs came to be and a demonstration of their uses make this a chance to reconsider your own router use and needs for your shop.

Boxes & Box Building

Boxes are for the woodworker just as much as for the person who receives it. We'll trace the design details of several of the boxes that he has built as a woodworker: the good, the ... learning opportunities, and the milestones. Phil will share some principles that he follows in making boxes. A big part will be exploring the construction methods, joinery, and skills that make boxes an ideal way to bring your woodworking to a new level.



Door Construction, Simplified & Customized

Cabinet doors present the face of a project. Building a door is a mini-project lurking inside a larger project. Although composed of a few parts and essential woodworking skills, the process can trip up woodworkers. During this presentation, we'll look at a method for building doors that streamlines the construction process and inspires confidence that the result will turn out as expected. This approach allows for a wide variety of customization, turning the door into an opportunity to give the project a personal touch.

Phil is a woodworker, editor of Woodsmith and host of the 'Woodsmith Shop' TV show. He's been woodworking for more than 30 years, having started in his dad's home shop. Phil enjoys making Christmas and gift projects for friends and family (usually starting in July). He specializes in building wall cabinets, tables, boxes, and doors. In addition he teaches woodworking classes in the Des Moines, IA area.



Steve Wavro

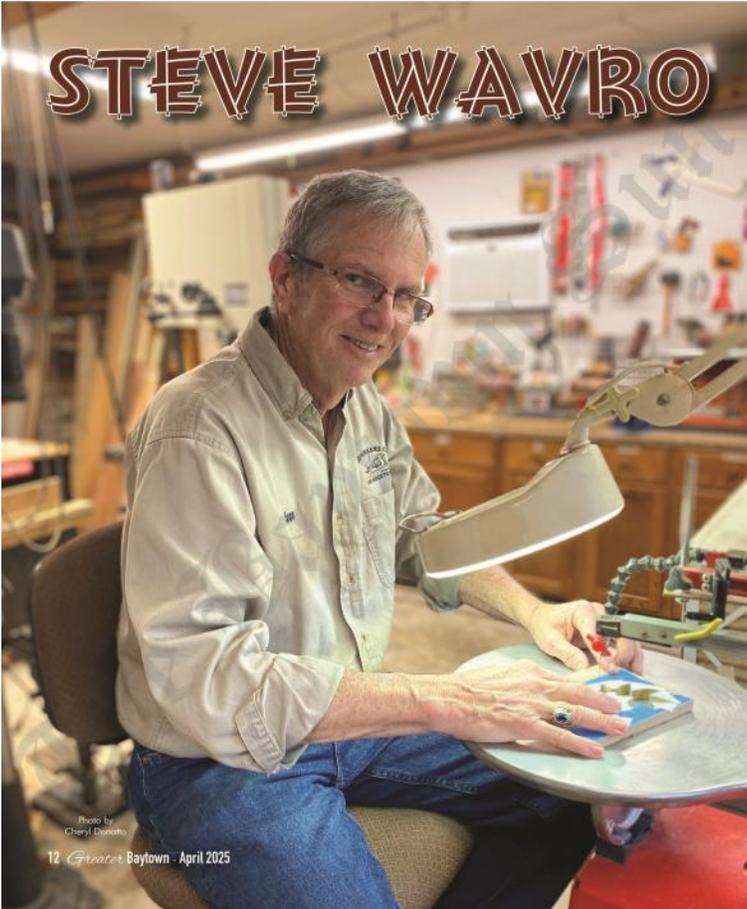
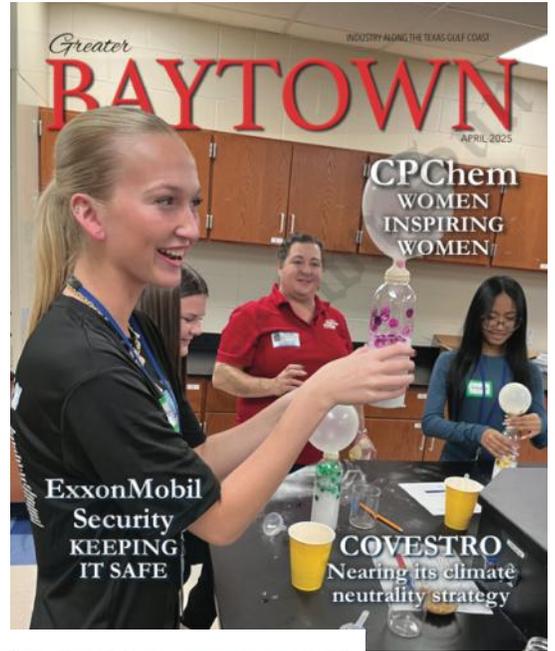


Photo by Cheryl Bennett

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The main tools used for doing artwork are a scroll saw and sander. It takes Wavro about 30 minutes to cut out and sand each piece of a project.



Wavro's designs are all wood and metal. He does not use any paper, clay or stone.

I never reached for a scroll saw to get the curly wood. I just didn't want to accept a scroll saw because I never used one. It's a scroll saw, but it's not a scroll saw. It's a scroll saw, but it's not a scroll saw. It's a scroll saw, but it's not a scroll saw.



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Steve Wavro's woodworking was a story in the Baytown Sun Magazine published April 2025. It is a 6 page article that begins on page 12. He got in several plugs for the club and hope that might lead to a new member or two. Please take the time to read the article by clicking on the link below.

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Retired engineer cuts out his place in the art world

Steve Wavro, a retired engineer, has found a new passion in his life: woodworking. He has spent the last few years creating intricate wooden sculptures and signs. His work is featured in the Baytown Sun Magazine, and he has become a local celebrity. Wavro's designs are all wood and metal, and he does not use any paper, clay, or stone. He has a workshop full of tools and equipment, and he spends most of his free time working on his art. His work is not only beautiful but also functional. He has created many signs for local businesses, and his sculptures are displayed in homes and offices. Wavro's art is a testament to his skill and dedication. He has found a new purpose in life, and he is enjoying every minute of it.



Photo of Steve Wavro's art



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Toy of the Month

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

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

Club Announcements

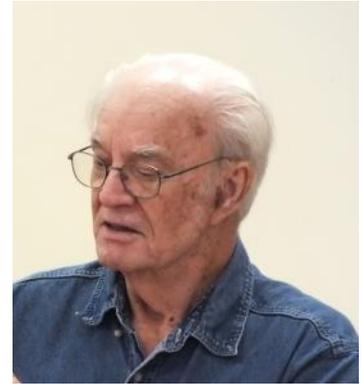
- ◇ April meeting (04/12/2025) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◇ There will not be a CNC Splinter Group meeting in April. The next meeting will be May 15th
- ◇ It's that time again. Our All Day Meeting this year will be on June 14. We have arranged to have Jimmy John's supply lunches if you desire.
The usual choices will be: #1 ham, #2 roast beef, #3 tuna, #4 turkey, #5 salami, and #6 veggie and include 8" sandwich, chips, pickle a cookie and a selection of drinks.
The cost will be \$12 for cash or check and \$13 for credit card payments. Jack Bailie will be taking orders and collecting payment beginning at our meeting on April 12. 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.
- ◇ 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

New Members

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

Gary Dozier, Mike Field, Mary Fulbright & Brian Zatzkin

Show and Tell



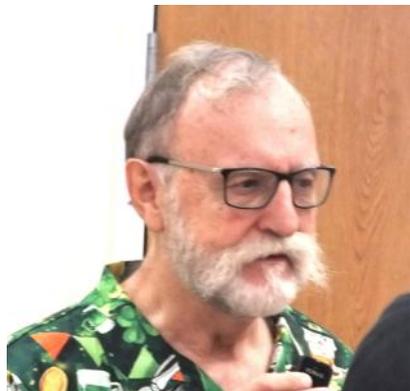
Hugh Paker

- Jewelry Box Made of Walnut & Mahogany



George Graves

- Cutting Board



Gary Meyer

- Wah Hoo game and board template



Show and Tell



Frank Fuss

- TV tray of cypress finished with two coats of water based polyurethane



Denis Muras

- Toy race car of white pine and



Chris Farquhar

- Wolf plaque of poplar and hard board



Show and Tell

Evolution of a Toy

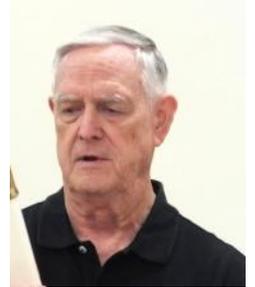


Andy Tofuri

- Car making display

Jack Bailie

-Candle stand of rift oak, finished with Arm-R-Seal



Rick Spacek

-Carousel of cedar and plywood

Show and Tell



Bill Teague
-CNC projects



David VanDewerker
- Bird house, bird feeder box
and heart boxes



Show and Tell



Fred Sandoval

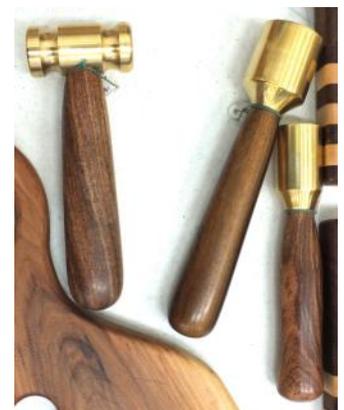
-Rosewood

Photos were not taken of Fred's presentation—Sorry Fred



David Janowitz

- Cutting boards of cedar-elm, Osage orange, and maple of unknown flooring. Platter of walnut, mallets and bottle stoppers of assorted woods , and, salt and pepper grinders



Program of the Month

With move of new WWCH Website Demonstration and Training to our May meeting, Peter Doe has agreed to present his bed build project at this month's meeting rather than in August. As many of you remember from his previous presentations , Peter's presentations have always been interesting and a display his excellent craftsmanship and full of good tips. We greatly appreciate Peter's flexibility in moving his presentation from August to April.

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>
April 12th	Peter Doe	Bed Build
2025 Meeting Topic Schedule:		
May 10th	New Website Team	Introduction & Tutorial of WWCH's New Website
June 14th	Phil Huber	All-day Seminar covering: - Router usage and router jigs - Box Building - Building Cabinet Doors
July 12th	Bryan Bailey	Molding Planes
August 9th	Open	
October 11th	No Program	BBQ Lunch and Raffle
September 13th	Louis Jasso with Fine Finishing Supplies in Humble	Finishing Outside of a Dedicated Finish Room
November 15th	Chuck Meeder	River Dory Build
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: rodneywgriffith@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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Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Andy Tofuri
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Web Master	Gary Rowen

NEXT MEETING

Saturday April 12th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,
2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

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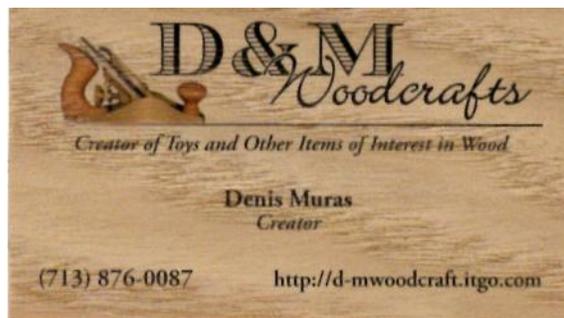
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before April 30th to be included in the next newsletter.

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Web*
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