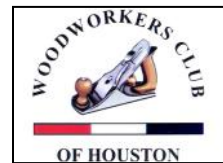


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	10 Dec
Scroll saw Meeting	28 Jan
Hand tool Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	TBD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last monthly message as president, and I want to take the opportunity to thank this year's officers and board members for the work they have put in to keep the club running smoothly during 2022. They have been a great bunch to work with. This was our first full year back with regular meetings after the Covid shutdown and we have relied heavily for programs on members themselves. So, thanks also to you, the Woodworkers of Houston, for sharing your projects and expertise. I am always impressed by just how much we know, collectively, and sharing it is a large part of what the club is about.

I must also extend thanks to the non-officers who pitched in – to Denis for ongoing IT support and for running the raffle at the picnic, to the folks who participated in the community workbench project (which we expect to see in its final glory at this month's meeting), to Steve and Roslyn for the coffee and donuts, to Patti for keeping track of attendance and to Andy for his work with the Toy splinter group. If I have forgotten anyone (I probably have), then please register your complaints with next year's president.

And so on to this month's woodworker's journey topic: decoration.

For today's purposes - and thinking of my main area of interest, which is furniture - I define decoration as something added to a project to improve (or at least significantly change) its appearance, but completely inessential to its day-to-day function.

A is an example of adding some decoration with some simple carving. This swing bench (teak) has been outdoors for 20 or so years, and it needs cleaning (again), so the carving does not show up very well, but it's there if you look closely.

B is also an outdoor piece. The wood here is ipe, and an ipe top would have been perfectly functional, but I wanted to give it some color. The top is a glass tile mosaic (tiles are about 3/4 " square). It is one of a set of three, all with different patterns for the top, but using the same colors in different combinations.

C is a shot of a drawer front on a set of bedroom furniture I made about 11 years ago. The decorative aspect here comes partly from the contrasting wood colors (cherry and imbuya) and partly from the choice of an oval shape for the imbuya inserts behind the drawer pulls.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

The last example, D, is the side panel of a printer stand that sits next to where I am typing this president's message. The initial decorative decision was to make it a painted piece (underneath the paint, it's poplar). The second design choice was to add the geometric carving (done with a V tool in this instance). And then the third factor was to use two colors.



One of the things these decorative choices tend to do is to make the project significantly more difficult to execute – very often because you need to do something you have not previously attempted. But that's what makes it fun. Sometimes, the decorative part pretty much takes over. It certainly did in the case of the outdoor tables and the printer stand in examples B and D.

Peter Doe

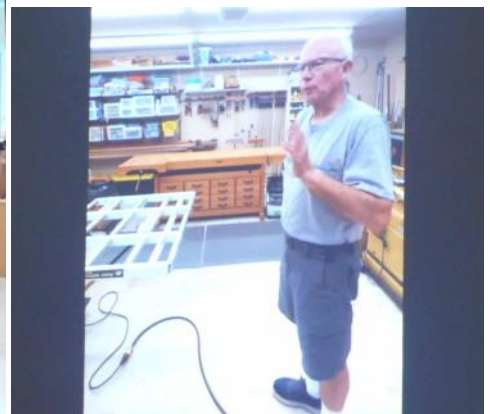
WWCH President

Club Announcements

January club meeting will be held on 3rd Saturday (Jan 21st) instead of the regular 2nd Saturday.

Program of the Month

Rod Griffith, Tom Paulley and Peter Doe took club members on a "Virtual" Shop crawl during November meeting.



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>

Toy Donation Drive

After November monthly meeting club members collected and sorted all the toys collected for the yearly toy donation drive. Toy donation drive is one of the major activity for the club and we have been successful in collecting hundreds of toys to donate to various charity organizations across Houston. Many thanks to all the club members who spent their time making these toys and helped in sorting, packing etc. Special thanks to Andy Tofuri for coordinating the activities in the Toy splinter group.



Show and Tell

Plates. — **George Graves**



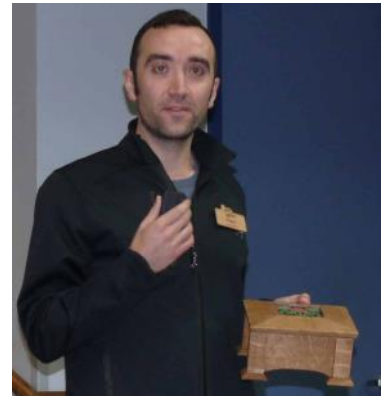
Book rack of quarter sawn white oak and shellac. — **Tom Paulley**



Cutting boards finished with mineral oil. — **Peter Doe**



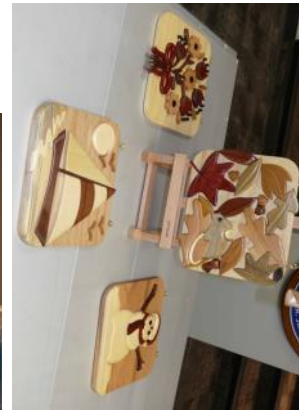
Tile Box. — **Peter Hamilton**



Scroll saw bear and VFW plaque of purple heart. — **Rick Spacek**



Welcome season signs. — **Chris Farquhar**



Toys finished in mineral oil. — **Bill Harris**



Jig for cars. — **Andy Tofuri**



Show and Tell

Shaving horse. — **Mark Bolinger**



Music stand of cherry and Alaskan yellow cedar. — **Mike Hardy**



Sliding top box of cherry and mahogany, Step ladder of maple, African mahogany, cherry, and cedar. — **Chuck Meeder**



Segmentation, scroll saw crosses, and candle box. — **Dave VanDewerker**



Tractor. — **Denis Muras**



Cutting boards of walnut and maple finished in mineral oil and beeswax. — **Jack Bailie**



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday December 10th (9am—12pm)

**Bayland Community Center
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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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!