# The Sawdust Sentinel of the Sa

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Fellow sawdust-creators:

Here are some tidbits about upcoming events and activities, of which to take note:

You should have all received an email from Tom Paulley about St. Stephens' upcoming fundraiser. The Church has asked if Club members would make and donate bird houses, bat boxes, planters, trellises (trellis?) or other items suitable for garden use, to be sold to raise money for improvements to the fellowship hall, where we currently meet. In a recent email, Tom Paulley provided a simple plan for a bluebird house that can be made from a single \$4 fence picket. If you do not have that email, you can download them here: <a href="https://www.mediafire.com/view/85f7smstb11vzpc/Flyer.jpeg/file">https://www.mediafire.com/file</a> premium/vbq09qst4j3npux/Bluebirdhouse.pdf/file.

Bring your project(s) to the March Club meeting on Saturday, March 15. The Church will have a room near the kitchen to put your projects in. If you can't make it to the meeting, or complete your project by 3/15, please contact Tom.

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## Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH March 2025 Toy of the Month



Sailboat Word Puzzle

#### **WWCH Calendar**

Monthly Meeting	03/15
Hand Tool Meeting	03/06
CNC Router Meeting	03/11
Furniture Meeting	03/19
Scroll Saw Meeting	04/26

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

Second, I want to continue to remind everyone of the upcoming rollout of the Club's new website, which should occur sometime in April. I encourage everyone to make a special effort to attend the monthly Club meeting on April 12, at which time, we will introduce the new platform,

demonstrate its features, and answer any questions that you may have about how maximize your use of its capabilities. I am very excited about this project and have great hopes that it will greatly enhance all members' experiences with and involvement in Club activities and the exchange of woodworking wisdom and camaraderie. You don't want to miss this meeting!!!!

Next, I'm also excited to announce that Woodsmith's Phil Huber (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=phil+huber+woodworking">https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=phil+huber+woodworking</a>), will be our featured presenter for the June meeting. Special thanks go to Rod Griffith for arranging Phil's appearance, after a previously scheduled guest canceled on short notice.

Finally, I regret that neither I, nor VP Rod Griffith will be able to attend the March meeting, because of pre-existing personal commitments. However, Mr. Paulley has graciously agreed to preside in our absence. Thanks, again, Tom.

## **Splinter Group Information**

**CNC Router Group:** Next meeting is March 11th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; <a href="wateague@gmail.com">wateague@gmail.com</a>

**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; <a href="mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net">scrollsaw@comcast.net</a> or Denis Muras; <a href="mailto:denis\_muras@yahoo.com">denis\_muras@yahoo.com</a>.

**Furniture Group:** Next meeting is March 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; <a href="mailto:hjma-joue@gmail.com">hjma-joue@gmail.com</a> or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

**Hand Tool Group:** Next meeting is March 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; <a href="mailto:hjma-joue@gmail.com">hjma-joue@gmail.com</a> or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact 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; <a href="mailto:christopher7schwartz@gmail.com">christopher7schwartz@gmail.com</a> or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory). You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

## **2024 Toy Group**

# Congratulations to Bill Harris Toy Maker of the Year



## **Toy of the Month**

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site This Month: Sailboat Puzzle; Plans and Drawings (wwch.org).

#### **Club Announcements**

- March meeting (03/15/2025) 3rd Saturday will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- We'd like to inform you that there has been a change in the speaker for our June day-long seminar. Unfortunately, Vic Tesolin will no longer be able to present. However, we're excited to announce that Phil Huber, Executive Editor of Woodsmith Magazine, will be stepping in as our new speaker.
  - Many of you may recognize Phil from the *Woodsmith Show* on your local PBS station or from his weekly *Shop Notes* podcast on YouTube. Phil is not only a skilled woodworker but also an engaging and knowledgeable speaker, and we're thrilled to have him join us.
  - Stay tuned for more details in upcoming issues of the newsletter.
- 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: <a href="https://www.www.newsletter@gmail.com">www.chnewsletter@gmail.com</a>

#### **New Members**

We are pleased to have welcomed **6** new / returning members in February:
Chris Amedy, Ron Kirchoff, Sheila Mitchell, Kenneth Oyer,
Dennis Serig & Frances Trahan

## **Furniture & Finishing Group Project**

The Furniture and Finishing Group has started building a rocking chair with a slung tile seat (see pic 1). Each member took a project template to cut and machine their assigned parts (see pic 2). All parts are now prepared (see pic 3), and assembly is underway (see pics 4 and 5). The finished rocking chair will be the subject of our presentation at during our May meeting.











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**Andy Tofuri** 

- Tool Tote







**Fred Sandoval** 

- Reeding Box



**Randy Pickut** 

- Antique Cradle





Bill Teague
- Inlay





Gary Meyer
- Games





Carl Regone
- Bird Houses



Rick Spacek
- Mary &
Baby Jesus







Chris Farquhar
-Penguin; Made with:
Black Walnut, Pine & Oak









Mark Bolinger
-Cabinet
Made with Pear





### **Steve Wavro**

-Wine Cork Display & 1958 Chevy Belair Intarsia





#### **David VanDewerker**

- Ear Rings & Box









#### **David Janowitz**

-Router Flattening Sled,
Curly Maple Box, Paper Bark Maple Bowl,
Unknown "Cracked Bowl, Walnut Bowl,

Pepper Mills made with: Walnut, Red Bud & Unknown Wood, Bells made with: Osage Orange, Elm, Mesquite, Curly Maple & Yew

















## **Program of the Month**

Spokeshaves are an essential tool for both hand tool and power tool woodworkers. We're excited to have member, craftsman, and hand tool expert Jeff Larson join us this month to share his extensive knowledge and experience with spokeshaves. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best!

## **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:**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March 15th	Jeff Larson	Spokeshaves

October 11th

November 15th

December 13th

April 12th	New Website Team	Introduction and Tutorial of WWCH's New Website
May 10th	Furniture Splinter Group	Rocking Chair with Slung Tile Seat Reveal
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	Peter Doe	Bed Build

If you have an idea for a meeting topic or wish to share a project or skill that

No Program

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Chuck Meeder

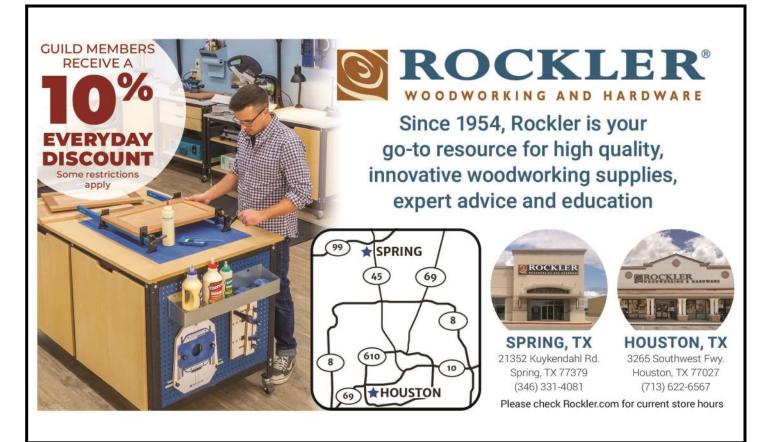
BBQ Lunch and Raffle

River Dory Build

## **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.

<del> January 11th</del>	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)



#### **WWCH General Information**

## WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Curtis Love Brian Murrah
Tom Paulley - Past President

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

## Saturday March 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. Please submit the item before April 2nd to be included in the next newsletter.

We're on the 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**



#### ONEWOOD

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2429 McClendon Street Houston, Texas 77030





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

Please see Chris Farquhar