

Woodworkers Club of Houston

Despite Harvey's best efforts, the September 9th meeting will go on as scheduled.
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WWCH Calendar

Sep 7	Furniture Splinter Group
Sep 9	Monthly Meeting
Sep 21	CNC Splinter Group
Sep 24	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Sep 28	Intarsia Splinter Group
Oct 5	Furniture Splinter Group
Oct 14	Monthly Meeting/Picnic
Oct 22	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



\$1 and \$5 Raffle at each meeting

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Charlie Bennett
Mike Rinaca
Sharon Messersmith

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are eight months into 2017 and coming up on our September meeting with lots of activities to come for the remainder of the year. This includes pre-planning for the spring of 2018. This planning is necessary in order to give the membership enough lead time to set our 2018 WWCH calendar. On Saturday, October 14th after our meeting, we will be having our yearly picnic. We will begin selling meal tickets at the September meeting and will provide additional information about this event. It also is that time of year when we begin to nominate new officers and board members for 2018. Chuck Meeder has agreed to head up our nominating committee and needs volunteers to assist him. In October and November, a committee selects the members who will receive the Woodworker of the Year award and the Golden Hammer Award. These will be presented at our December meeting.

The officers and board are in the process of a developing a tech media team that will develop a technology base outreach for our club. Our media team will explore social media tools and sites with the objective to promote our club to the general public. We are hoping that this will assist the general population in finding our website more easily on social media. We are also planning to begin videoing presentations at our meeting and posting them on our website. One of many things we have learned from Matt Cremona's presentation is that we need to do a better job of utilizing the internet and any other social media tool to promote what our club offers and can provide for the community.

I would like to thank Jimmy Phillips for his presentation on chainsaw art. He took his art/woodwork to a new level by the design and sculpted pieces he has created. I appreciated the detail and creativity that he brings to his work. I am inspired to try sculpting a piece; all you have to do is just keep cutting the stock until the finished piece appears or in my case disappears.

If you have a program that you would like to see or you would be interested in doing a program for our club, please contact Charles Volek.

I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our meeting. Work safely and be sure to wear your safety glasses.

Thanks for your support,
Mike Turner - President

Splinter Groups

August Program Wrap-up

CNC Router Splinter Group The CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Turner for the address and further information at 281-633-1807 or mktturner49@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

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Our next discussion meeting will be Oct 28, 2017 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion has not been set so stay tuned to this column in the months to come. As we will be getting close to Christmas time let's see those presents you are making. And of course Problems N Solutions are good for discussions also. Got a topic idea?

For information about this group contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group is currently on hiatus. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule later this summer.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group is now meeting the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on September 7th. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at Lmcummings@hotmail.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 the projects possible with the lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

Intarsia Splinter Group: Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 28th at Steve Wavro's shop in Baytown. If you have a pattern that you are thinking about starting, or a project that is in progress or recently finished, please bring it along with you.

For more information, contact Steve Wavro at (281) 614-9517 or steve.wavro@gmail.com.



Jim Phillips of Inshore Sculpture displayed several of his beautiful sculptures and discussed his approach to creating amazing art from damaged trees.



Odds and Ends

Attention Toymakers: There will be club purchased wheels and axles available for those making vehicles for the club's toy donation program at the regular meeting on September 9th.

Updates to Emails Addresses: The following members have updated the club on changes to their email addresses in the Directory: Larry Barron gunnervm06@gmail.com; John Gay gayrock@comcast.net

Picnic: Our annual club picnic will be held following our October monthly meeting. You can pre-pay for the event at the September monthly meeting. Please also consider donating items for the prize give-away.

2018 Officer Nominations: Its time to volunteer to be an officer or board member for 2018. Contact Chuck Meeder, the nominating committee, or a present board member to volunteer.

Craft Show Items: Please bring to the monthly meeting and give them to Norm Nichols or Bill Harris.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Norm Nichols	Scroll saw Art
Chuck Lickwar	Toys
George Graves	Anniversary Plaques
Hugh Parker	Star Jig
David Glasco	US Flag Boxes
Bob Wink	Arts & Craft Frames
Lee Knekow	Scoll Sawn Bowl
Lynn Cummings	CNC Projects
Richard Hash	Wood Mechanisms
Lon Kelley	Japanese Inspired Bowls
Paul Carr	Playground Vehicles
Peter Doe	Outdoor Tables
John Lastrapes	Soap Dishes
Brian Lenhart	Card Box
Steve Wavro	Intarsia
Loren Gideon	Oval Bowl
Rick Spacek	Nature Scene
David Glasco	Cheese Board
Mike Hardy	Table

*Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.
Playground vehicle photos by Paul Carr.*



Chuck Lickwar showed club members some simple toys of his own design that he crafted for WWCH's toy making program. Chuck challenged everyone to make at least ten toys. .



To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary **George Graves** crafted these plaques. George's daughter helped out also.



Norm Nichols showed off several small crosses affixed to maple and a hunter's plaque of ambrosia maple, a Sue Mey design, finished with polyurethane.



Hugh Parker built this custom jig for making perfect five-pointed stars.

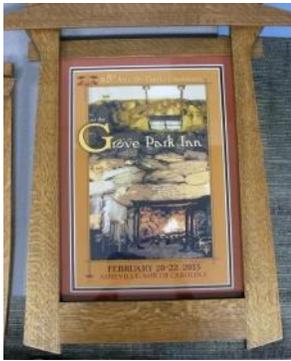
Show and Tell



With help from a CNC machine **David Glasco** crafted a US flag box for his son, who is in the Service in Afghanistan and another for a buddy of his son.



Lynn Cummings showed club members several little boxes and puzzle coasters of different woods made on his CNC machine. Answering questions about CNC, Lynn explained that his router motor is liquid cooled to handle the load better.



Bob Wink says he enjoys Arts and Crafts style furniture and it shows with his works framed in quartersawn white oak. Bob explained the process of using water soluble dye for traditional A&C furniture.



Richard Hash demonstrated three of his wooden mechanical marvels of white oak, maple and mesquite and explained how they are used in the "real" world. Check out the geometrics for the Tusi couple mechanism. .



From an old Wildwood pattern **Lee Knekow** scroll sawed this bowl of Baltic Birch and Philippine Mahogany. Lee explained how he made everything come together just right. Definitely not a soup bowl.

Show and Tell



Lon Kelley, explained how he had to tilt his bandsaw to get these bowls of walnut and maple to come out just right on the lathe. His design was inspired by the work of Japanese craftsmen,



Because it is hard and brittle, sharp tools are the key to working with ipe, says **Peter Doe** about his tiled outdoor tables. To make sliding dovetail joints Peter had to do quite a bit of “fiddling” to set up his router table to get it just right. Peter said that because of the interlocking ipe grain you have to be careful of tear-out and that ipe splinters are sharp and brittle and will penetrate deeper. See more information in Tips/Techniques on page 6.



This airplane and VW bus, constructed by **Paul Carr**, is destined for a day care playground at the Grace United Methodist Church in the Heights. Now kids can pretend to be Hippies as well as pilots.



Hoping to sell for “big” bucks at the November craft show in Missouri City, **John Lastrapes** crafted these soap holders of aromatic cedar and mahogany. John wanted a project that had a minimum amount of cuts. Maybe John should sell expensive designer soap and offer the holders for free??



Brian Lenhart crafted this walnut and curly maple card box for his wedding in January then finished it with three or four coats of ArmorSeal. Congrats Brian! Hmmm....are you talking wedding announcement RSVPs or recipe cards?

Show and Tell



From a pattern by Bruce Worthington, **Steve Wavro** crafted this intarsia elephant which he completed, coincidentally, just before a baby elephant was born at the Houston zoo. Steve used many different woods, some donated by WWCH members, and after having just received some pieces of ivory from another WWCH member, Steve will attempt to remove the tusks of aspen and replace with ivory.



Texas cheese board crafted by **David Glasco** for a friend in Germany – maybe for Dutch cheese?



Loren Gideon explained how he set up and used his router to make his oval shaped bowl of poplar.



Mike Hardy took an epoxy resin piece of art from an art market crafter and integrated it into a table that he made of cherry. It is the first of a series working with the artist. Mike finished with three coats of Waterlox and plans to sell it at an art show.

Tips/Techniques

Peter Doe submitted additional information on how he completed his outdoor tables. He shares his tips on setting the glass tiles and applying a waterproof epoxy finish. Read more on the club website <http://www.wwch.org/MonProj/YR17/Aug17Projects.htm>.

Gone But Not Forgotten

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of one of our members, **Ken Kooser**. Ken, who died July 11th, was President of our club in 2002 and 2003, served on the Board of Directors, 2001, 2004 and 2005, and was Treasurer for 2006. He will be missed by us all.



Wanting to try something different, **Rick Spacek** had to go real slow scroll sawing this two inch thick spalted pecan. Rick finished with acrylic paint and stain.



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday September 9, 2017

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Presentation by: Circle Saw on Woodworking Power Tools

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.

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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!