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New Members

Welcome to WWCH!

Michael Berrier
Richard Brooks
Paul C. Bynum
Patrick Carlson
Scott Cogburn
Larry Cormier
Mike Granger
Bill Holmes
Michael Jeffrey
Dick Lewis
Singaraju Katari
Bob Owens
Alan Schofield

Pick up your Membership Directory, and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

August Meeting

Tool Sharpening

with

Mark Bolinger

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our July special program featuring Jim Heavey was a big success. The presentations were nonstop, except for lunch and a few set-up changes. Jim is a great speaker and presenter and even included some humor and entertainment. Some topics may have been old hat to experienced woodworkers, but there is always more to learn and it was enjoyable



to see Jim's show. It was also good to see someone else's approach to doing things and his jigs. And of course for the less experienced, there was a flood of good ideas and information. All of Jim's photos and pdf files of his jigs and their construction are available on the WWCH website here:

<http://tinyurl.com/JimHeavey>.

A big **Thank You** to the Crosspoint Church and its volunteers for the use their facility; their catering; and the program support with set-up, take-down, and audio-visual equipment. Thanks especially to WWCH member David Gernand for arranging our access to such a great location and facility. Thanks also to everyone involved in putting together this program: Mike Turner for lining up Jim Heavey and coordinating everything, Steve Wavro for getting tickets and managing ticket sales, Denis Muras for running the audio/visual functions, Bob Wink for the wood, Bill Harris for use of his table saw, David Janowitz and Patti and Larry Page for their assistance, and everyone else who brought equipment and helped with set-up and clean-up. And thanks to Chuck Lickwar for turning a deer antler pen for Jim Heavey as a thank you and remembrance from WWCH. I know there were more members who helped with this program, but my lack of knowledge and poor memory does not detract from the value of your contribution. **Thank you.**

A typical number of members and a few new-members (75 total) attended the regular meeting time period, and 47 paid to attend the

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Splinter Groups

The CNC Router Splinter Group will meet at Patrick's place on Thursday, August 20, at 7:00pm. The address is 20734 Lake Circle North, Katy, TX. From I-10 West go North on Fry Road to the first left (Lake Promenader) just past W. Little York, take a left and go to Settlers Lake Circle North and take a right to the address listed. For more information contact Mike Turner 281-633-1807.

The Scroll Saw Splinter Group: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group met on July 23rd, and Rick Spacek led a discussion about spiral blades. We learned a lot and had a great time. Our next discussion will be held October 24th at Woodcraft South. Stay tuned to this site for the topic of discussion in October. Group contacts: Norm at scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis at denis_muras@yahoo.com.

The Toy Splinter Group: While the Dog Days of Summer are here, it won't be long until we will be meeting to distribute the toys that our members have made. With that in mind, we would like to have you become one of those members who have made toys. This year, we have had between 8 and 12 woodworkers at our Wednesday evening get-togethers, and we have had 5 or 6 members take the package of Toy of the Month from the meetings. We have room for more at Tim Shaunty's shop on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, and we can arrange to have more packets of Toy of the Month if needed.

It is interesting to hear members visit about why they donate their time for this project, and it always seems that they receive a real reward in giving of their skills and time. For anyone who has not been involved, please feel free to come and try it out at least one time. Aside from the satisfaction of doing something for others, we all seem to "learn" something new from one of our colleagues each time we meet. Remember, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday night at Tim Shaunty's shop, 3614 Thistle St. Houston, 77047. For directions or questions, feel free to call Andy Anderson, Toy Coordinator, 713-409-7030, or Tim at 713-503-2284. Hope to see you soon!

The 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.

President's Column

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afternoon sessions. We had tried to attract more nonmembers by advertising at the area woodworking stores, hardwood lumber yards, and the two makerspaces. Thanks to all of you who attended and supported our club. The board would appreciate feedback on this program either through discussion at the August meeting or with one of the board members by phone or email. We would like to know what you think about these types of programs: what's good, what's bad, how to make improvements, and topics and speakers so we can try to provide what club members want and will participate in.

I look forward to seeing you in August.

Chuck Meeder, President

Splinter Groups, continued

Hand Tool Splinter Group: Our August meeting will be on the 27th at 7:00 PM. See you at 7pm—9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net.

WWCH Calendar

August 8.....Monthly Meeting
August 12.....Toy Splinter Group Meeting
August 20.....CNC Router Splinter Group Meeting
August 26.....Toy Splinter Group Meeting
August 27.....Hand Tool Splinter Group Meeting
September 12.....Monthly Meeting
September 26.....Fall Shop Crawl

WWCH Collecting Toys

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Jim Heavey Event Report



I hope you were able to attend the July WWCH meeting with Jim Heavey as the presenter. Jim did an excellent job in covering tips on using the table saw and router table, making and using shop tested jigs and fixtures, cutting crown molding with a compound miter saw, embellishment, and selecting different stains and varnishes. In addition to doing the program, Jim provided photos and a pdf file full of the information he covered. With Jim's permission, Gary Rowen posted these on the WWCH webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/JimHeavey>.

I personally want to thank each one of you that contributed to making this program a success. Without that commitment from you, this would have been an impossible task. I would like to thank Crosspoint Church for allowing us to use their church facility and providing the concessions which included lunch and refreshments for our members and guests. I would also like to thank Circle Saw of Houston for their financial support and Woodcraft SW for providing a workbench for the program.

Please give us some feedback on what you thought about program.

Submitted by Mike Turner



Here is a sampling of tips that attendees learned:

Denis Muras:

- I enjoyed the section on cutting crown molding. Being an old carpenter, we used to cope the inside corners and stood the trim up on the fence. Also the older miter saw we used did not have tilting heads.
- The other nice comment was that we as woodworkers should not be self-critical of our work. Build it to the best of your ability, and the recipient will appreciate it, especially when it is personal.

Steve Wavro:

- When hand routing, go left to right; when table routing, go right to left.
- When routing, the "good side" should be face down on the table.
- Table saws need a good cleaning and alignment check every few years.
- Investing in a high quality combination table saw blade is more advisable than maintaining several lower quality specialty blades.
- Biscuits and dowels are NOT recommended for panel glue ups.
- Wait at least 2 days after glue up before staining/finishing to allow all glue moisture to be removed.

Lisa Sessions:

- Use a sacrificial piece of wood when routing to prevent tear out at the end of a cut.
- Consider how your piece will be used when selecting a finish. Shellac and lacquer can be a great finish for pieces that won't see heavy use. These types of finishes can bring out different characteristics of the wood than polyurethane and allow for easier repairs down the road.

Christmas Ornament Contest

Woodworkers of Texas has joined forces with Woodcraft of Houston and Three Brothers Bakery to create the first Wooden Christmas Ornament Contest. The purpose of this contest is three-fold:

1. To highlight local craftsmen and women by showcasing their skills and rewarding them with cash prizes,
2. To offer unique gifts to the general public by selling the entered ornaments, and
3. To support the Wooden Toy Making and Giveaway program of the Woodworkers Club of Houston by providing financial support to Woodworkers of Texas for the use of their facilities.

This project will have three categories of ornaments: Scroll Saw, Turned, and Other. The ornaments will be displayed for 2 months at Woodcraft and Three Brothers Bakery, and all customers will be able to vote on their favorite ornament each time they visit. The winning ornaments will be simply those that receive the most votes - the "PEOPLE'S CHOICE."

There will be cash prizes of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place in each category. Woodworkers can enter multiple ornaments in each and all categories. There is no entry fee except that the ornament becomes the property of Woodworkers of Texas and will be sold to support the toy making project.

At the conclusion of the display period, there will be a reception with an auction and sell of the ornaments. This event will highlight the contest and widespread participation will be encouraged.

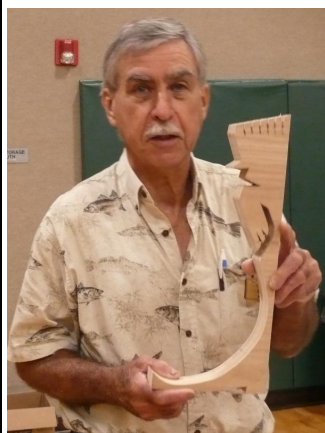
We hope that every member of WWCH will submit at least one ornament - maybe even one in multiple categories or multiples in any category - thus insuring a very positive first contest. For more information contact Tim Shaunty, 713-503-2284 or at timshaunty@gmail.com.

Tribute to Veterans Ornament Project

A couple of months ago, we issued several veteran tribute ornament patterns to the club. We asked people to make a few of these to be given out especially on Memorial Day. These ornaments are given out all year long. This activity is being coordinated by Rick Spacek.

So far this year Rick, has collected and given out 230 ornaments! That is a wonderful number. While I am sure these ornaments have made many veterans feel good, we can do more for them. It would be so nice to reach 500 by the end of the year. If people would just make three or four stacks of these ornaments, we could do it. If you need the pattern, please contact Rick Spacek at hoss7318@yahoo.com or Norm Nichols at scrollsaw@comcast.net.

Sharing Art



WWCH member Bob Wink brought some of his art projects to the July meeting to pass along to other members to enjoy.

Thanks, Bob!



WWCH Video Library

Did you know that WWCH owns an extensive woodworking DVD collection? All of our DVDs can be checked out by WWCH members. You can see the list of our DVD library on the WWCH website here: <http://wwch.org/Library/Videos.htm>. If you would like to check one out, please email the video librarian Lisa Sessions at lasessions@earthlink.net. Requested DVDs will be brought to the next WWCH meeting.

March Meeting Show and Tell **

****Editor's Note:** Due to extenuating circumstances, the March meeting show and tell was not published in the April newsletter. Since we did not have show and tell in July, here are the projects presented at the March meeting. **A big THANK YOU! to Gary Rowen for the March Show and Tell write up and photos!**

PRESENTERS

Larry Barron.....Signs, Eagle
Lynn Cummings..... Jewelry Box, Table
Peter Doe..... Knife Holder
Chuck Meeder.....Plaque, Book End
Glenn Edwards..... Cross
John Gay..... Pizza Cutter Handles, Rolling Pin
Bill Hoffmeister..... Bi-Plane Shelf
David Janowitz..... Bowls, Table
Andy Anderson.....Exercise Block
Chuck Lickwar..... Bowls
Greg Meyer..... Book Stand
Hank Merry.....Pull Toy Monkey
Norm Nichols..... Carnival Game
Fred Sandoval..... Maxon Vice
Rick Spacek..... Scroll Saw Eagles
Patrick Waters..... Student Made Drum
Bob Wink.....Lamps
Lon Kelley..... Bowls

This fascinating patterned jewelry box (unfinished) was crafted by **Lynn Cummings** for his son's girlfriend who he will someday wed. Lynn also showed an end table to the group.



This charming knife holder of tulip wood and other woods was crafted by **Peter Doe**.



Larry Barron showed some of his work. The sign is out of redwood because it will last and last. Larry advised that you should use a dust mask. Larry used India Ink for staining; however, he painted the sign as it will be exposed to the weather.



Chuck Meeder crafted this wedding plaque for his nephew who is getting married in April. He obtained the fonts from Microsoft. For his grandson, Chuck made this sliding bookend of cherry. The center strip is "mystery" wood. Chuck stated that he made another one of exotic wood and it isn't going anywhere.

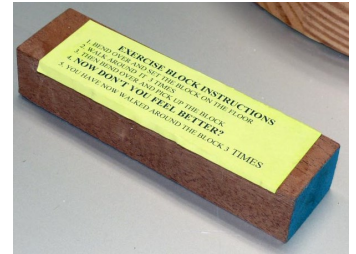


March Show and Tell, continued



Glenn Edwards crafted this cross from a Bobby Riggs scroll saw design.

This exercise block was expertly crafted by **Andy Anderson**. The instructions are simple. Bend over to place block on the floor. Walk around it three times. Bend down and pick up the block. You have now walked around the block three times.



John Gay showed Club members two walnut handled pizza cutters: one for his niece which came with an ice cream scoop, and one for his nephew which came with a bottle opener – and not just for pop bottles. John observed that when the shellac and the cloth gets hot when turning on the lathe, the wooden handles become shiny.



This bi-plane shelf of poplar is a gift made by **Bill Hoffmeister** for his youngest grandson.

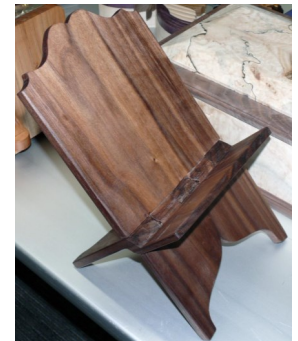
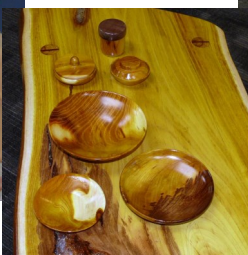
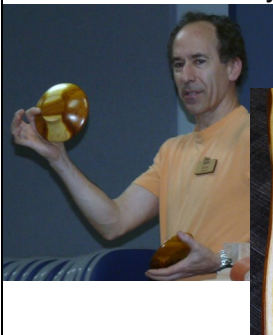
Chuck Lickwar crafted these chip bowls for upcoming weddings and made them look like they were made of redwood. Chuck made the Ohio State bowl for Gary Rowen who had commissioned Chuck for one with the Ohio State colors to be a gift for his son-in-law (who is from Ohio). However, Chuck felt that Gary didn't receive enough recognition for his work as webmaster so he gifted the Ohio State bowl to Gary. Gary expressed his gratitude as he accepted the gift.



David Janowitz was messing around on his lathe and came up with some bowls of Osage orange. One includes sapwood and, hence, double colors, and another has an area of water damage.

This bookstand of walnut by **Greg Meyer** was inspired by one crafted by Roy Underhill. Greg explained how he used his chisel to make the bookstand from one board.

This live edge table, also of Osage orange, was finished with Sherwin Williams clear marine grade polyurethane. David was unhappy with other UV protected varnishes as they imparted an amber tone.



March Show and Tell, continued

Hank Merry likes to make animated toys, so he crafted this pull-toy monkey.



A gorgeous scroll sawed eagle by **Rick Spacek** with some painted paper behind it to help it stand out. Rick used acrylic stains followed by sprayed clear acrylic. The smaller eagle is made of spalted pecan.



Norm Nichols used pine and oak plywood to construct this carnival game for Easter activities. It is called a rainbow roll (someone else will paint the game). You roll a golf ball down the corridor with the objective of rolling two balls into slots of the same color. It isn't easy, as Norm demonstrated.

Fred Sandoval grunted a little while holding up his Moxon vice made of maple. These vices are great for securing wide boards firm while hand cutting dovetails.



Bob Wink showed various styles of lamps that he crafted. The designs are inspired by Greene & Greene out of California (G&G did lots of bungalows), Frank Lloyd Wright, and a wooden version of one hanging in a tavern in England (as seen on the Antique Road Show).



Crediting Bob Wink as the source of the wood, **Patrick Waters** demonstrates a drum that was made by a student of his at the TX/RX Labs.



A downed tree in **Lon Kelley's** neighborhood was the source of wood for these bowls. Lon placed them in a plastic bag and let it sit for a year or so. Lon showed photos of what it looked like when he removed them from the bag. They were all really wet and split. Lon salvaged them by cutting each one in half to cut the crack out and then gluing it back

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March Show and Tell, continued

together with polyurethane glue. You can still see the crack, but it is better than throwing the bowls away. Lon also had to use some polyurethane glue and epoxy to fill cracks.



Hayes Carpentry Donates Material for Toys

I'm excited to share a little news with the club. While driving around, I saw a large sawdust/chip collector on a building and stopped to see what it was. I met Chris Hayes, who along with his brother James, runs Hayes Carpentry in South Houston. I explained the toy making project of the club and asked if they had cutoffs or other scraps that might be useful to our efforts. Chris was very generous and offered to keep their "shorts" for us and I will check with them every couple of weeks to pick them up. I think it is important that we as a club realize that there are many individuals and businesses that are willing to support our efforts and that we express our gratitude to them. In this case it was only a matter of asking to get the support.

While I do not want to suggest that any of us (woodworkers and members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston) might need the services of a specialty, high end mill work, if you know someone looking for such services, please remember Hayes Carpentry as you make suggestions as to where to go. If you are in South Houston, stop by and view their operation and express your appreciation for their support.

Submitted by Tim Shaunty

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NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2015

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Mark Bolinger: Tool Sharpening

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

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