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## WWCH Calendar

December 10.....	Monthly Meeting
Dec 7 .....	CNC Router Splinter Group
Dec 15.....	Furniture Group
Dec 29.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Jan14.....	Monthly Meeting

## It's Time to Renew!

**\$36 – Still the best deal in town!**

You can pay your WWCH 2017 dues at the December meeting in cash, check made out to WWCH, or credit card. Or mail your check to David Janowitz. His address is in the club membership directory or you can email him at [elstupido@att.net](mailto:elstupido@att.net).

**Reminder!** To be included in the 2017 directory, dues must be received no later than Tuesday, February 28th.

## Meeting Raffle



There will be two raffles at the December meeting, a \$5 raffle and a \$1 raffle.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WWCH has enjoyed another year of terrific programs. Members have participated in shop crawls, attended woodworking shows together, picnicked, and shared both problems and solutions. Our members have participated in several outreach programs to people who otherwise might never have touched a woodworking tool.

I see incredible generosity towards one another as woodworkers excitedly support one another. One new member got more than his money's worth at his very first meeting with all the advice he received on the project he was working on.

Members have shown off their projects, the caliber of which continues to amaze me. And folks have added to the depth of the club by forming new splinter groups. And who can forget the tiny house that showed up unexpectedly in the parking lot, giving both craftsman and owner insight into how each could benefit the other.

A special thanks to the people who donated their time, skills, supplies, and facilities to making toys. The toy making group was my entry to WWCH and what a gift it is to provide wood toys to thousands of children year after year.

I want to thank every single one of you who suggested programs, helped organize them, or participated in them. You are who make WWCH the superb club it is. The list of names is too long to include here.

I hope you'll invite at least one new person to a meeting in the upcoming year. WWCH belongs to all of us and only through members' interest and support can we continue to grow the group even more.

Roslyn Hager, President.

## December Meeting & Raffle

### Modified Portable Power Tools to Fit Your Budget

Presented by: Mike Turner

## Splinter Groups

**CNC Router Splinter Group** will meet on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place, 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 for further assistance.

**Hand Tool Splinter Group:** The December meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 29, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Please watch your email for any changes or cancellations. Email Mark for directions or details at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net).

**Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** We will start 2017 with our first quarterly meeting on January 28th. The meeting will be at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, at 9:30 AM. The discussion topic will be announced in a future edition of this newsletter.

We certainly would like to know what Santa brought you for your shop. That way we all can be jealous and envious of your new tools. If you have a discussion topic idea for the meeting, please let me know. If it remotely relates to scrolling, we can talk about it.

It is always interesting to see what you have been working on in Show N Tell. Problems N Solutions normally gets some great discussions going, so bring your questions to see how many answers we get. LOL

For more information you can contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net).

**Toy Splinter Group:** The toy group is currently on hiatus for the holiday season. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule in the spring.

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

**Furniture Splinter Group:** The furniture splinter group will meet the third Thursday of December. Meeting place to be announced. We are planning a special visit for December, so watch you emails! Starting in January, we will be moving meeting dates as we currently conflict with the CNC group.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at [Lmcummings@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net).

## Thank You Tim Shaunty!

Special thanks go out to Tim Shaunty for hosting the Toy Splinter Group for the past 5 years where countless hours, thousands of toys, and lots of camaraderie were built. We always felt like we were attending a "Moose Lodge" meeting at Tim's place when building toys – very welcoming, lots and lots of sawdust, and plenty stories (some of which were actually true!).

After 5 years, the toy group is moving on to another location yet to be determined, but will be taking with it plenty of fond memories. **Thank you Tim!**

## 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.

Thank you, from the children!

## 2017 Officer Candidates

Elections for the 2017 board of directors will be held during the December meeting. The proposed slate of candidates is:

President:	Mike Turner
Vice President:	Charles Volek
Secretary:	John Lastrapes
Treasurer:	David Janowitz
Publications:	Gary Rowen

Board Members: Bill Harris, Lynn Cummings, Joe Cook, and Roslyn Hager (Past President)

Please attend the December meeting to cast your vote!

## November Program Wrap-up

Tom Blanco gave a talk on how to use Sketchup on a to draw 3D models of your project. With considerable experience using Sketchup on his PC, Tom was able to fill in at the last minute for the scheduled speaker who had to leave due to illness. Thanks, Tom!



# The Toy Group Distributes Toys to Organizations

The Toy Group has completed another successful year of making wooden toys for various charity groups. The club has generously supported these activities for at least fifteen years. Although some of the agencies receiving the toys have changed over the years, many have remained the same. The location of our “toy shop” has also changed over the years, but the toy members have remained loyal. In addition to the devotion of the splinter group members, individual members have produced hundreds of toys in their home workshops and brought them to the club meeting for the toy group to add to the collection. The Toy Group greatly appreciates their hard work and their contribution to the success of the program.

All of the agencies have expressed their appreciation for the toys and look forward to the children’s excitement when they distribute the toys at their annual Christmas activities. We would like to thank everyone who came to our work sessions on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We could not have been nearly as successful without your time and talent.

Agencies who have received toys this year are: Houston Area Women’s Center, House of Amos, Casa de Esperanza, Blue Santa, Bear Creek United Methodist Church, Cypress Assistance Ministries, Spring Shadows Elementary, Blackshear Elementary, Gracewood Women’s Shelter, Memorial Drive Methodist Church Family Project, Spirit Key, Jewish Foundation, Falk Foundation, Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston and Houston, Fort Bend Women’s Shelter, and LINK.

The Toy Group would like to express our appreciation to the Board of Directors and the general membership for their support in our efforts to provide toys to the many needy children of the Houston & Galveston area.

Andy Anderson, Toy Coordinator



Toys boxed up and ready for delivery!



Toy splinter group members meet to box up toys for distribution



Norm Nichols & Bill Harris present toys to Judi Chavez and Katherine Jeschke at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston.



Pam and Lon Kelley always enjoy delivering toys to various groups every fall. This picture is from the Cypress Assistance Ministries, and they are always very enthusiastic about receiving them. Sometimes the leaders will come and play with the toys themselves. Lon noted that he did not know who made the plywood racers in the picture, but they are very popular.

# Odds and Ends from the Scrap Pile

◆ **Please check your contact information**

When you sign in at the monthly meeting, please check your contact information. Notify Patti Page, David Janowitz, or Gary Rowen for any changes or corrections.

◆ **Notice all shop crawlers!**

Attention all Woodworker's living in Clear Lake, Friendswood, and surrounding areas: YOU are on notice for the spring shop crawl scheduled for May 13th. Details to follow. Have a good holiday, and I hope Santa brings you a new broom for all that cleaning.

◆ **Don't forget your member discounts!**

Both Rockler and Woodcraft offer a 10% discount on many store items to members. The discounts are available daily at the Rockler store and on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Woodcraft. You must present your membership card to obtain the discount. Rockler also presents the club with a \$20 gift card whenever a certain number of membership cards are presented at the store.

## Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen. For high resolution pictures, visit [www.wvch.org](http://www.wvch.org).

### PRESENTERS

<b>John Gay</b> .....	Ray Gun
<b>Denis Muras</b> .....	Train Car
<b>Larry Werner</b> .....	Turned Bowl
<b>John Lastrapes</b> .....	Cutting Boards
<b>Ridg Gilmer</b> .....	Drill Press Table & Writing Desk
<b>Steve Wavro</b> .....	Plaque
<b>Lynn Cummings</b> .....	Crib
<b>Rick Spacek</b> .....	Art Pieces
<b>Henry Majoue</b> .....	End Table
<b>Chris Farquhar</b> .....	Deer Clocks
<b>Peter Doe</b> .....	Patio Table
<b>Chuck Lickwar</b> .....	Toys for Toy Group
<b>Chuck Graham</b> .....	Porch Swing
<b>David Janowitz</b> .....	Tables
<b>George Alderete</b> .....	Bed
<b>Lon Kelley</b> .....	Stands



Continuing his train set for a grandson, **Denis Muras** showed club members his latest addition finished in beeswax and mineral oil. The finish makes a paste that can be wiped on and the excess wiped off.



**Larry Wener** turned "something round" from a very soft and light wood that may be hackberry. Larry finished with three coats of polyurethane.



Touted as a future home protection device by **John Gay**, his "ray" gun has an adjustable sight, is loaded with M&Ms, and is ready to face any kind of candy thief. The barrel is bubinga, the body is mahogany and the sight is maple.



**John Lastrapes** crafted some simple cutting boards from left over red oak, maple, and mesquite. John did not finish them, and they have been hanging on the wall for about a year now.

## Show and Tell



This drill press table built by **Ridg Gilmer** has extra trays for small parts. Ridg also showed Club members his replica of a Jeffersonian writing desk from 8/4 Cypress resawn on a bandsaw. He used boiled linseed oil and paint thinner plus two coats of plain wax.



From a pattern off of a shirt, **Rick Spacek** wood burned these wolf images then finished with spray gloss. Rick explained how he crafted the train and how he used pebbles to make the mountain look more realistic.



Having graduated proudly from Texas A & M, **Steve Wavro's** niece asked him to craft a plaque to hang in her elementary school classroom. Steve used a software program called Inkscape (with umpteen YouTube tutorials) to generate the pattern for the lettering. Steve was able to find 1/4 inch Masonite from McCoy's for the backing.



Utilizing excess wood from his shop, **Henry Majoue** crafted this end table of cherry and mahogany to go with his lounge chair. The handle is also made of mahogany to match the strip of mahogany that girds the table. Henry finished with wipe on polyurethane.



**Lynn Cummings** crafted a baby crib from walnut and curly maple for a new born granddaughter then finished with a mixture of beeswax and mineral oil. The original plans allowed for converting the crib to an adult bed, but Lynn did not choose that option. Why should he? He just built an heirloom baby crib.



The most challenging aspects of these hanging deer plaques for **Chris Farquhar** was getting the hooks located just right so the pieces would hang properly. Chris crafted these deer plaques for a co-worker who also provided the picture from which Chris worked. Another challenge was not to break the antlers.

## Show and Tell



**Peter Doe** explained how he made this patio table as weather proof as possible with a seal coat of epoxy and a few coats of spar varnish. The wood is ipe which is very hard but durable and weather resistant. The base under the tile is marine grade plywood. Peter used a nibbler to round of the edges of the tiles for the curved portions of the pattern.



A chainsaw and an angle grinder helped **David Janowitz** get the bark off the pecan trunk and shape it to make a table. Note that the middle is hollow and unfinished. The table is made of walnut, and although it wasn't intended to be a bench, David made it so it could be one. David got a lot of practice with mortise and tenon joinery. He finished both projects with oil and wax.



**Chuck Lickwar** was unable to attend today's meeting, so Andy Anderson showed club members samples of toys that Chuck crafted for the Club's toy program. Great job, Chuck! Thanks. Hmm...is Chuck dressing up to be Santa?



From a picture taken from the Internet, **George Alderete** crafted this walnut bed for his recently married daughter. The paneling are pieces of 1/4 inch plywood. George's joinery consists of Dominos and mortise/tenons. Dominos are double tenons used in mortises created by Festool's Domino mortise cutter machine.



Working from a request from his Sister-in-Law, **Chuck Graham** built this porch swing from treated pine 5/4 decking material from Lowe's. No finish.



One of **Lon Kelley's** preachers likes to place books on a stool for quick reference during a sermon, but Lon felt he should have something better. So Lon crafted two stands of cherry with splayed legs. Lon explained how he put it all together then finished up with two coats of polyurethane.

## Thank You!

I have truly enjoyed editing the newsletter for the past couple of years. It's fun to see the show & tell up close and be "in the know" on club happenings. Thank you to all who have submitted articles and announcements over the years. And a huge thank you to Gary Rowen for providing show & tell pictures & captions. Ron Kirchoff now takes the reins of newsletter editor. Welcome, Ron! Lisa Sessions



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### NEXT MEETING

**December 10, 2016**

9:00AM TO 11:30AM  
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

**Mike Turner: Modified Portable Power Tools to Fit Your Budget**

*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](mailto: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!