

# Woodworkers Club *of Houston*

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## New Members

### Welcome to WWCH!

**Bri Land  
Brandon Rathke  
Bill Johnston  
Dan Weber  
Nathalee Jones  
John Hunka**

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

Happy to have you with us!

## Video Library

The Video Library is active again, and an updated list of DVDs has been posted to the WWCH website at this link:

<http://wwch.org/Library/Videos.htm>.

We have an extensive library of great DVDs! If you would like to check one out, please email the video librarian Lisa Sessions at [lasessions@earthlink.net](mailto:lasessions@earthlink.net). Requested DVDs will be brought to the next WWCH meeting.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There was good attendance at last month's meeting even though it was at a different location. We regret the inconvenience of navigating to the new location, and that some regular members may not have been able to travel easily to the downtown area. But the TXRX Labs is an interesting facility that offers opportunities for woodworkers and other crafts people who don't have access to tools and shops at home or elsewhere. Meeting there also introduced WWCH to some nonmembers who happened to be doing their crafts at TXRX that morning.

There are many new, beginning, and intermediate woodworkers, as well as very experienced ones that use the TXRX Labs facilities. Hopefully we can find some synergies between our club and the Labs. Surely there are many woodworkers using TXRX Labs that can enjoy and benefit from the wealth of experience and knowledge of many club members, and WWCH and its members can always benefit from new members with new ideas and a thirst for learning and sharing. As an aside, we also found some excellent Mexican food at El Tiempo Cantina in the neighborhood on Navigation Street.

The Bayou City Art Festival in Memorial Park is coming up soon, March 27-29. There are a wide variety of arts and crafts displayed there, including some outstanding woodworking like cabinets and display cases by William Lemke of Thomas William Furniture, segmented turnings by Heiko Weiner who presented at our July 2014 meeting, and some box makers, turners, and others. If you have an afternoon available, it's worth the time to see the artistic and quality woodworking. And if you are really impressed by someone's work, see if they would be interested in making a presentation to our club.

This month's meeting is back at the usual place, Bayland Community Center. I look forward to seeing you there and one of your recent projects in Show and Tell.

Chuck Meeder, President

## Splinter Groups

**The CNC Router Group** will meet on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place at 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, 77449. We will continue with the CNC router. For more information, contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807.

**The Scroll Saw Splinter Group:** The next quarterly meeting of the scroll saw splinter group will take place on April 25th at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, at 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion will be finishing. There are several different methods of finishing used by our members, and it will be interesting and informative to learn about the different techniques used by everyone. As we are always trying to find ways to do our craft better, it will be good to learn more about how to put the final touches on our work. Bring your work for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions. Group contacts: Norm at [scrollsaw@comcast.net](mailto:scrollsaw@comcast.net) or Denis at [denis\\_muras@yahoo.com](mailto:denis_muras@yahoo.com).

**The Toy Splinter Group** The Toy Making Splinter Group will begin the 2015 season on Wednesday, March 11 at Tim Shaunty's shop - 3614 Thistle St. Houston 77047. Our "official" time is from 7 - 9pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Tim is usually there earlier if you want to avoid any traffic. We can use individuals with any (or no ) woodworking skills since we have to trace patterns, cut them out, sand and route edges, attach wheels and axles, and wax the finished product. This is an opportunity for fellowship (we encourage anyone to bring show and tell), refreshments, and good deeds.

During 2014 the splinter group had over 4,700 toys that they distributed. Not all of these were made at the Wednesday meetings - many of our club members made toys at their home shops and brought them for distribution. We would encourage anyone to get involved and help with this project. It is also a good time to learn or refine some woodworking skills. Coming to one of the evenings is not making a commitment - you can come as often as your schedule and desires allow or simply come every once in a while to see what is going on. For more information or direction to the meetings contact our Toy Coordinator Andy Anderson - 713-409-7030 or Tim Shaunty 713-503-2284.

## Splinter Groups, continued

**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](mailto:bill_lindsey@comcast.net).

**Hand Tool Splinter Group:** Our March meeting will be on the 26th at 7:00 PM. See you at 7pm—9pm at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email Mark at [marksmithb@windstream.net](mailto:marksmithb@windstream.net) for directions or details.

## WWCH Calendar

Mar 14 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Apr 11 ..... Monthly Meeting  
April 25..... WWCH at Gathering of the Guilds  
April 25..... WWCH at Lie-Neilsen Hand Tool Event  
May 9 ..... Monthly Meeting  
May 9 ..... Spring Shop Crawl

## WWCH Collecting Stuffed Animals

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 kids

## Upcoming Programs

### March Program: Intarsia Woodworking with Steve Wavro

Steve Wavro will present information about Intarsia woodworking.

### April Program: Violin Construction with Fred Sandoval

Fred Sandoval will present his woodworking skills and the tools he uses in violin construction.

### May Program: Bandsaw Boxes with Lon Kelley

Lon Kelley will present information about band saw box construction and how he designs and contrasts wood with different patterns and shapes.

## WWCH at the Gathering of the Guilds

The wind is blowing and soon a gathering will be taking place. This is The Gathering of the Guilds. Our fine club has been part of this gathering for a few years, and it is a wonderful way to meet and invite folks to our club. So we need to have some people helping for just a few hours during the event. We also need some projects that will showcase the wide range of talent that we have. If you cannot make it there, then at the April meeting please bring a project or two so your work can be shown.

Last year, Steve could not be there but he did let us show his first attempt at Intarsia and a more recent work. That was a wonderful learning tool which showed how skills are developed. Should the club want to do some demonstrations, then that will be outside under a tent.

I will be able to give you more details at the April meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet there, and we will take very special care of the project that you would like to share.

By the way, this event is fun. There are several skills that will be demonstrated during the day. Clubs from clay to basket weaving to doll making to iron works and everything in between will be there. It is great to see the wide range of interest.

HCCC sent us the following information about this special gathering: We invite your organization to participate in 'The Museum Experience: Zone 2' (formerly known as Gathering of the Guilds) on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. The Museum District has structured the previous Museum District Day into quarterly zoned events. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is in Zone 2, meaning HCCC is a featured museum on April 25th. For more information on The Museum Experience visit <http://www.thehoustonmuseumexperience.com/>.

## Lie-Nielsen Coming to Houston

Lie-Nielsen will hold a Hand Tool Event in Houston on April 24-25. WWCH plans to have club representation at the event. Details will follow at the March meeting and April newsletter.

Kellogg Furniture Design, 2303-B Dunlavy Street, Houston, TX 77006

Friday, April 24th: 10am-6pm

Saturday, April 25th: 10am-5pm

## Toy of the Month

The toy for the February meeting was a bandsaw box shaped like a fish. Every month, a new toy pattern will be available. You can pick up the pattern by committing to make 13 toys—12 for the toy group and one for yourself. The toys will be due in the fall. The club will provide small parts like wheels for the toys if they are needed.



## In Memoriam

We are saddened to report that former WWCH member Gerald Rice of Baytown passed away February 3. His obituary can be found at

<http://www.navarrefuneralhome.com/obituary/Gerald-Lawrence-Rice/Baytown-TX/1478826>

## WWCH Needs You!

WWCH needs you! The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

### Publications Director

If you would like more information or to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Chuck Meeder at [cmeeder69@gmail.com](mailto:cmeeder69@gmail.com).

## Woodcraft Club Discount Changes

Beginning March 1st, Woodcraft implemented changes to their club member discount program. The 10% discount for qualifying items will now only be offered on the 3rd weekend of every month (Saturday and Sunday). You must show your current WWCH membership card during checkout to receive this discount.

## February Meeting Recap

Last month, the club met at TX/RX Labs for a combined field trip and general meeting. TX/RX is a non-profit "Hackerspace" which provides classes, tool access, and 30,000 square feet of workspace for the community to learn and make together.



The tour was very interesting! The facility has fully equipped shops for woodworking, metal working, welding, and bicycle maintenance and repair. TX/RX Labs also has a rapid fabrication lab with 3D printers and a laser cutter, an electronics lab, computer lab, and a very large CNC router in the woodworking shop. Recently, they have opened a photography studio area and an arts and crafts studio.

Members of TX/RX have access to the different equipment after taking a class or being checked out on the piece of equipment. There are different levels of membership that provide different levels of access. For more information, check out their website at [www.txrxlabs.org](http://www.txrxlabs.org).



## Show and Tell

### PRESENTERS

**Ron Kuenning** ..... Magazine Holder & Barber Sign  
**Tim Shaunty** ..... Turned Toy  
**David Janowitz** ..... Table, Bowls, and Mallet  
**Dave VanDewerker** ..... Coasters  
**Steve Wavro** ..... Little Girl with Flower  
**Charles Volek** ..... Cross, Napkin Holder  
**Bob Wink** ..... Wood Art  
**Eddie Morales** ..... Kid's Table & Chairs

**Tim Shaunty** showed the cars he made by turning a 2x4. Each turning makes two cars. The project was very quick and took about 5 minutes of turning and a little sanding.



**Dave VanDewerker** presented his coasters. The coasters are made of scraps of pine, mahogany, cherry, and white oak in the center with a border of poplar. Dave cut the strips on a band saw and then glued them up as one big square using Tightbond 3. The scraps in the center are cut in a 2 to 1 ratio.

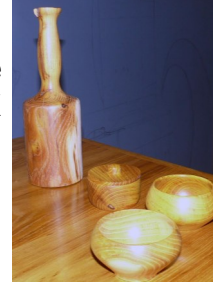


## More Show and Tell!

**Ron Kuenning** showed a magazine holder and a barber sign he had made. The magazine holder is made with Wink wood. The barber sign is made from oak and mahogany, and the stripes on the barber pole are inlaid polymer clay. The pattern for the sign is from Steve Good.



**David Janowitz** presented several pieces that he's made from Osage orange wood which has a natural yellow color. The pieces included two small turned bowls, a turned mallet, a round box with a lid, and a table. David noted that Osage orange wood is the hardest wood in North America. He constructed the pieces at TX/RX Labs.



**Steve Wavro** presented his Intarsia piece, "Little Girl with Flower." The work is based on a Gail Roberts pattern and has 69 pieces. Steve used a wood bumer for details on the girl's hat and shoes.



**Bob Wink** shared several of his wood art pieces: Button Babe, a bird with pieces of carved driftwood, and skeleton man that showcased



his version of Intarsia. He explained that he got help from Steve Wavro to ensure that all of the pieces fit tightly together!



**Charles Volek** showed his filigreed cross and napkin holder. The cross is from a Kathy Wise pattern and is made of cherry and finished with polyurethane. Charles noted that it was challenging to cut out! The napkin holder is made from virola wood and finished with honey pecan stain and polyurethane.



Bob also presented his piece "Smart Attack" to Mike Turner to show Mike's method of reminding his students to use their heads!



**Dave Morales** showed the kid's table and chairs he made. He used a free downloadable pattern from Jacks Furniture Plans website.





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### NEXT MEETING

**March 14, 2015**

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

**Steve Wavro: Intarsia**

*Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!*

**Newsletter Publication:** Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Lisa Sessions, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at [lasessions@earthlink.net](mailto:lasessions@earthlink.net).

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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!*