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WWCH Calendar

Nov 12.....	Monthly Meeting
Nov 14.....	Toy Splinter Group
Nov 17.....	CNC Router Splinter Group
Nov 17.....	Furniture Group
Nov 27.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
December 10.....	Monthly Meeting

November Meeting

Modified Portable Power Tools to Fit Your Budget

Presented by: Mike Turner

Meeting Raffle



We will hold a dollar raffle for one larger item at the November meeting. Remember that ticket sales benefit WWCH!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To any of you who weren't able to attend, you missed a great picnic. The weather was perfect, there were loads of good food and raffle items, and tables full of friendly people to swap stories with.

Lots of people helped but an especially big thanks to Denis Muras, Mike Turner, Andy Anderson, Bill Harris, and Patti and Larry Page for all your hard work and contributions. Thank you to everyone who brought dessert, always my favorite part of any meal.

The Rockler vouchers on the raffle table were thanks to members who shop there and show their current club membership card.

It's the club members and families who attend who make it special. I got to talk with a few of the members and spouses but not nearly as many as I would have liked. My husband doesn't always stay much longer than to eat lunch, but I noticed he was there visiting much longer than usual.

We happened to have a fourteen year old with us that weekend. He's a guitar player and I introduced him to Fred Sandoval. I'd love it if his musical side develops enough that one day he'll commission a guitar from Fred.

During the morning meeting, club members voted on and passed changes to our Bylaws. I can't thank David Janowitz enough for all the research and work he devoted to this effort.

Don't forget, if there are there any programs you'd like to see presented at a future meeting, please share your ideas with someone the Board, in particular if you have any contact information. It would be great, too, if you're interested in taking a lead or offering to present. There are plenty of opportunities for members to get involved with or without being on the Board. If you think it would be an interesting program, I bet others will too.

And if I don't see you at the November meeting, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Roslyn Hager, President.

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group will meet on Thursday, November 17, 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: Per group member requests, the meetings will be moved to Sunday evenings until further notice. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 27, from 7:00 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.

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.

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group will have its final meeting of the year at Tim Shauty's shop on Monday, November 14th, at 1:00 PM. We will box up toys for distribution at this meeting. Andy would like a headcount of those who will attend this meeting, so please talk to him at the general club meeting on Saturday or give him a call if you plan to attend.

If you have made toys for this year, please bring them to our club meeting in November.

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

Furniture Splinter Group: meets on the third Thursday of the month at Lynn Cummings house. The November meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 7:00 pm. Our current project is building a chest. Each member has selected their own design and will be building them over the next several months. All are welcome!

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.

Thank You Picnic Donors!

A great big "Thank You!" goes out the following companies who donated raffle items for the picnic!

- Darex** - WorkSharp WS300
- Kreg Tools** - Kreg MircoJigs
- Rockler** - Compressed Air Systems & Gift Cards
- Lee Valley Tools** - Gift Certificates
- Franklin International** - Glue!
- Woodcraft** - Bosch Random Orbit Sander

Thanks also to **Larry and Patti Page** for donating raffle items and the drinks. And last but not least, thank you to **all of the members** who donated raffle items and brought desserts. Your contributions helped to make the picnic a very enjoyable event!

It's Time to Renew!

\$36 – Still the best deal in town!

You can pay your WWCH 2017 dues at the November 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.

Member Featured in American Woodturner

WWCH member Rebecca DeGroot is featured in the current issue of American Woodturner magazine. Check out Rebecca's website to view more pictures of her beautiful and unique pieces and learn more about her: <http://rebeccadegroot.com/index.html>.



Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen

PRESENTERS

- Steve Wavro** Wine Display
- Charles Volek** Toys & Intarsia Frog
- Chuck Meeder** Plaque, Bank, & Ring Holder
- David Garcia** Toy Helicopter
- Bill Harris** Toy Dice
- David Janowitz** Cutting Boards & Bowl
- Norm Nichols** Spider Box
- John Lastrapes** End Table
- Fusheng Wang** Attic Access Hatch Cover



Chuck Meeder took some cottonwood and carved out a phrase from the Lord's Prayer

which will be a gift for his daughter. Chuck finished it with Danish oil and liquid wax.

Needing a convenient place to temporarily store rings worn by his wife while washing dishes, Chuck crafted a little rack upon which to set the rings to keep them out of the sink drains.

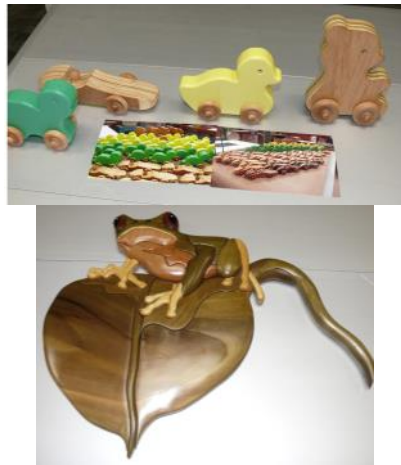
Chuck also hand carved a coin bank box that features a 1950s vintage US Post Office box door with a combination that actually works. Maybe it could be used as a bird house?



Making good use of wine and champagne bottle corks of specific sizes, **Steve Wavro** fashioned this cork and intarsia wine display of various woods. Steve fashioned the grapes larger than called out in the original design so they would be easier to make. The corks are nestled in a walnut frame. Now let's talk about the wine.



From a design borrowed from a fellow WWCH member, Chuck Lickwar, **David Garcia** created this helicopter intended for bigger kids.



Encouraging members to make toys for children, **Charles Volek** stated that he has already made 90 toys for the WWCH toy program and showed examples made of plywood. The frog on a leaf was crafted from pieces of poplar and other woods then finished with Waterlox.



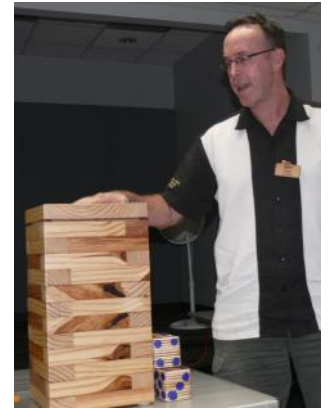
Using plywood affectionately known as "Wink" wood, **Bill Harris** made three inch dice cubes for outdoor play. The pips are hand-painted on. Seven or eleven?

Show and Tell



Zigzag patterns and oddball shapes comprise **David Janowitz's** collection of cutting boards crafted mostly

from Osage orange (one from unknown wood). David explained how he laid out the wood to get the patterns to align just right. David finished the walnut bowl with Safecoat Naturals Oil Wax Finish.



After cruising the Internet, **John Lastrapes** found some interesting examples of architecture patterns at the University of Houston and made an end table inspired by what he saw. The 2x4s were cut to size, glued together, and then finished with polyacrylic to minimize yellowing.



This was no cute itty bitsy spider as it popped out of the box. The challenge for **Norm Nichols** was getting the coat hanger wire at the right curvature and length for his scare box to work right. Norm finished the box with beeswax, something the spider can nibble on.



Fusheng Wang didn't want to pay the price that a contractor wanted for a tent to cover the attic access ladder, so he made his own insulated tent. Less heat will radiate into the house thus helping Fusheng "keep his cool."

WWCH Picnic

As always the WWCH picnic was a fun event! Attendees all enjoyed delicious BBQ and desserts, great raffle prizes, and the fun company of fellow woodworkers and their families. It was a beautiful day with perfect picnic weather, not too hot but nice and sunny. Well over 100 raffle prizes were awarded during the picnic, including the larger items shown in the pictures on page 5.

The picnic is held every year after the October meeting, so mark your calendars now for next year: October 14, 2017.

Submitted by Lisa Sessions. Pictures by Gary Rowen.



WWCH Picnic



Gary Wallace shows off the Rockler compressed air piping system he won.



Don Pott won a Work Sharp 3000 with a wide blade attachment.



Larry & Patti Page can now rock out in their shop with the Bosch jobsite radio they won.



Denis Muras & Patti Page selling raffle tickets.



Here are just a few of the other raffle winners. Congratulations to all prize winners!



Visit the Houston locations at:

60 FM 1960

Houston, TX 77090

281-880-0045

&

11707 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S.

Houston, TX 77031

281-988-9449

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NEXT MEETING

November 12, 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!

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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!