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New Members

Welcome to WWCH!

Herman Flanagan
Larry Burgess

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

Happy to have you with us!

Proposed Bylaw Changes

The board is in the process of applying for recognition as a non-profit charitable and educational organization with the IRS. There are many benefits to the club and club members of being a federally recognized non-profit organization. Part of the application process involves revising our bylaws so that they meet the IRS requirements for this type of organization.

The revisions can be found here: [Proposed Bylaw Changes](#), with deletions in blue and crossed out and additions in red. The Board asks that you read the attached bylaws with changes in advance so that you can be prepared to vote on these at the October 8 meeting.

Thank you,
The WWCH Board

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you have a favorite tool? I'm not referring to one that serves you well, that holds a good edge or always results in a good cut. I'm talking about a tool to which you have an emotional attachment.

We had a store room connected to the side of the house. My dad kept old jars filled with various hardware. He then secured the jars by nailing their screw lids to the underside of a shelf. He was always very orderly, and I'd never seen that before. I probably supposed he was the first person who'd ever done that and thought it was very smart.

But what impressed me the most were three tools – a Yankee screwdriver, a hand brace drill, and a small ball peen hammer whose brass handle screwed open to reveal several smaller screwdrivers nested inside one another.

I'm one of three girls and the only one who ever requested a tool box as a gift after I moved away from home. I think we were all fascinated with the nesting screwdrivers, one so small it almost seemed to be a toy. In fact, my older sister recently admitted she managed to end up with it. And the Yankee screwdriver seemed very clever, although sadly I don't know what became of it. Although I have no memory of my dad ever using the hand brace drill, I have one that hangs proudly next to my other tools. I don't know if the grips are actually rosewood or not, and the metal is pretty dirty. While I love power tools, there's a certain beauty in a hand tool that has an extra boost to it. Besides, it reminds me of my dad. So as of October I'm reinstating the favorite tool segment of our meetings.

And I'm hoping to see a record number of you at October's picnic after our abbreviated meeting. Great food, terrific company, and a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.

Roslyn Hager, President

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group will meet on Thursday, October 13, 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, October 23, 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: Our next quarterly meeting will be on October 22 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, at 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion will be how to use the computer to improve our patterns and maybe even develop a pattern or two. Several of our members will be talking about how they use various software programs to work their patterns.

This will be a very informative session, so come and learn how you can better use your computer. Even if you are not a member of this group and use these types of software, we would love to have you there to share your knowledge.

Bring your items for Show N Tell so we can see what you are making for Christmas presents this year! Have those questions ready for Problems N Solutions.

For more information you can contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or scrollsaw@comcast.net. See you on the 22nd!

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group will meet Wednesday, October 12, from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 26m from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Tim Shaunty's shop. Please come and help make toys for children to be given away in November for Christmas activities. Refreshment will be served.

Members who have Yahoo game board blanks need to complete the games and bring them to the October meeting so they can be distributed with the other toys in November.

At present the toy group has about 2500 toys for distribution 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 October meeting is tentatively scheduled for

October 20 at 7:00 pm. Please watch your email for meeting date and time confirmation. All are welcome, the shop is air conditioned!!

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.

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!

Help Needed!

The end of the year is almost upon us; can you believe it? The close of the year means it's time for a new board to be elected. Each year, the nominating committee looks for candidates to fill board, committee, and club service provider positions.

One opening is the Newsletter Editor position. This is a fun position to fill, as you are the first to know what is going on in the club! WWCH will provide the publishing software, and the current newsletter editor, Lisa Sessions, will provide training and support to ensure a smooth transition.

Don't sit by in the wings. WWCH needs you! After all, a volunteer organization thrives only with active membership input and support.

For more information or to volunteer for a position, contact Roslyn Hager at rghager@texaschildrens.org or Chuck Meeder at cmeeder69@gmail.com. If you have questions about the newsletter editor position, contact Lisa at lasessions@earthlink.net.

WWCH Annual Picnic



Members, Guests, and Families are invited to attend

11:00 am – 2:30 pm October 8 at the Picnic pavilion at Bayland Community Center

BBQ lunch served from 11:30 – 12:30

The general meeting will begin at 9:00 am as usual, but will be abbreviated with no guest speaker. There will be a show'n tell, so bring plenty of projects to show our guests and families. To cover the cost of the BBQ food, utensils, and service, there is a fee of

Members and Guests	\$12
Children under 12	\$6
Children under 2	free

There will also be the usual raffles and some special raffles for woodworking tools, books, jigs, gift cards, and other great items beginning about 1:00 pm. (See page 2 for some of the big raffle items.) Traditionally, club members bring desserts to share on a completely voluntary basis. If you are so inclined, please bring some of that special dessert you make. There will also be games for kids, so feel free to bring your children or grandchildren to join in the fun. You might want to bring your favorite lawn chairs as the only seating at the pavilion is the picnic table benches.

If you haven't purchased your picnic tickets, please contact David Janowitz, Treasurer, ASAP to purchase your tickets at 832-641-6769 or elstupido@att.net.

Show and Tell

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

PRESENTERS

Lynn Cummings	Cutting Board
Tom Blanco	End Table & Dresser
Norm Nichols	Scroll Saw Art Piece & Cross
Steve Wavro	Intarsia Art Piece & Door Plaque
John Gay	Tool Box & Bowl
Chuck Meeder	Bench
Rick Spacek	Crosses & Antler
Ron Matherly	Dining Room Chair
Charles Volek	Intarsia Horse & Owls
Mark Womack	Cutting Board



A table with a top of white oak and legs of cherry was crafted by **Tom Blanco**. Tom explained that the top started out at $\frac{3}{4}$ inches but wound up thinner. Tom finished the legs

with gel stain and lacquer. He used lacquer to fill the small voids around the knots. The coloring of the legs was designed to contrast with the lighter top. Tom credited Lynn Cummings for the design.

Tom also presented a dresser with a solid cherry top and drawer fronts. The side panels are cherry veneer. The challenge Tom found was matching the finish color to existing furniture. Joinery is dovetail plus mortise and tenon.



A cutting board made of end grain wood with maple sides was shown by **Lynn Cummings**. He finished it with mineral oil.

Show and Tell



The Barnegat Bay Light House in New Jersey is featured on **Steve Wavro's** recent intarsia artwork for the parents of his Brother-in-Law who live near the lighthouse. Working from a photograph, Steve designed his own pattern and added a few nice touches such as Jersey Mike's Subs being advertised from a low flying airplane. (He also likes those subs.) Steve used brads to create the light house top fencing. The piece was finished in polycrylic because it doesn't yellow.



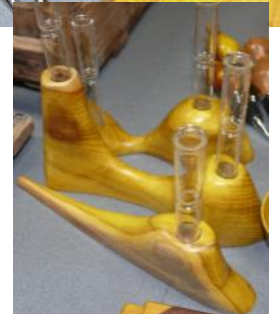
Lon Kelley used lacewood to craft these jewelry boxes for his grandniece twins. The top are padauk. Lon talked about how he crafted the lettering and the tops for a nice fit. Lon elicited discussion of leopardwood and lacewood, two similar looking woods from South America.



Daddy's Hands is what **Rick Spacek** called his latest scroll saw art. Rick used black and blue paper for backing and thinned acrylic blue paint for the blue jeans. He finished with spray-on clear polycrylic.



Definitely not cheesy work but intended as tools for cheese and a gift for in-laws in where else but Wisconsin, the Cheese State. **John Gay** used walnut dowels to craft the handles for the cheese tools from Rockler.



Denis Muras did not sing "Hound Dog" nor talk about the "gorilla his dreams" but he did craft and demonstrated a couple of pull toys using walnut for the hardness and maple for the action parts. Denis used polyurethane that was polished with a microfiber cloth. The pattern is a David Wakefield from his book.

David Janowitz showed club members an assortment of items crafted from Osage orange that came from trees in Old Waverly, Texas. Walnut provided the dark contrasting wood. David used mineral oil to finish the cutting boards.

Show and Tell



Two works in progress is what **Glen Edwards** called his Dove and The Lord's Prayer. The base for the Lord's Prayer is western cedar with poplar lettering. The Dove is half inch walnut. Both patterns came from old Scroll Saw issues from seven or eight years back.

Once again, **Bob Wink** showed club members his whimsical craftwork depicting Bob's alter ego relatives, the "Woods." Bob used an ammunition box from WWII and drawers from a 1950 dresser for the frame work.

WWCH Calendar

October 8.....	Monthly Meeting & Picnic
Oct 12.....	Toy Group Day Meeting
Oct 13.....	CNC Router Splinter Group
Oct 20.....	Furniture Group (Tentative)
Oct 23.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Oct 26.....	Toy Group Evening Meeting
November 12.....	Monthly Meeting

Meeting Wrap-Up



WWCH's own Fred Sandoval talked to club members about how he constructed his own Roubo work bench (the bench is named after the French woodworker, [Andre Roubo](#), who developed a style of workbench in the late 1700s). Fred's workbench must weigh a ton and this one is the "baby" one – he has a bigger one at his home shop.

Fred started out by hand selecting warp and twist free 2x6s at the local big box home improvement store then jointing and planing them for consistency. Using Titebond glue, Fred explained his technique for gluing the planks pieces at a time to create the bench top. Fred handmade wooden screws for the vises: tail, shoulder, wagon, and leg. To avoid marring work pieces, Fred glued pads of leather to the vise faces with Gorilla Glue.

Fred explained his techniques for constructing and assembling the legs to the table top, the wooden vise screws and why he prefers them over metal ones.

Fred leveled off the top with a big jointer plane followed by a sanding block. For finishing, Fred used two coats of linseed oil that was set aside for a week. Then another coat and a week to dry. Fred did not want a smooth finish but preferred a rough texture. The rest of the bench is polyurethane.

For more information about building a Roubo style workbench about making wooden vises and screws, Fred recommended tutorials posted on [You Tube by Curt Carter](#).

Submitted by Gary Rowen



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NEXT MEETING

October 8, 2016

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Picnic!

(See page 3 for details)

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.

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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!