The Sawdust Sentinel

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday September 13th Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	09/13
Hand Tool Meeting	10/02
CNC Router Meeting	09/16
Furniture Meeting	09/25
Scroll Saw Meeting	10/25

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH September 2025 Toy of the Month

Softball Pitcher Puzzle

October is the Picnic Month

$18 cash or check at the meeting, $19 on the WWCH web site.

Logon / Members Only / Store / BBQ Lunch.

No cards at the meeting please

Jack Bailie,

Treasurer

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars—our October meeting is going to be extra special because it's also the **Annual Picnic!** Before the raffle and lunch, we'll kick things off with three exciting events you won't want to miss:

1 - Silent Show & Tell – Best Box of the Show

Bring along a box you've built and proudly place it on display—no presentation needed! Members will browse the collection, vote for their favorite, and crown the winner with **2025 bragging rights**. Bonus points if your box shows off ideas from Phil Huber's June presentation—but remember, there are no rules, just creativity!

2 - Hand Plane Challenge – Thin & Long Shavings

Who's got the sharpest plane and steadiest hand? We'll see who can produce the **thinnest** and/or **longest** shaving from a hand plane. Start honing those blades now, because the winner will walk away with well-earned **bragging rights for 2025**.

3 - Wood Identification Challenge

Think you know your species? Test your woodworking eye (and maybe nose!) as we lay out a variety of woods for you to identify. The top wood sleuths will claim—yes, you guessed it—**2025 bragging rights**.

More details of the Hand plane and wood identification challenge to follow in the coming weeks.

This year's picnic promises fun, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs—not to mention good food and great company. If you have any questions, reach out to Rod Griffith by email.

The Purple Heart Project

On Saturday, August 23rd the WWCH Bench Brigade in conjunction with The Purple Heart Project delivered a Rob Cosman designed hand tool work bench to Nathaniel Kemnitz, a veteran and recent attendee of Rob Cosman's hand tool class. Members participating in the delivery including Nathaniel are(left to right) Andy Tofuri, Frank Fuss,Kent Hawley, Nathaniel Kemnitz, Rod Griffith, George Alderete, and Dave VanDewerker. Not in the picture were Jim Davis Jr and Mike Belovsky.

Thanks to Alan Bachrach for the loan of a much needed 3/4" brad point bit for the dog holes and Greg Solberg for the donation of the wood for the vise jaw.

Also, a big thank you to Houston Hardwoods for the donation of the sheet goods required for the project and Alspaugh's Ace Hardware of the Woodlands for the donation of the hardware (screws, nuts, bolts, and washers used in the construction of the work bench. If you are doing business with these companies, thank them for their contribution to the bench delivery.

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is September 16th at 7:00pm. For more information & location, please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is October 25th; meeting at 9:00am; location T.B.D. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras; denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Furniture Group: Next meeting is September 25th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Meeting for dinner at 5:30pm. For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri (contact info in directory).

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is October 2nd at. Start at 7:00pm to 9:00pm, For more information & location, please Contact: Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com or George Alderete (contact info in directory).

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net

Toy Group: Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; christopher7schwartz@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri & Bryan Bailey (contact info in directory). You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site
This Month: Softball Pitcher Puzzle; https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- ◊ September meeting (09/0913/2025) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◊ October Picnic food tickets are on sale. $18 at the meeting (Cash or Check / No Cards Please). $19 off the Web Site. Need to purchase ahead of time, if you want a lunch.
- ◊ If you are interested in being on the BOD, see David Janowitz
- ◊ If you need a profile photo for the new Web Site, see Chris Farquhar at the next meeting.
- ◊ Woodworking In America, Des Moines, Iowa; October 9th thru 11th. You can find out the details at www.WoodworkinginAmerica.com
- ◊ Hands on Houston coming Fall 2025
- ◊ Exciting News – The Purple Heart Project is Underway!

  If you'd like to lend a hand and didn't sign up at our January 2025 club meeting, there's still time to get involved—just reach out to Rod Griffith. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0kN1URBUUQ.

  Let's build something meaningful together!

- ◊ If you are interested in being high-lighted in "Meet the Member". Please see Chris Farquhar at a meeting or contact him at: wwwchnewsletter@gmail.com

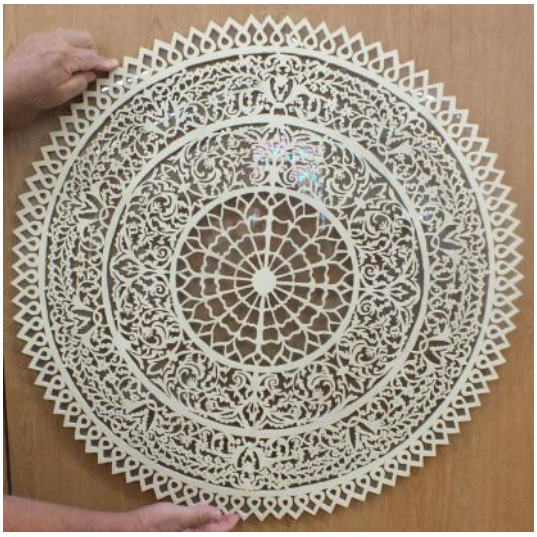
New Members

Sorry to say that we did not have any members join last month

Show and Tell

Charles Volek

- Intarsia of the Peanut's Gang



Rick Spacek

- Scroll Saw Medallion

Ernard Bynum

- Wall Plaque made from Poplar Scraps

Show and Tell

Steve Wavro

- Intarsia Beach Scene

Jack Bailie

- Revitalized Front Door and Leaded Glass. Refinished with General Finished Antique Walnut Gel Stain and 5 Coats of Total Boat Halcyon Water Based Varnish

Gary Meyer

- Bracelets and Mug

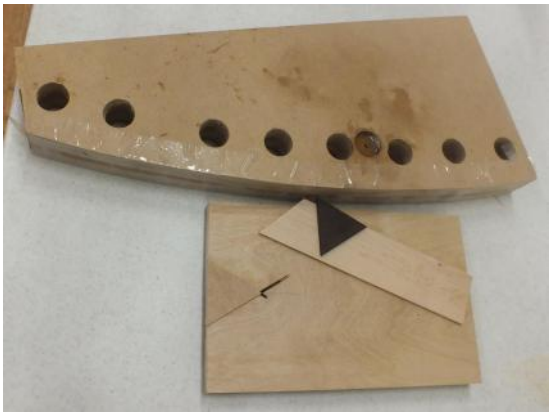
Show and Tell

Fred Sandoval

- Pochette (Pocket Fiddle)

Peter Doe

- End Table & Jigs



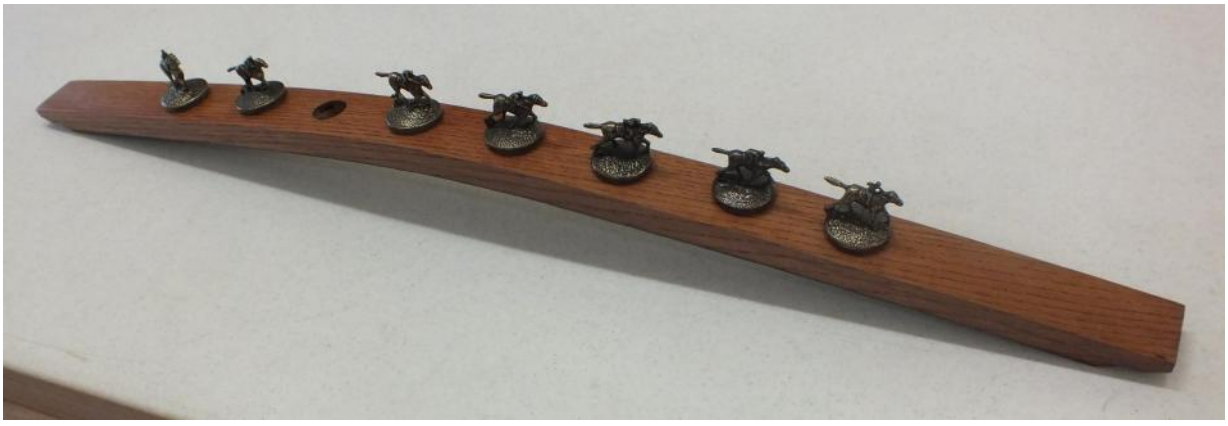
Show and Tell

Rod Griffith

- The Purple Heart Bench Brigade Presented the Bench Built for a Local Veteran and the Plaque to be Inset into the Bench

Alan Lipman

- Display Rack for Bottle Toppers from Blanton's Bourbon



Show and Tell

Brian Murrah

- Bent Lamination for an End Table. Curved Upper Section will have a Light and the Flat Section will have a Drawer

David Janowitz

- Chaos Board of Many Different Species of Wood; Sycamore Platter and Large Bowl

Show and Tell

Henry Majoue

- Church had a Rocking Chair with a Broken Arm. The Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group took on the Challenge to Repair the Chair

Upcoming Programs in 2025 at a Glance

Please note that the topics are subject to change and occasionally need to be adjusted.

2025 Meeting Topic Schedule:

Date	Speaker	Topic
September 13th	**Chuck Meeder**	**River Dory Build**
October 11	No Program	BBQ Lunch and Raffle
November 15th	Members	Virtual Shop Tour of Member's Shops
December 13t	Louis Jasso with Fine Finishing Supplies in Humble	Finishing Outside of a Dedicated Finish Room

September Presentation

Wooden boat building is one of the most challenging—and fascinating—areas of woodworking. With its sweeping curves and almost no right angles, it pushes craftsmanship to a whole new level. This month, member and skilled craftsman Chuck Meeder will take us inside his recent build of a river dory. Come see how he tackled the curves, solved the joinery puzzles, and brought this beautiful boat to life. You won't want to miss it! This month's meeting is sure to make a splash!

If you have an idea for a meeting topic or wish to share a project or skill that requires more time than is available during Show and Tell or Favorite Tool, please contact Rod Griffith at one of our meetings or by email at: rodneywgriffith@gmail.com

Meetings at a Glance in 2025

In 2025 there will be schedule meeting dates that are changed due to a conflict with St Stevens United Methodist Church. There are only 3 at this time so please be aware of these changes so you do not miss a meeting. This post will stay in the Newsletter every month to keep you updated and informed. Any questions, please bring up your concerns at the next meeting.

~~⇒ January 11th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~
~~⇒ February 15th~~	~~**3rd Saturday**~~
~~⇒ March 15th~~	~~**3rd Saturday**~~
~~⇒ April 12th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~
~~⇒ May 10th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~
~~⇒ June 14th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~ ~~- All Day Seminar~~
~~⇒ July 12th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~
~~⇒ August 9th~~	~~2nd Saturday (no change)~~
⇒ September 13th	2nd Saturday (no change)
⇒ October 11th	2nd Saturday (no change) - BBQ Lunch & Raffle
⇒ November 15th	**3rd Saturday**
⇒ December 13th	2nd Saturday (no change)

WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President	Jim Price
Vice President	Rod Griffith
Secretary	Mike Hardy
Treasurer	Jack Bailie

DIRECTORS

Bill Harris — Rich Ostermeier
Curtis Love — Brian Murrah
Tom Paulley - Past President

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Membership Book	Patti Page
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Bryan Bailey
Refreshments	Steve Wavro
Technology	Denis Muras
Post Master	Gary Rowen
Web Admin	Tom Paulley

SPLINTER GROUPS

Toy Group
Bryan Bailiey / Chris Schwartz

Hand Tool Group
Henry Majoue / George Alderete

Scroll Saw Group
Norm Nichols / Denis Muras

Furniture / Finishing Group
Henry Majoue

CNC Group
Bill Teaque

Saw Mill Group
Bill Lindsey

We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

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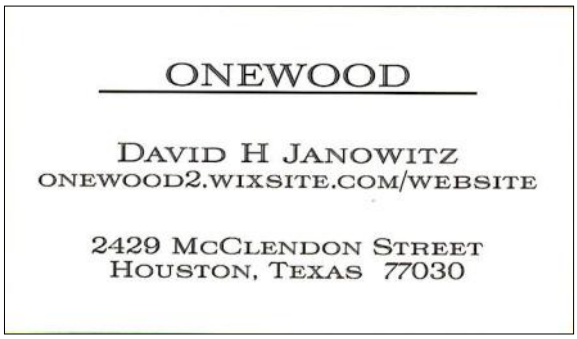
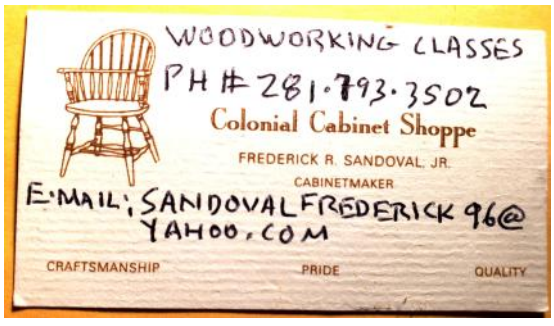
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before October 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are $36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!

Members Business Cards





If you would like to have your Business Card shown here

and you are a member in good standing.

Please see Chris Farquhar