The Sawdust Sentinel

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday October 11th Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	10/11
Hand Tool Meeting	11/05
CNC Router Meeting	10/14
Furniture Meeting	10/29
Scroll Saw Meeting	10/25

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH October 2025 Toy of the Month

Soccer Player Puzzle

October Meeting

With the program that is being set up before lunch; There will not be a regular Show-N-Tell.

Annual Picnic

Get Ready for Our October Annual Picnic

Fun, Food & Friendly Competition!

Mark your calendars—our October meeting is also our **Annual Picnic**, and this year's gathering promises great food, camaraderie, and three exciting pre-lunch events. Participation is optional, but we promise you'll want in on the fun!

1. Silent Show & Tell – *Best Box of the Show*

Bring a box you've built and place it proudly on the display table—no presentation needed. Everyone will have a chance to admire the craftsmanship and vote for their favorite. The winning builder earns **2025 bragging rights**!

Tip: While not required, consider showcasing techniques we learned from **Phil Huber's June presentation**. No rules—just your best work and creative spirit!

2. Hand Plane Shaving Challenge – *Thin & Long!*

Sharpen your blades and tune those planes! Competitors will each get **three chances** to produce the **thinnest and longest shaving** from a 1½" wide piece of straight-grained hardwood. Bring multiple hand planes if you like, but remember—only three attempts per plane.

Will you claim the title of **2025 Shaving Champion**?

3. Wood Identification Challenge – *Test Your Eye*

Can you tell your zebrawood from your walnut? Twenty-five domestic and exotic woods will be on display—your mission is to name as many as you can. A **10X loupe** will be available to help you get a closer look. The sharpest eye earns **2025 bragging rights**!

Don't miss the fun, the friendly rivalries, and the chance to show off your skills. After the competitions, we'll draw for the raffle and enjoy a delicious lunch together.

Craft Community Day

Craft Community Day
November 1, 11 AM - 3 PM

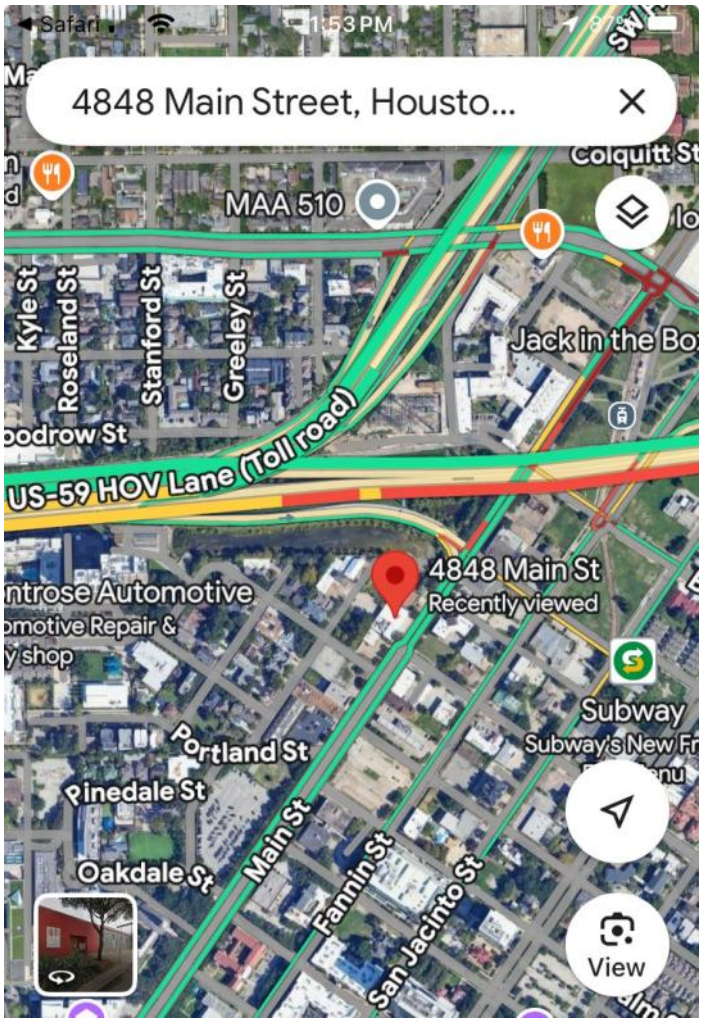
Join HCCC for this free festival highlighting nearly 20 local artist guilds and community groups! Visitors of all ages are invited to learn about craft through artist demonstrations and activities, visiting HCCC's resident artist studios, and viewing the current exhibitions.

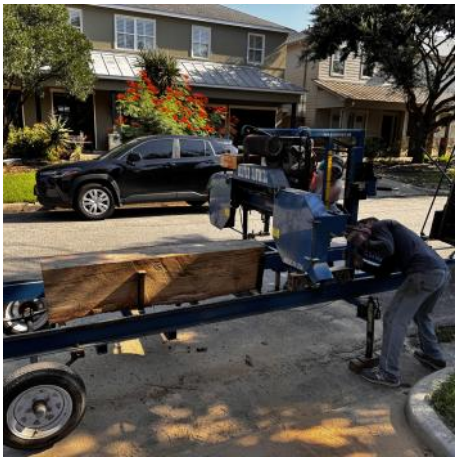
CRAFT COMMUNITY DAY – Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 11:00 AM

WHERE: HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

ADDRESS: 4848 MAIN STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002





The Saw Mill Splinter Group was at it again.

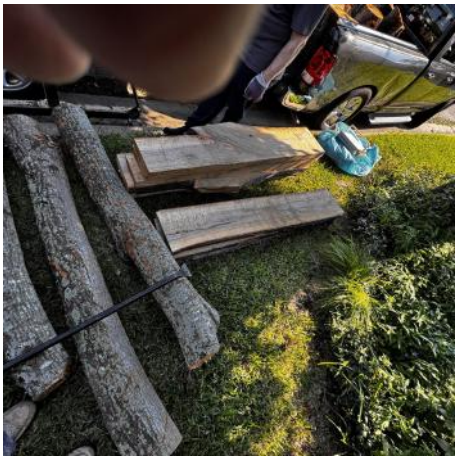


Photo credit; Jim Price

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is October 14th 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 October 29th 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 November 5th 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: Soccer Player Puzzle; https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- ◊ October meeting (10/11/2025) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◊ There is a Program at the October meeting. There will not be a regular Show-N-Tell.
- ◊ 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
- ◊ Craft Community Day November 1st
- ◊ 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

We are pleased to have welcomed **7** new members in September:

Christa Havican, Diana Festa, Elaine Higgin, Joe Medeski, Ricque Pokorny, Sam Harwell & Tony Lyerly

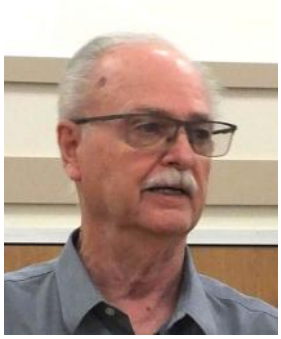
Show and Tell

Dan Schmoker

- Two Bowls of Cherry and Sassafras

Gordon Start

- Night Light and Light House Lamp Incorporating Vintage Glass Insulators



Bill Teague

- Fence Sign made on the CNC

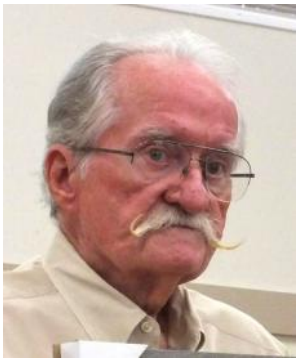
Greg Solberg

- End Table & Jigs

Show and Tell

Denis Muras

- Puzzles for Club's Toy Program



Norm Nichols

- Sea Turtle Cut on the Scroll Saw

Mike Hardy

- Pecan and Walnut box

Andy Tofuri

- Tool Chest

Show and Tell

Rick Spacek

- Old Mill Cut on the Scroll Saw and Thank you for Your Service Gifts for Service Members and First Responders

David VanDewerker

- Router Bowls

Show and Tell

Fred Sandoval

- Chippendale Style Chests

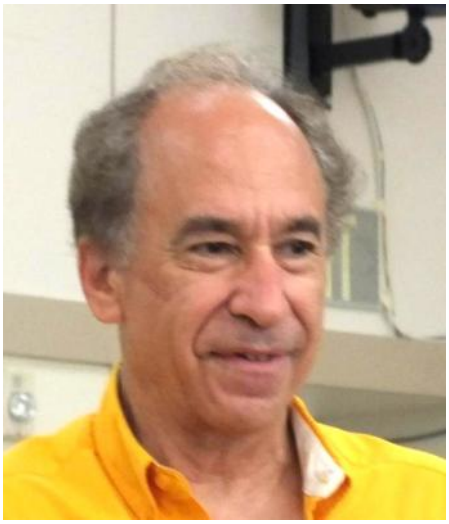
Steve Wavro

- Custom Intarsia Project for Client with a 1956 Chevy Bel Air ~ Picture of Customer's actual car

Show and Tell

David Janowitz

- Giant Pecan Bowl; Tiny Bowl of Honey Locust; Cutting Board of Red and White Oak; Cutting Board of White Oak, Osage Orange and Wenge; Cutting Boards of Osage Orange, Cedar Elm, White Oak and Wenge; Turned Boxes: Curly Wood of Unknown Species, Box Elder, Sycamore and Sweet Gum, and a Box



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
October 11th	**Special Program**	**BBQ Lunch & 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

October is the Picnic Month

* Silent Show & Tell – Best Box of the Show
* Hand Plane Challenge – Thin & Long Shavings
* Wood Identification Challenge
* Let's not forget about the Food, so bring your appetite
* Remember, you cannot purchase food tickets at the meeting

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 / Andy Tofuri

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

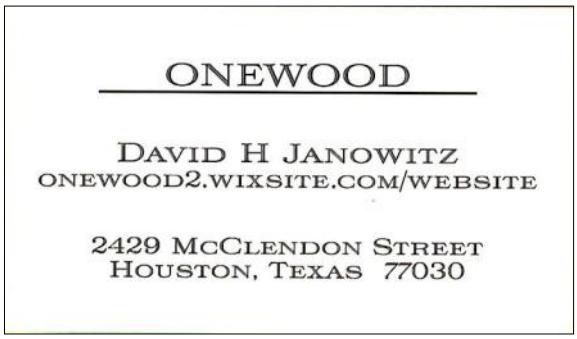
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

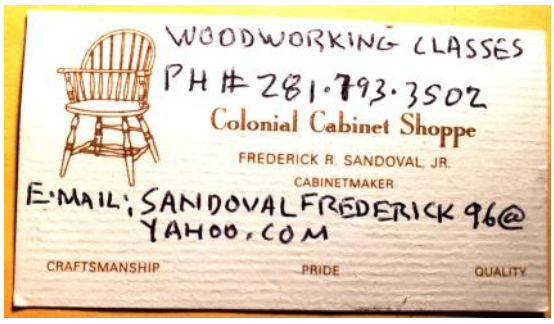
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 November 5th 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