The Sawdust Sentinel

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday December 13th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting 12/13
Hand Tool Meeting .....Jan
CNC Router Meeting.....Jan
Furniture Meeting .....Jan
Scroll Saw Meeting 01/24

December Meeting

Membership will vote for the next BOD's for 2026

2025 Toy Program

Denis Muras made 75 of these cars. They are 9 inches long and 4 1/2 inches wide. He made two versions with various wood. Tennis balls for scale.

Charles Volek made the animated duck push toy and the Super Bees. The duck has leather feet that slap the floor and make noise. The bees wings rotate.

Dan Schmoker made the Wiggley Bug.

Ken Kuntz made the train the road grader, the car, the helicopter, and the bunny and the dachshund. As a note, I didn't have one of the dachshunds here so I had to have Tom Paulley send me that picture yesterday. It's a shame I didn't get a family photo They are very well done.

2025 Toy Program (con't)

Photo credit; Bryan Bailey & Chris Farquhar

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2025 Bragging Rights

WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON

2025 BRAGGING RIGHTS
BOX BUILDING

This acknowledges that

TOM PAULLEY

built the best box as chosen by participants at the
Woodworkers Club of Houston's 2025 Picnic.

Rod Griffith — October 11, 2025

Rod Griffith
VP – Woodworkers Club of Houston

Date

WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON

2025 BRAGGING RIGHTS
WOOD IDENTIFICATION

This acknowledges that

DAVID JANOWITZ

identified the most sample woods at the
Woodworkers Club of Houston's 2025 Picnic.

October 11, 2025

Rod Griffith
VP – Woodworkers Club of Houston

Date

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: December meeting is Cancelled. For more information , please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is January 24th; 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: Generally, the Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group meets the 3rd week of the month at Andy Tofuri's shop after dinner at 5:00 PM at a place close by Andy's house. Please check the Furniture and Finishing Splinter Group forum posting, as the date and place can vary, as well as the restaurant.

Hand Tool Group: Generally, the Hand Tool Splinter Group meets the 1st week of the month at Andy Tofuri's shop after dinner at 5:00 PM at a place close by Andy's house. Please check the Hand Tool Splinter Group forum posting, as the date and place can vary, as well as the restaurant.

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net or David Janowitz (contact info in directory).

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

- December meeting (12/13/2025) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- There will be a vote on next year's BOD at the December meeting
- Still need someone to take over the coffee at the meetings. If interested, please contact Jim Price
- 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
- If you need a profile photo for the new Web Site, see Chris Farquhar at the next meeting.
- 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 **2** new members in November:
Christopher Bush & Uday Jhaveri

Show and Tell

Tom Paulley

- Flag Case made from Red Oak and Finished with Odie's Oil.

Steve Wavro

- Intarsia of Little Girl Soccer Player. 8 Different Wood Species were used

Greg Solberg

- Turned Bowls

Alex Kenney

- Chair

Show and Tell

Rod Griffith

- Bench Top Bench for Minimizing Back Pain when doing Detail Work

Fred Sandoval

- Queen Anne Style Table

Bill Teague

- Glue Scraper Made on the CNC with the Blade Held in Place by Magnets

Gary Meyer

- Turned Bracelets of Wood and

Show and Tell

David VenDewerker

- Christmas Ornaments of Snowflakes, Cats, Nativity Bells and a Gnome; Trivet Tree

George Graves

- Scrollsaw Rose in Walnut; Scrollsaw Eagle

Alan Lipman

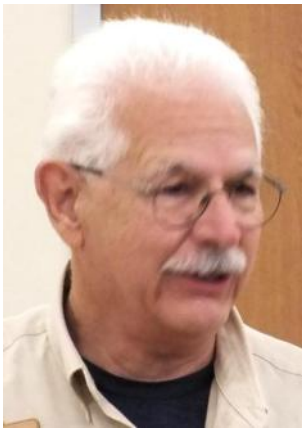
- Miter Saw Bowls; Turntable to Facilitate Miter Saw Bowls without Leaving a Pivot Pin Hole

Show and Tell

Jared Taylor

- Box Internals Showing Lantern

Mike Belovsky



- Thank you for your Service Medallion Presented to Mike Belovsky from Rick Spacek, Display Box for Medal and Medallion; Elevated Dog Bowls for an Aging Pet

Show and Tell

Andy Tofuri

- Keepsake Box made with Lumber from a Neem Tree; Oven Rack Helpers made from a Bill Hoffmeister Template

Rick Spacek

- Scroll Saw Ornaments made from Corian; Scroll Saw Work Buzzy Bees; Scroll Saw Work: Couple on a Swing

Show and Tell

Gordon Start

- Shelf Light made for Colored Glass Panel using LED Light Strips; Flag Pole that Disassembles for easy Transport in a Foot Locker to Summer Camp, Flagpole Finial, Flagpole Showing Joining Section

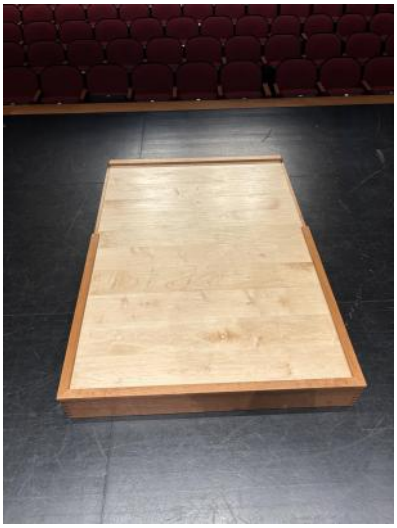
Chris Farquhar

- Wolf Intarsia Pattern; Ornament with Pet Names Filling in the Crossword Squares. Paw Prints for each Dog and Cat done with a Laser Engraver; Christmas Ornaments Featuring Woodland Scenes cut on the Scroll Saw.

Show and Tell

Mike Hardy

- Cello Platform with Enhanced Sound Production Showing Front F Holes, Cello Platform Top made from White Oak and Cherry Frame, Cello Stand Underside Showing Structural Members, Cutting Dovetails into Long Case Members, Cello Stand in Full Operation



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
December 13th	Louis Jasso with Fine Finishing Supplies in Humble	Finishing Outside od a Dedicated Finish Room
January 10	Bryan Bailey	Molding Planes
February 14	Henry Majoue, Jr	Alter Rail for Chapel
March 14	Douglas Pitchford with Greater Houston Sharpening Services	Sharpening Services and Sharpening Q&A
April 11	Gary and Kathy Clark	
May 9	Members	Bird Houses that Attract Birds
June 13	~ Planning Underway~	Hardwood Derby
July 11	~ Planning Underway~	
August 15 *	James Wright	Day Long Seminar – James Wright of the YouTube channel Wood by Wright will present on various hand tool related topics

Woodworkers often spend weeks building a project and only minutes thinking about the finish - yet the finish is the first thing everyone sees. This month, the Woodworkers Club of Houston welcomes Louis Jasso of Fine Finish Supply for a practical, no‑nonsense look at how to achieve a professional finish in your shop without a dedicated spray booth.

Louis will focus on why the finishing stage is commonly overlooked, what truly affects results in a garage or small shop, and how modern water‑based industrial wood coatings can give wood workers of any skill level a factory‑quality finish with far less effort than most expect.

The presentation will cover simple ways to manage dust, airflow, temperature, and Houston's humidity, along with straight forward setups for hand applications, or spraying. Louis will share tools, materials, and repeatable processes that make finishing easy, predictable, and accessible.

Whether you're new to finishing or looking to elevate the final look of your work, this session will give you practical steps you can apply immediately in your own shop. Join us for a focused evening of learning and hands‑on insight from an industry expert.

Meetings at a Glance in 2025 / 26

In 2025 there will be schedule meeting dates that are changed due to a confli6ct with St Stevens United Methodist Church. There are only 1 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.

⇒ December 13th 2nd Saturday (no change) - 2025

2026

⇒ January 10th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ February 14th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ March 14th 2nd Saturday no change)

⇒ April 11th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ May 9th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ June 13th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ July 11th 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ **August 15th** **3rd Saturday**

⇒ September 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ October - BBQ - Lunch & Raffle

⇒ November 2nd Saturday (no change)

⇒ 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

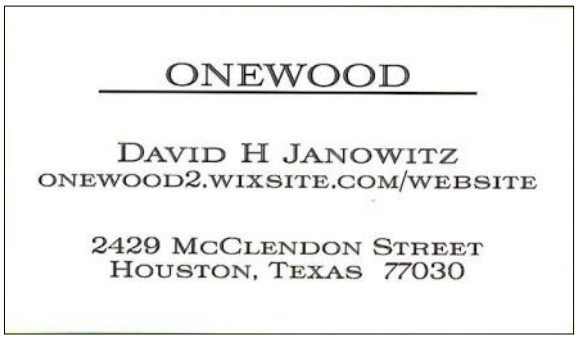
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

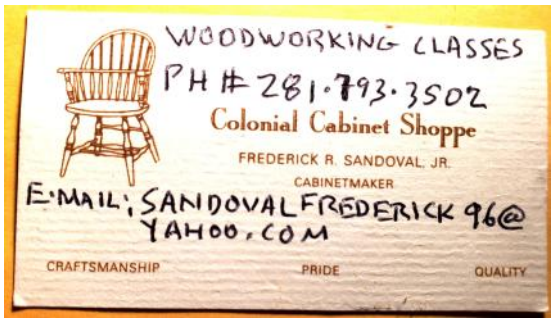
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 December 31st 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 $48 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