The Sawdust Sentinel

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February Notes

- A Tool Liquidation Sale is happening March 7th & 8th; 9-5. More information in Club Announcements on page 7

NEXT MEETING

Saturday February 14th Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting 02/14
Hand Tool Meeting ..... Feb
CNC Router Meeting.....02/17
Furniture Meeting ..... Feb
Scroll Saw Meeting 04/25

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH February 2026 Toy of the Month

Lawnmower Puzzle

2025 Woodworker of the Year
Andy Tofuri

2025 Golden Hammer
Andy Tofuri

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2026 Donors

Honduran Mahogany - $1000

◊ Ricque Pokorny

◊

Quarter-sawn White Oak - $500 - $999

◊ Ken Oyer - Sawblade.com

◊

Black Walnut - $250 - $499

◊ Tom Paulley

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Cherry - $100 - $249

◊ Houston Hardwoods

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Ash - $25 - $99

◊ Jack Bailie

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Recognition -A section in the newsletter every month listing all of the current Donors and a place or page on the Club web site.

Recognize a donation from:

- Club Member
- Business
- Non-Member
- Anonymous

How?

Check
Cash
Zelle
Credit Card*
Web site Store*
In-kind donations (like the material Houston Hardwoods donated for the Wounded Warrior Project)

-Credit card donations incur a service charge - The club should absorb the service charge and give credit for the full amount of the donation towards the Level. If possible, add an option to allow the donor to cover the service charge.

Why?

- After raising the annual dues, in order to follow through with our commitment to the Club members of pursuing additional funding to reduce our deficit spending.
- We discussed this with the club at the presentation and board meeting in August and have not taken any action for 5 months.
- We received a substantial donation from a member that needs to be recognized.
- It will encourage members, ***businesses*** and possibly others to make donations.
- This is my last board meeting and I would really like to wrap this up!

Hardwood Derby 2026

The Hardwood Derby has become an exciting tradition over the past several years, and it's one of our club's most popular events! For 2026, we're looking for a volunteer to take the reins and lead this thrilling activity. The Derby is already scheduled for our July 2026 meeting, and the track has been reserved for an epic race!

Here's your chance to get involved:

- Publish the Derby rules (don't worry, they're already in place!) so members can start building their race cars.
- Recruit a team to help with checking in cars and record-keeping on the big day.
- Lead the execution of the Derby.
- While attending the Board Meetings in March and April would be great, it's not required.

After years of leading the Derby, the amazing person who has handled this task since it's inception should be given a well-deserved break, and now it's YOUR turn to step up! This is a perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members and create an unforgettable event.

If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Rod Griffith by January 10th (before our next meeting).

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is February 17th at 7:00pm. For more information, please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is April 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: 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: Lawnmower Puzzle; https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- ◊ February meeting (02/14/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ◊ Jackie Hickman contacted the club last month regarding her father's Woodshop liquidation at his home. She has had a lot of interest and was wondering a notice about the Woodshop sale could be put into the Newsletter. The sale is in March 7th & 8th; between 9;00am & 5:00pm (both days). Jackie will forward her address a week before the sale and an email blast will be sent out then with it.
- ◊ 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.
- ◊

2026 New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **8** new members in January:

Micheal Hatherley, Frank Hostler, Ryan Phillips, Tom Martin, Sharon Nevin, Marty Raaymakers, Kenneth Shaffer & Dustin Smith

Show and Tell

Rick Spacek

- Old Red Barn scroll saw artwork cut from a single piece of cedar. then painted

Rod Griffith

- Sharpening pond made waterproof using Flex Seal spray sealant

Dan Schmoker

- Elm bowl

Show and Tell

Chris Farquhar

- Intarsia black lab pattern using dyed pieces for body and face

Thomas Hackney

- Flatware and napkin holder/tote

Fred Sandoval

- Violins

Show and Tell

Jack Bailie

- Thin cutting board

Frank Fuss

- ◊ Two box set from several wood species
- ◊ Chess board

Show and Tell

Steve Warvo

- Tree of Life intarsia
- Largemouth bass intarsia

Bill Teague

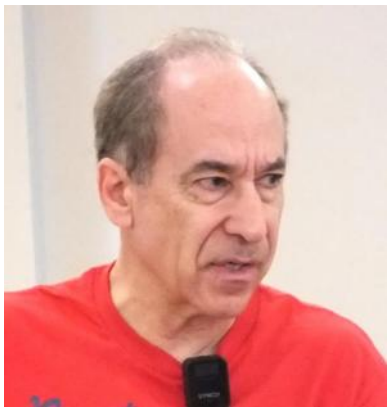
- CNC demo piece for splinter group meeting
- Picture frames cut on the CNC

Show and Tell

Mike Hardy

- Cherry side board, three years in the making ; Cherry side board showing dovetailed drawer boxes; Cherry side board showing curly pattern birch

Show and Tell



David Janowitz

- Walking stick with brass duck head and monkey-pod staff
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- Bowls made from Osage orange
- Large table legs made from white oak; Leg blanks glued up into 5x5 blanks; Inexpensive router bit to shape round over on upper end of the legs; Leg mounted on the lathe

2026 BOD

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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
February 14th	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	Bird Houses that Attract Birds
May 9	Planning Underway	Planning Underway
June 13	Brian Bailey	Molding Planes
July 11	Peter Doe	Hardwood Derby
August 15 *	James Wright	Day Long Seminar – James Wright of the YouTube channel Wood by Wright will present on various hand tool related topics
September 12	Brian Killen Founder Dust Dog	Dust Collection in Small and Homs Shops
October 10	Annual Club Picnic	Activities before lunch and the raffle
November 14	Rod Griffith Mike Hardy	2026 Survey Results Shop-built Mortice Jig from Fine
December 12	Virtual Shop Crawls	Woodworking

Our February meeting will feature a fascinating presentation on the recently completed Church Altar Build by Henry Majoue, Jr. and fellow club members. This project presented several unique challenges, most notably the large-radius curve along the altar's front edge.

Henry will walk us through how the team tackled these obstacles, including creating a laminated railing top to achieve the sweeping curve, overcoming installation challenges caused by dimensional inconsistencies in the altar front, and planning ahead to finish the railing parts prior to installation.

Join us for an insightful and inspiring woodworking presentation filled with practical techniques and real-world problem solving.

Meetings at a Glance in 2026

In 2026 there will be schedule meeting date that has been changed due to a conflict with St Stevens United Methodist Church. There are only 1 at this time so please be aware of this change so you do not miss the 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 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)

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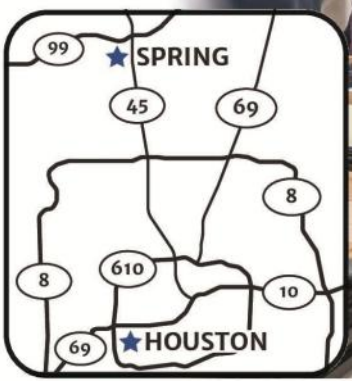

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB SERVICE PROVIDERS

Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Bryan Bailey
Refreshments	
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 / Andy Tofuri

Scroll Saw Group

Norm Nichols / Denis Muras

Furniture / Finishing Group

Henry Majoue / Andy Tofuri

CNC Group

Bill Teaque

Saw Mill Group

Bill Lindsey / David Janowitz

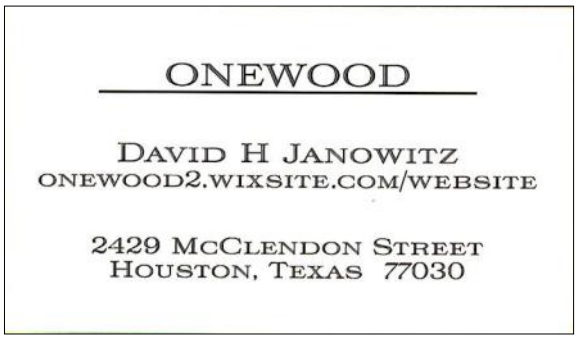
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

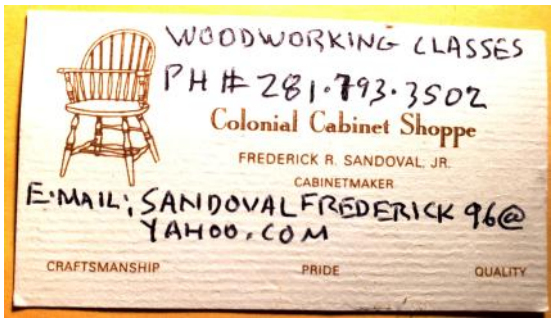
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 March 4th 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