The Sawdust Sentinel

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 14th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Hands on Houston	03/07
Monthly Meeting	03/14
CNC Router Meeting	03/17
Furniture Meeting	March
Hand Tool Meeting	April
Scroll Saw Meeting	04/25

March Notes

- A Tool Liquidation Sale is happening March 7th & 8th; 9-5. More information in Club Announcements on page 6
- St Patrick's Day March 17th
- The gym is not availably this week for the meeting; we will meet in the sanctuary, See page 6 (Club Announcements) for more details.
- Daylight saving is this Sunday morning
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Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH March 2026 Toy of the Month

Yacht Word Puzzle

President's Message

Fellow Woodworkers:

Please be advised that our March meeting will be held in the Sanctuary at St. Stephens, due to ongoing maintenance in the gym. We will have tables set up in the narthex for coffee/ donuts, registration, raffle ticket purchase and sale items. Show & Tell will take place in the sanctuary and there will be tables in the front for that purpose.

One of the perks of being a WWCH member is that Rockler Woodworking & Hardware extends a 10% discount on certain items sold in its stores. (This discount does not extend to power tools and some other items.). In order to avail yourselves of this discount, you must be an active member, and must present a "Guild Affiliation" card upon checkout at the store. These cards will be made available to you at the registration table at the next Club meetings. They will expire on 1/31/27. Be sure to go by the registration table to get yours.

Last, it is with sadness that I advise you of the passing of Steve Good, beloved founder of the Scrollsaw Workshop. Most scrollers have benefitted from Steve's many years of devotion to the art of scrolling, as well as his countless plans, reviews and words of wisdom. He will be greatly missed.

In Loving Memory
1957 - 2026

Dear Scrollsaw Workshop subscribers, we are heartbroken to let you know that Steve unfortunately suffered another heart attack over the weekend and passed away on Monday, March 2nd, 2026. We were able to be by his side until the end, and we know how much he sincerely appreciated the hundreds and thousands of cards and messages with well wishes and prayers over the past few weeks. He received several handmade gifts that he cherished greatly and had displayed in his room. Every time you cut one of Steve's patterns, please know that you are keeping his memory alive and that he will always be with you.

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Donations to the Club

The WWCH Board has introduced a new way to recognize donations to the Club. Hopefully it will encourage members, businesses and possibly others to make donations to the club. There are recognized Donor Levels to be published in the newsletter and on the Club website for a one year period following the donation.

2026 Donors

Honduran Mahogany - $1000

- Ricque Pokorny

Quarter-sawn White Oak - $500 - $999

- Ken Oyer - Sawblade.com

Black Walnut - $250 - $499

- Tom Paulley

Cherry - $100 - $249

- Houston Hardwoods

Ash - $25 - $99

- Jack Bailie
- Robert Campbell
- Kent Hawley

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, Peter Doe has volunteered 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 Peter's 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 Peter Doe.

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is March 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

- March meeting (03/14/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- Please be advised; Lucy Cain, with SSUMC has advised us that the church gym will not be available for our March meeting, because the floor is being refinished and will not be dry enough for our use on 3/14. Therefore, we will be using the sanctuary on that day for our meeting. We will set up the coffee, donuts and tables for registration, raffle, sale items, etc. in the narthex. We will also set up the tables for show & tell at the front in the sanctuary.
- Hands on Houston annual toy making event with children at Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts (HCCC). Saturday March 7 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 4848 Main Street Houston Set up begins at 9:30 am All are welcome to attend, participate, and display some of their projects.
- Jackie Hickman contacted the club last month regarding her father's Woodshop liquidation at his home. The sale is in March 7th & 8th; between 9;00am & 5:00pm (both days). She will except; Cash, Venmo, Cash App, Zello or P2P. Jackie's address: 6081 FM-3081, Willis, TX 77378 Phone: 936-522-6092.
- 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.
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2026 New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **5** new members in January:
Emily Chambers, Richard Meinke, Tom Phillips, Kent Shaffer & Richard Whiteman

Show and Tell

Steve Wavro

- Largemouth bass intarsia of Steve's own design

Rick Spacek

- Deer scroll saw art piece

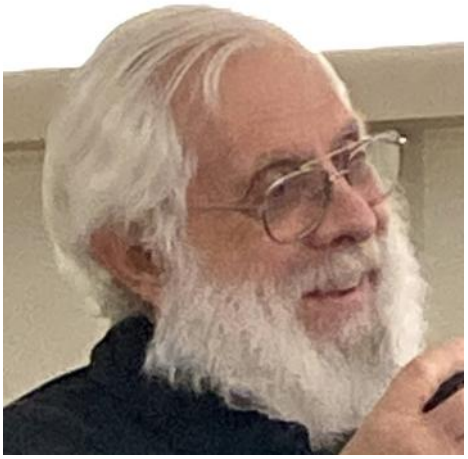
Elaine Higgins

- Shaker-style candle stand made in Cherry

Show and Tell

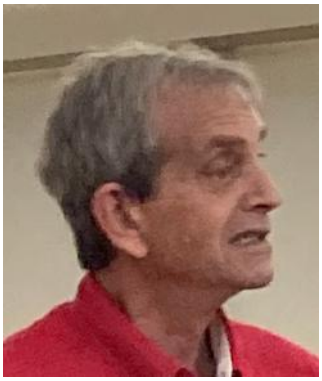
Tom Blanco

- Moxon vice



Dan Schmoker

- Two turned bowls



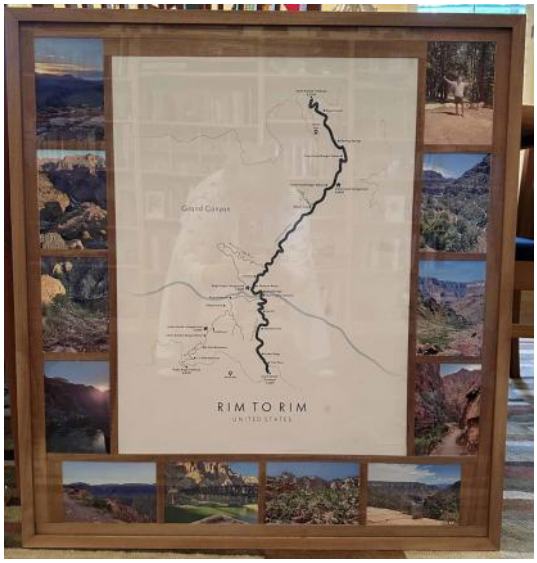
Andy Tofuri

Cherry table finished with Odie's Oil / Table showing drawer detail

Show and Tell

Peter Doe

- Frame made to commemorate a rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon. Peter and his son completed
- Peter and his son completed the project



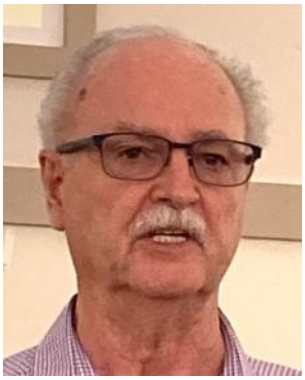
Fred Sandoval

- Wall hanging as a hand tool skill-builder
- Bow saw for hand tool

Show and Tell

David VanDewerker

- Easter egg chair
- Tealight trees
- Holiday lanterns cut on the scroll saw

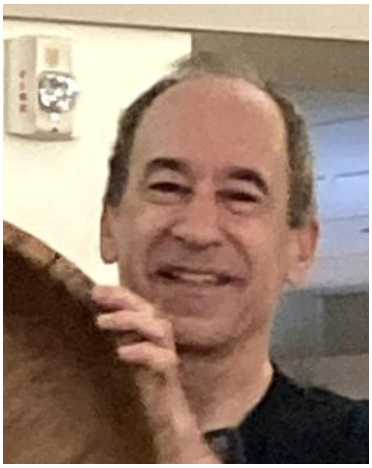


Bill Teague

- Various signs cut on his CNC machine
- Cross made on the CNC
- Yoyos cut on the CNC

Show and Tell

David Janowitz



- Table made from live edge elm
- Turned bowl from a single slab of pecan
- Maple toy box / Hinge detail on toy 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:

March 14

Douglas Pitchford with Greater Houston Sharpening Services

Sharpening Services and Sharpening Q&A

We're excited to welcome **Douglas Pitchford** from **Greater Houston Sharpening** to our March meeting! Douglas will share insights into his widely accessible sharpening services throughout the Houston metro area. He will discuss sharpening tools other than chisels and hand plane irons. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about sharpening services for your tools. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be an informative and engaging presentation.

April 11

Gary and Kathy Clark

Bird Houses that Attract Birds

May 9

Rick Lacamera

Using Epoxy for slab & River Tables & Charcuterie Boards

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

Dust Collection in Small and Homs

October 10

Annual Club Picnic

Activities before lunch & the raffle

November 14

Rod Griffith / 2026 Survey Results

Mike Hardy / Shop-built Mortice Jig from Fine Woodworking

December 12

Virtual Shop Crawls

Three Members

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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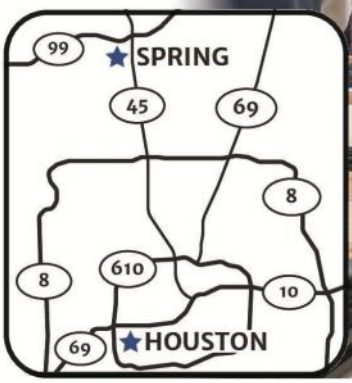

WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Bill Harris
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Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	Bryan Bailey
Refreshments	Kent Hawley
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

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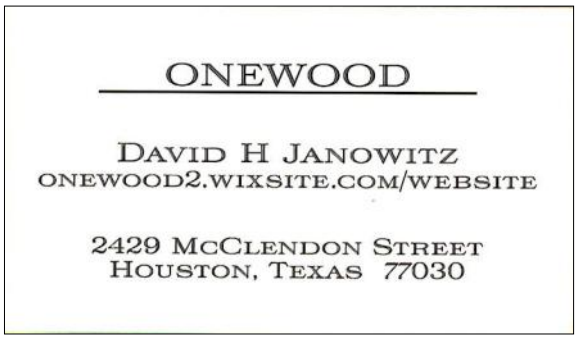
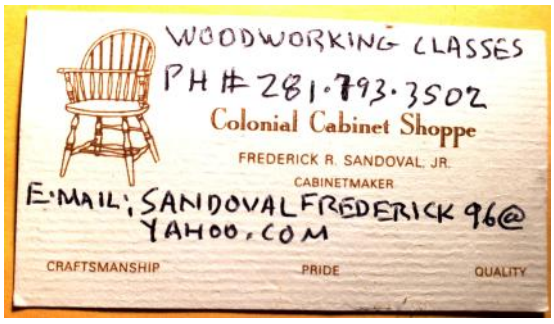
Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before April 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

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 $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