The Sawdust Sentinel

Monthly newsletter of Woodworkers Club of Houston

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday January 10th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	01/10
Hand Tool Meeting	01/07
CNC Router Meeting	01/13
Furniture Meeting	Jan
Scroll Saw Meeting	01/24

December Meeting

- *Membership will vote for the next BOD's for 2026*
- *"Woodworker of the Year" and "Golden Hammer" winners to be announced*
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Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH January 2026 Toy of the Month

Helicopter Animated

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.

Donor Levels

Honduran Mahogany - $1000
Quarter-sawn White Oak - $500 - $999
Black Walnut - $250 - $499
Cherry - $100 - $249
Ash - $25 - $99

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 May 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 January 13th at 7:00pm. 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: Animated Helicopter; https://wwch.org/toy-program/
(a video is also available on the web site)

Club Announcements

- January meeting (01/10/2026) 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 January meeting
- Still need someone to take over the coffee at the meetings. If interested, please contact Jim Price
- Hardwood Derby 2026 ~ We still need a Coordinator
- 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 **3** new members in December:
Paul Henry, James Rodriguez & Dabo Soberekon

In 2025, WWCH welcomed 42 new and returning Members

Henry Majoue and Andy Tofuri discussing the construction of the bench prototype

Prototype bench donated to St. Stephens

Show and Tell

Steve Warvo

- Intarsia Reindeer

Chuck Volek

- Intarsia Nativity Ornaments

Fred Sandoval

- Queen Anne Foot Stool

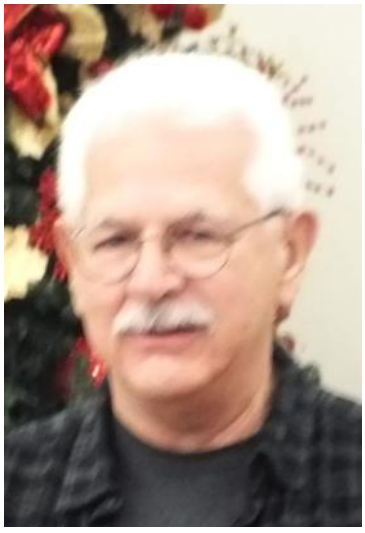
Show and Tell

David VenDewerker

- Teddy Bear Rocker

Chris Farquhar

- Intarsia Bear Ornament



Mike Belovsky

- Bat Belt

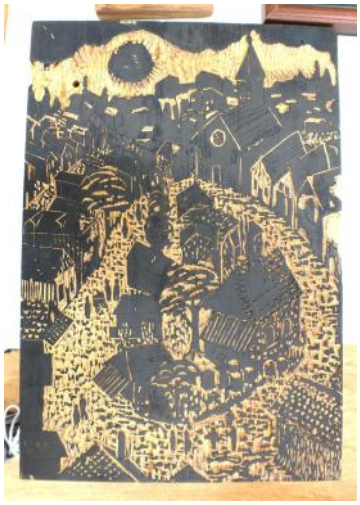
Show and Tell

Denis Muras

- Scroll Saw Cars made from Pine / Toy Chest with Proud Box Joints

Frank Patout

- Wood Block Prints



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
January10th	Louis Jasso with Fine Finishing Supplies in Humble	Finishing Outside od a Dedicated Finish Room
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	Bird Houses that Attract Birds
May 9	Coordinator Needed	Hardwood Derby
June 13	Brian Bailey	Molding Planes
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
September 12	~ Planning Underway~	————————————
October 10	Annual Club Picnic	————————————
November 14	~ Planning Underway~	————————————-—-
December 12	Virtual Shop Crawls	Three Members

Our meeting presentation last month was unable to be delivered as planned. We are pleased to announce the presentation from last month will be moved to our January 2026 meeting. Most of us don't have the luxury of a dedicated finish room—and that can turn even the best woodworking project into a finishing challenge. We are excited to welcome Louis Jasso of Fine Finishing Supplies for an insightful presentation on how to achieve professional-quality finishes right in your own shop. Louis will share practical solutions for dealing with shop dust, ventilation, temperature, and humidity, along with tips, tools, and techniques that make finishing in a typical garage or workshop not only possible, but successful. Whether you're new to finishing or looking to refine your process, this is a presentation you won't want to miss. Join us for a great opportunity for learning, community, and great conversation!

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)

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

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

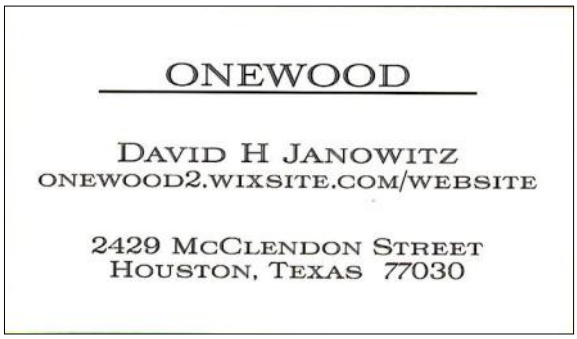
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

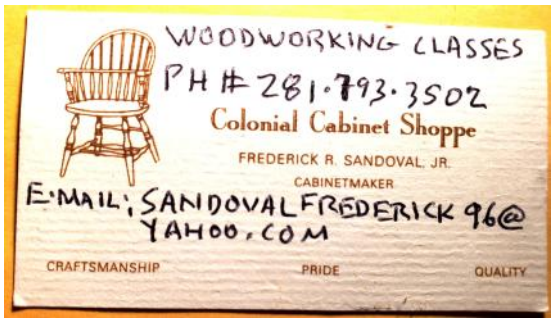
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 February 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