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NEXT MEETING

Saturday June 13th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	06/13
CNC Router Meeting	06/16
Hand Tool Meeting	06/03
Furniture Meeting	06/17
Scroll Saw Meeting	07/25

June

- Flag Day, June 14th
- Fist day of Summer, June 21st

June 21st

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH June 2026 Toy of the Month

Forklift

Vice-President Message

It's not too late to join the fun! Wheels for our Third Annual Hardwood Derby will be available for purchase at our next club meeting. If you've been thinking about building a car, now is the time to get started.

The Hardwood Derby, modeled after the classic Pinewood Derby, will take place during our **July 11th meeting**. Whether you're a seasoned woodworker or just looking for a fun project, we encourage everyone to participate.

Pick up your wheels, build your car, and get ready to race! We look forward to seeing your creativity and craftsmanship on the track.

On a separate note, occasionally I find myself needing to build drawers for a project. For drawer construction, I prefer the lock rabbet joint because it offers an excellent balance of strength and simplicity. It's stronger than a basic rabbet joint and much quicker and easier to cut than traditional dovetails.

Despite using this joint for years, I often had to stop and think through the setup, dimensions, and sequence of cuts needed to make it correctly. Recently I came across several videos that presented a simpler approach. Interestingly, some woodworkers use different names for the same joint-making method, referring to it as the “Half-Half-Half” or “Quarter-Quarter-Quarter” process.

What caught my attention was that this method uses a single table saw setup for all the cuts required to create the lock rabbet joint, making the process easier to remember and execute.

The following YouTube videos do an excellent job of demonstrating this simplified setup and cutting sequence:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQXHzvJNsoA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Z3pMyNPfi0

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
- Mary Wenzel

Hardwood Derby 2026

The countdown is on for our **3rd Annual Hardwood Derby**, racing into our **July 11th meeting**—and it's shaping up to be our most exciting one yet!

Inspired by the classic Pinewood Derby, this crowd-favorite event brings a woodworking twist, creative designs, and plenty of friendly competition. Whether you're in it to win it or just want to show off your craftsmanship, there's a spot for you at the starting line.

Get in the race:

Log into the club website, head to the **Forums**, and click on **Hardwood Derby** for everything you need:

- Official rules *(note: new weight limit this year!)*
- How to purchase wheels
- Current entries
- Volunteer sign-ups

Help make it happen:

Event lead **Peter Doe** is still looking for a few extra hands. Volunteers are needed to:

- Assist Dennis with **track setup/takedown** *(8:00 AM start)*
- Help with **car check-in** (weight & size)
- **Stage cars** at the starting line

Whether you're building, racing, or helping behind the scenes, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Design it. Build it. Race it. Join the fun!

Rod Griffith
Vice-President

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 June 16th at 7:00pm. For more information, please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is July 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: Forklift https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- June meeting (06/13/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- If you are going to the July meeting to watch or participate in the Hardwood Derby; if you take any pictures, please send them to Chris Farquhar at: wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. I will not be able to attend so I will not be able to get photos for the following Newsletter.
- 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 **2** new members in May:
Kirk Jordan & Robert Patin

Show and Tell

Greg Solberg

◊ Small turned bowls

Steven Dunkelberg

◊ Toy truck fashioned after a garbage truck

Thomas Hackney

◊ Star Wars tie fighter in honor of Star Wars month!

Show and Tell

Tom Pauley

- End grain cutting boards made from cedar elm and finished with Walrus Oil and Walrus Board Wax

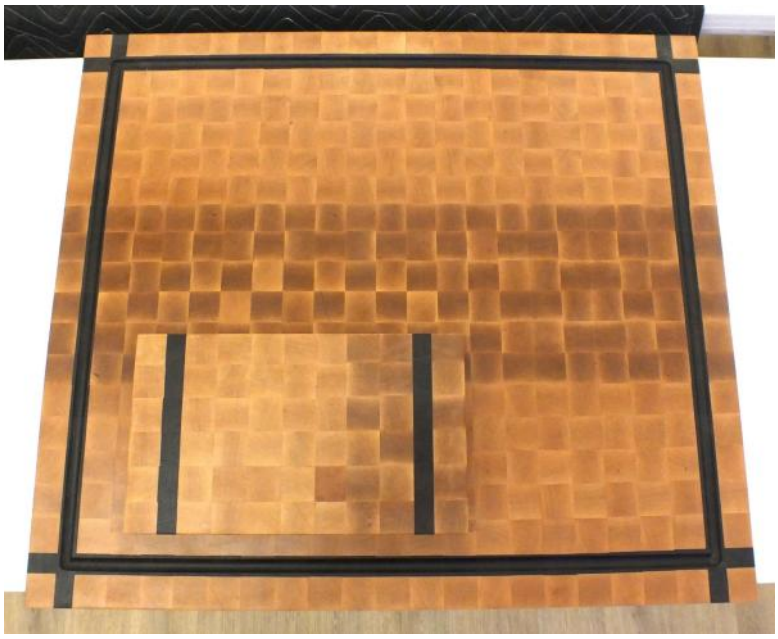
Frank Fuss

- Decorative boxes; showing the offset pieces

Show and Tell

Jack Bailie

- Large counter top for an RV made with maple and walnut and small cutting board made from the scrap pieces



David VanDewerker

- Kitchen utensils, mainly from cherry and maple, finished with tung oil

Show and Tell

Chris Farquhar

- Intarsia of a Lop-Eared Bunny
- Intarsia Bluebird on a Dogwood branch

Any Tofuri

- Jewelry box made from zebra wood and maple; Interior of box showing compartments finished with blue suede
- Hors d'oeuvres tray designed to fit on an ottoman. Made from oak, alder and maple

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:

June 13th

Brian Bailey / Molding Planes

Discover the Art of Moulding Planes at Our June 2026 Meeting

Adding a decorative edge to a board—whether it's a cove, half-round, bead, or a more intricate profile-can transform an ordinary project into something special. While routers make creating these shapes quick and efficient, they also generate clouds of fine dust and can sometimes leave burn marks on woods such as maple and cherry, requiring extra sanding and cleanup.

There is another way.

For centuries, woodworkers have used moulding planes to create elegant edge profiles with remarkable results. Instead of dust, these traditional tools produce clean shavings, and they leave behind smooth surfaces free from router burns. Many craftsmen also find that using a moulding plane brings a unique sense of satisfaction and connection to the woodworking process that power tools simply cannot replicate.

Join us at our June 2026 meeting as member and craftsman **Brian Bailey** introduces us to the fascinating world of moulding planes. Brian will discuss their history, demonstrate how they are used, and share practical insights into when and why a woodworker might choose them over modern alternatives.

Whether you're interested in traditional hand tools, looking for ways to improve your edge treatments, or simply curious about a different approach to woodworking, this promises to be an informative and enjoyable presentation.

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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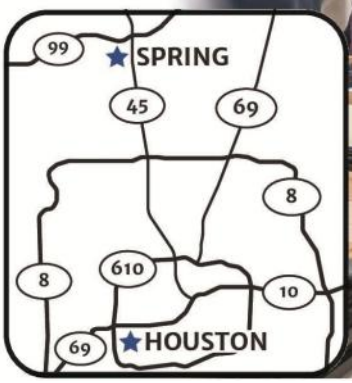

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SPLINTER GROUPS

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

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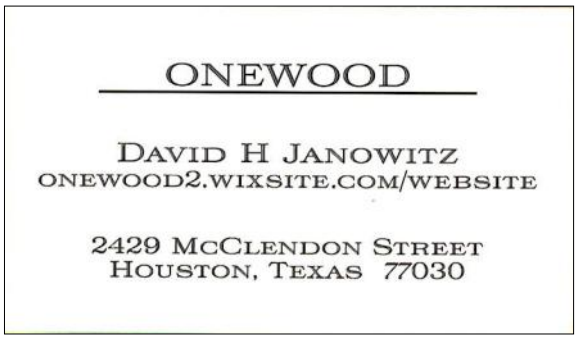
www.wwch.org

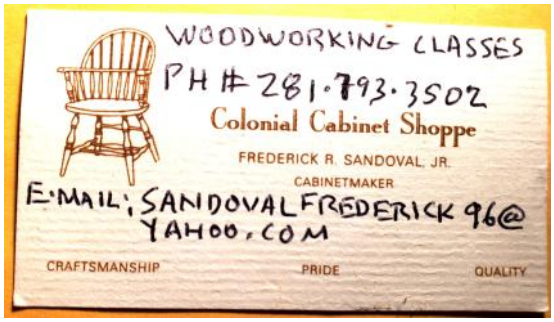
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 July 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