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NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 11th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting 07/11
CNC Router Meeting.....07/14
Hand Tool Meeting 08/05
Furniture Meeting 06/17

July

- Independence Day, July 4th
- Hardwood Derby, July 11th
- **No Show-N-Tell at July meeting**

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH July 2026 Toy of the Month

Front-End Loader

Vice-President Message

Don't Miss Our Special August Seminar with James Wright!

Our **August 2026 meeting** will be a little different—and well worth it! Instead of our usual second Saturday, we'll meet on the **third Saturday of August, the 15th,** for a full-day seminar featuring **James Wright**, nationally recognized hand-tool woodworking expert, author, and creator of the popular **Wood By Wright** YouTube channel.

Whether you're an experienced woodworker or just looking to expand your skills, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn from one of today's most respected hand-tool craftsmen.

Seminar Topics

James will present three engaging sessions:

- **Hand Tools for the Power Tool Woodworker**
- **Japanese vs. Western Tools**
- **What *Not* to Do When Cutting Dovetails**

James describes his woodworking journey this way:

"I have been working with wood since I could stumble into the shop with my dad. Then, I moved into a house with no space for a full shop, so I decided to take up all hand-tool woodworking. That decision started a whole new passion for wood. Now, I feel like I am learning the art all over again.

My joy and desire are to share this passion for hand-tool woodworking with everyone I can. So, come along for the fun of learning the ancient and new art of hand-tool woodworking!"

This promises to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring day filled with practical demonstrations, expert insights, and plenty of opportunities to learn.

Lunch Information

To keep everyone energized throughout the seminar, we'll be providing lunch to members.

Lunch Cost: $12 per person plus $1 if paying by credit card.

Sandwich Choices:

#1 Pepe Ham and provolone
#2 Big John Roast Beef and lettuce
#3 Totally Tuna Salad
#4 Turkey Tom Turkey and lettuce
#5 Vito Salami Capocollo Provolone
#6 Veggie Provolone and Avocado Spread

All sandwiches will include chips, pickle spear, and cookie.

Reserve Your Lunch

Signup sheets will be at the our next meeting, July 11, 2026.

If you are unable to attend the July meeting, please contact **Alan Lipman** by email to place your sandwich order and arrange payment.

Important: Sandwich orders **must** be received **no later than Wednesday, August 15**.

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Vice-President Message con't

Save the Date!
This is one of the highlights of our 2026 meeting schedule, and we hope you'll join us for a full day of learning, fellowship, and woodworking with James Wright. Mark your calendars now—we look forward to seeing you there!

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 July 14th at 7:00pm. For more information, please Contact Bill Teague; 2stepper@teague.us

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: Front End Loader https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- July meeting (07/11/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- **NOTE: No Show and Tell at Our July and August Meetings**
  Due to special events scheduled for our July and August 2026 meetings, we will not be holding our monthly Show and Tell during those meetings. Show and Tell will resume at our September 2026 meeting and will continue as a regular feature at each monthly meeting, including our 2026 Club Picnic.
- 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 **3** new members in May:
Amber Batson, Syed Hasan & Thaddeus Shaffer

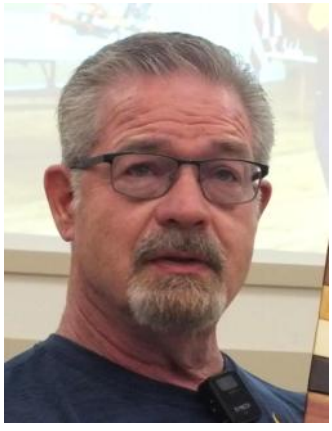
Show and Tell

Charles Volek

◊ Tree of Life scroll saw project

Tom Blanco

◊ Garden bench from Tom's original design



Tom Boisture

◊ County map of Texas utilizing a considerable array of wood species

Show and Tell

Andy Tofuri

◊ European turning saw. Blade, pins and handles from a kit. Frame made from cedar elm

Bernard Bynum

◊ Serving tray with a cedar panel and poplar frame

David VanDewerker

◊ A quilted rocking chair based on Henry Majoue's design

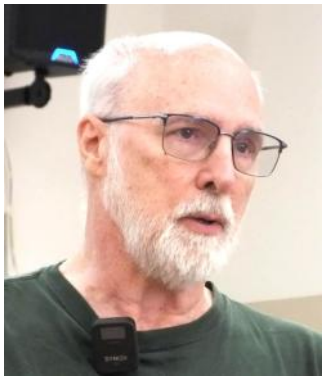
Show and Tell

Jeff Larsen

◊ Large bowl made from a single block

Frank Fuss

◊ Lantern prototype made with poplar with Kumiko panels



Keith VanTassel

◊ Shop-made wooden hand plans

Show and Tell

Chris Farquhar

- Scroll saw highland cow
- Intarsia Happy Flower submitted for a design contest

David Janowitz

- Salt and pepper mills made from a variety of woods
- Turned bowl made from Birds-Eye maple
- Ring boxes made from Bolivian rosewood
- Turned platter showing incredible chatoyance/ quilting. Wood species unknown, possibly maple

Show and Tell

Rick Specek

- Scroll saw 3-D Christmas tree made from Corian, mounted on a pecan base
- Scroll saw cake pedestal with a Corian top
- Scroll saw deer made from an antler

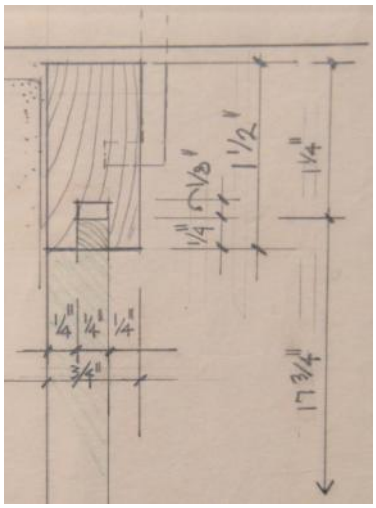
Robert Patin

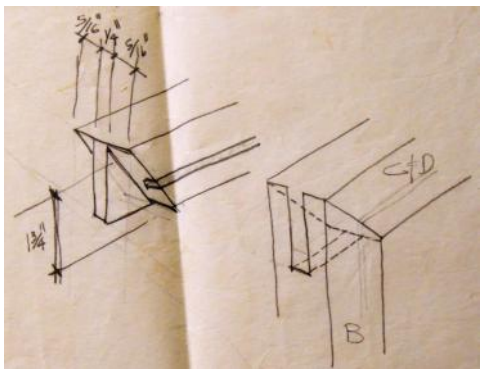
- 2-Different Keepsake boxes
- Tissue box

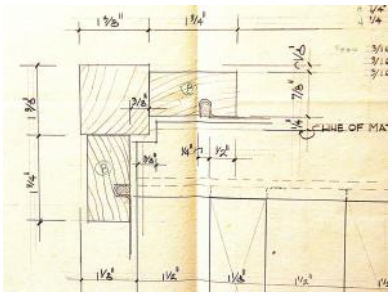
Show and Tell

Frank Patout

- Baby crib made in the 1970s for Frank's second child
- Corner post detail showing mitered tenon corner
- Shop-made jig used in the construction of the crib







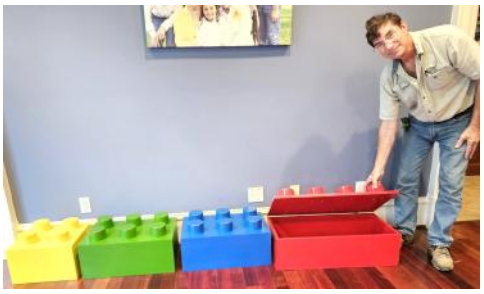
Show and Tell

Steve Procter

- Dry bar with wine frig
- Large barn doors made from MDF
- Built-in desk
- Flooring work with corrected nosing
- Foyer tree
- Rebuilt frig cabinet
- Kitchen island
- Remodeled stairs
- Bathroom vanity with pickled stain treatment
- Lego style block, one of which is a toy box
- Book case in a study
- Desk with sorting shelves based on shoe storage racks
- Kitchen remodel
- Cabinetry
- Laundry room remodel to match adjacent kitchen
- Kitchen remodel in walnut
- Office/study built-ins made with solid walnut
- Nutcracker sleigh made for dance company to be pulled by 6 dancers

See more of Steve's work on the next page

Show and Tell



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:

July 11th

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 Shops

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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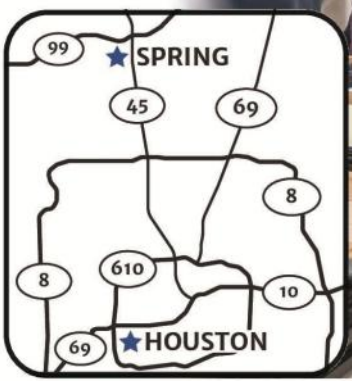

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Brian Murrah
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Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	David Janowitz
Refreshments	Kent Hawley
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SPLINTER GROUPS

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

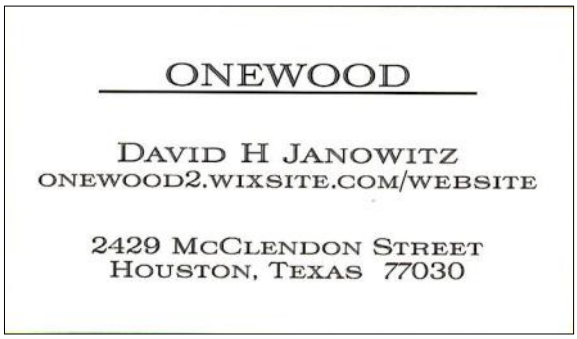
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

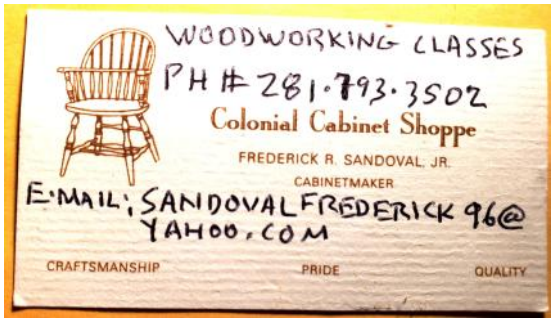
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 August 5th 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