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NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 15th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	08/15
Hand Tool Meeting	08/06
CNC Router Meeting	08/18
Furniture Meeting	08/27

August

- **Meeting is on the 3rd Saturday in August**
- **No Show-N-Tell at August meeting**
- **Get your lunch order in before August 2nd**

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH August 2026 Toy of the Month

Mobile Crane Operator

Vice-President Message

As a reminder, 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** for a full-day seminar (“9:00am-3:00pm) 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.

James will present three engaging sessions:

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

This promises to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring day filled with practical demonstrations, expert insights, and plenty of opportunities to learn.
As you know, you may order a sandwich for lunch during your upcoming Seminar presented by James Wright, host of the popular Wood by Wright YouTube channel. The sandwich shop has asked for the sandwich type count to be submitted to them earlier than what was previously communicated in emails and the posted on the Forum and newsletter. **The new deadline is no later than the end of the day this Sunday, August 2nd.**

To submit your order, contact Alan Lipman or send Alan an email at http://wwch.tres@gmail.com. Let him know what type of sandwich you want from the following list and how you will pay for the sandwich. Cost will $12 plus an extra $1 if paying by credit card. Zelle payment is preferred. Alan can help you with Zelle as well.

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

If are unable to order your sandwich by the deadline, you may bring your own lunch or get lunch at a local establishment. The lunch break will be 1 hour.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alan Lipman or Rod Griffith.

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Vice-President Message con't

James Wright

Texas Woodworking Festival 2026

Don't Miss the Texas Woodworking Festival – September 25–27!

Mark your calendars! The **Texas Woodworking Festival** is coming to Austin **September 25–27**, and it promises to be one of the premier woodworking events of the year.

Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills, discover new tools, or connect with fellow woodworkers, this festival has something for everyone. Highlights include:

- Outstanding speakers and educational sessions
- More than **50 woodworking exhibitors** showcasing the latest tools, products, and techniques
- Opportunities to meet nationally recognized artisans, makers, and woodworking vendors
- The inaugural **AWP Maker Pinewood Derby**, where you can put your creativity and craftsmanship to the test (small entry fee applies)

As a special benefit for **WWCH members**, the festival is offering **10% off registration** when you use the discount code **WCH2610**.

Win an All-Access Festival Pass!

The festival has generously donated to WWCH **one All-Access Admission Ticket** to our club to help support our fundraising efforts.

At our **August 15th meeting**, we'll raffle off this **single All-Access Admission Ticket,** an incredible prize! Proceeds will go the club.

Raffle tickets: $5 each

Prize value: Over **$300**

The lucky winner will receive:

- Full admission to the festival
- Unlimited access to the Exhibit Hall
- Entry to all seminars and educational classes
- Online access to the recorded sessions after the event
- A complimentary drink

Everyone Wins!

Even if your raffle ticket isn't the lucky one, you'll still receive an **additional 5% discount**—stacked on top of your existing **10% WWCH member discount**. That means you can save **15%** on festival registration! The additional discount code will be distributed to raffle participants who do not win at the **August 15 meeting**.

For more information and festival details, visit https://texaswoodworkingfestival.com/ . We hope you'll join us for this outstanding celebration of woodworking—and good luck in the raffle!

Please contact Rod Griffith or Brian Murrah if you have any questions.

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

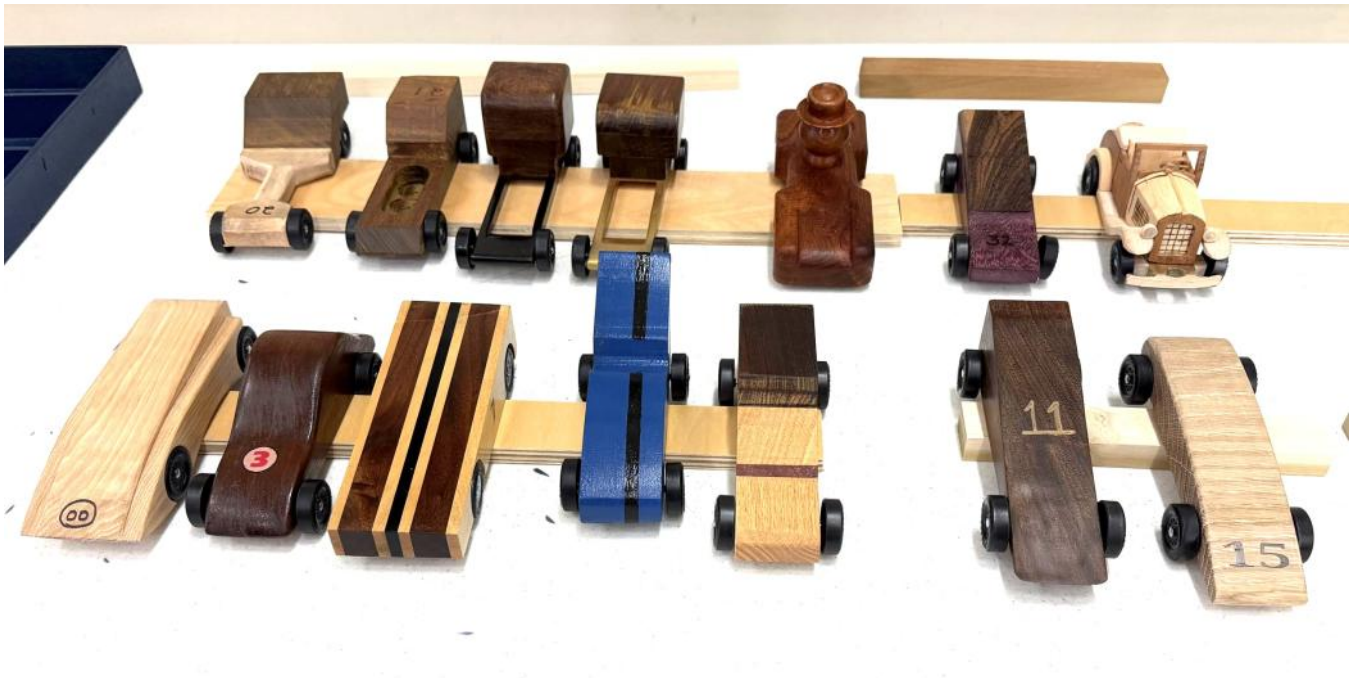
Cherry - $100 - $249

- Houston Hardwoods

Ash - $25 - $99

- Jack Bailie
- Robert Campbell
- Kent Hawley
- Mary Wenzel

Hardwood Derby 2026



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Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is August 18th 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: Mobile Crane https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- August meeting (08/15/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- **NOTE: No Show and Tell at Our August Meetings** Due to special event scheduled for our August 2026 meetings, we will not be holding our monthly Show and Tell during the meeting. 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 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 **1** new member in July:
John Lindsey

Show and Tell

Alex Kenny

◊ Maple watch stand

Jack Bailie

◊ Cutting boards

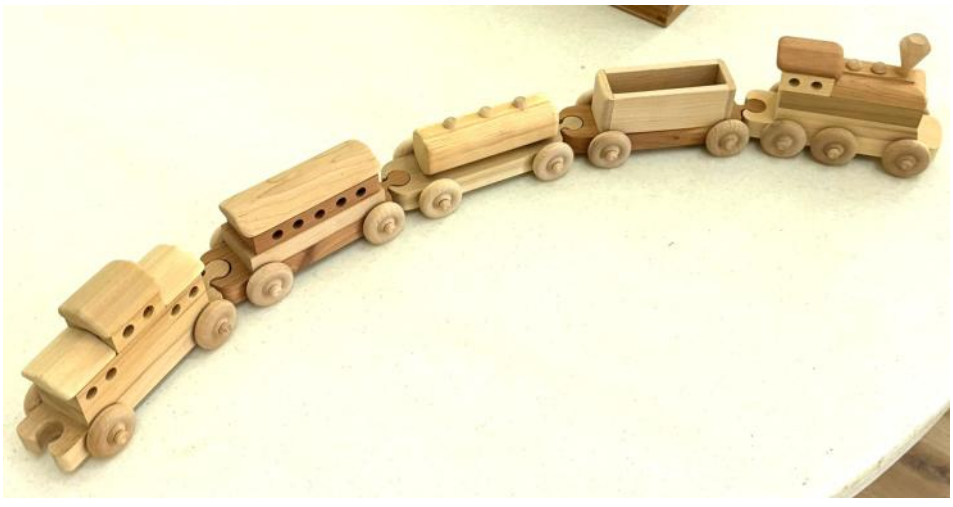
Show and Tell

Mike Hardy

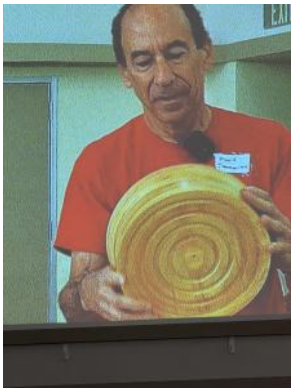
◊ Cherry silverware caddies

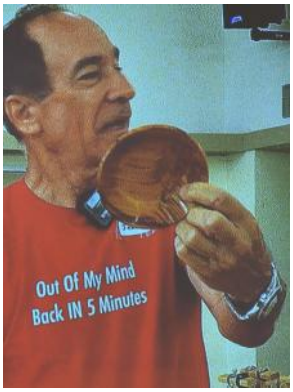
Ken Shaffer

◊ Toy train



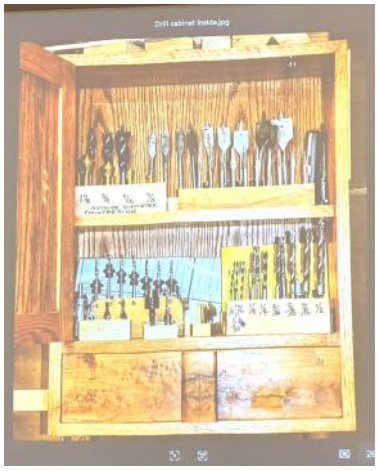
Show and Tell





David Janowitz

- Large turned bowl from Baltic birch
- Small bowls, one from Osage Orange and one from Cedar Elm
- Bowl from Cedar Elm



Frank Patout

- Drill bit storage case
- Interior view of storage case
- Trivets made from handmade Mexican tiles

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:

August 15th

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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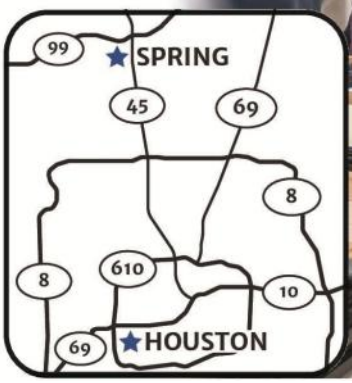

WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Vice President	Rod Griffith
Secretary	Paul Foster
Treasurer	Alan Lipman

DIRECTORS

Bill Harris
Curtis Love
Rich Ostermeier
Brian Murrah
Bernard Bynum

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Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	David Janowitz
Refreshments	Kent Hawley
Technology	Denis Muras
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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

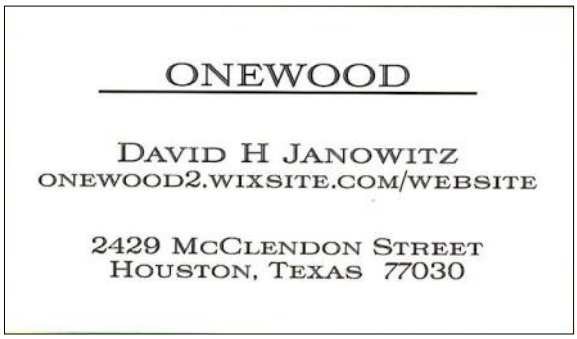
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

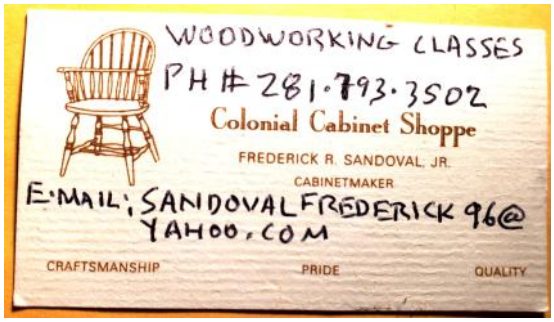
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 September 2nd 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