The Sawdust Sentinel

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday September 12th Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	09/12
CNC Router Meeting	09/15
Furniture Meeting	09/24
Hand Tool Meeting	10/01

Dates subject to change

September

- **Labor Day—September 7th**
- **Patriot Day—September 11th**
  25th Anniversary of 9/11

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH September 2026 Toy of the Month

Animated Bunny

Pam Kelley

In Loving Memory of our fellow woodworker:

Pamela K. Kelley

Our beloved Pam passed away on Monday, August 10, 2026. Married for 54 years, she was the wife of Lon Kelley who was also a fellow woodworker. Pam grew up in New York but became a Houstonian in 1979. She had a passion for art, knitting, skiing, flying with Lon in their Lancair ES, hiking, and as we all knew her – woodworking. Alongside Lon, they made hundreds of toys supporting the club's contribution to charitable organizations. Pam and Lon had been members of the club for 20+ years. She was always full of energy and approached life with a positive attitude. Her warm smile and contagious giggles will be missed but always remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 10:00 am at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079.

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**.

Even if you did not win at the raffle in August, 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

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Next meeting is September 15th 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: Animated Bunny https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- September meeting (09/12/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- 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 did not welcome any new members in August

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:

September 12th

Steve Procter

"Making Curved Work"

For our September 12 meeting, we had originally planned to welcome Brian Killen, founder of Dust Dog, who was going to speak with us about dust collection in small home shops. Sadly, Brian passed away in April. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Stepping in to fill the program, our own member Steve Procter will present:

"Making Curved Work."

Steve will share examples of curved woodworking, including the challenges involved in creating the curves for arched French doors, constructed entirely from solid wood. He will also discuss how to make and use templates for creating curves—a technique that has applications far beyond curved work and can be useful in many types of woodworking projects.

Join us on September 12 for an informative look at one of woodworking's more challenging—and rewarding—topics. Whether you have tackled curved work before or are simply curious about how it's done, Steve's presentation promises to offer practical ideas and techniques you can use in your own shop.

October 10

Annual Club Picnic

Activities before lunch & the raffle

November 14

Bryan Bailey ~ Molding Planes

December 12

Virtual Shop Crawls ~ Three Members

Jack Bailie ~ Cabinet Project

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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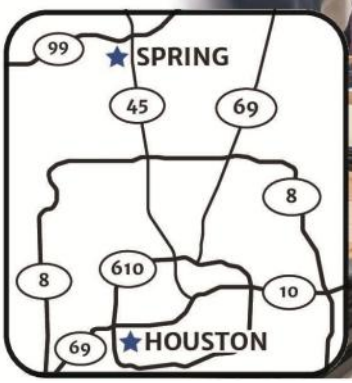

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Bryan Bailiey / Chris Schwartz / Andy Tofuri

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

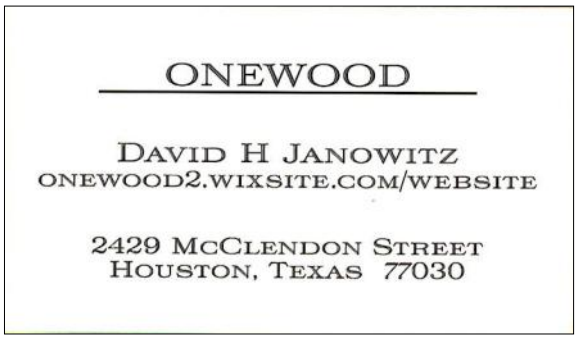
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

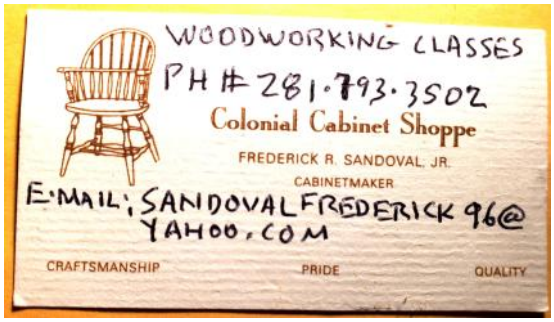
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 30th 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