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NEXT MEETING

Saturday October 10th
Starting at: 9am

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church,

2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018

http: //www.wwch.org

WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	10/10
CNC Router Meeting	10/13
Furniture Meeting	10/29
Hand Tool Meeting	11/05

Dates subject to change

October

- **WWCH Picnic October 10th - Get you meal tickets now! You only have until the 4th**
- **Halloween October 31st**

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH October 2026 Toy of the Month

Cruise Ship Word Puzzle

Gary Rowen

Gary Rowen

We would like to acknowledge the work, kindness and sometimes silliness he has brought to the club. Due to heath reasons he has step down from being the Post Master. Jack Bailie has stepped up to take over this position. Gary has a few honors within WWCH:

Secretary; 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
Board Member; 2005, 2016
Publications Director;
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018
Golden Hammer; 2005
Lifetime Achievement; 2015

For a very long time he took all the Show-N-Tell photos. He was also known as the “Web Wookie” with our old web site. Hopefully he’s able to make more appearances now and then.

From the Vice-President

October Meeting — Picnic, Raffle & More!

It's hard to believe October is already here! As everyone has heard, our October meeting will be a little different—and a lot of fun—as we gather for our annual **picnic and raffle**.

We'll begin with a little club business, followed by our monthly **Show and Tell**. There will be no formal presentation this month, giving us plenty of time to relax, visit with friends, and enjoy the afternoon together.

After the business meeting and Show and Tell, members can choose how they would like to spend their time. You can catch up with fellow members, check out the raffle items, enjoy the picnic, or take in one or both of two short, informal demonstrations showing some interesting ways technology can be used in woodworking.

- **3D Printing in Woodworking — Brian Murrah**
  Brian will demonstrate some practical and creative ways 3D printing can be used as a tool in woodworking.
- **SketchUp in Woodworking — Rod Griffith**
  Rod will show examples of how SketchUp can be applied to woodworking projects and planning.

These demonstrations are **not classes on how to use 3D printers or how to learn SketchUp**. Instead, they will focus on real-world examples of how these technologies can complement and enhance woodworking.

And, of course, **you don't have to attend the demonstrations** if technology isn't your thing. Feel free to spend that time visiting with other members, enjoying the picnic, and getting to know some of your fellow woodworkers.

At the appropriate time, we'll gather for the raffle, followed by lunch and plenty of time to relax, visit, and enjoy one another's company.

We hope you'll join us for a fun and relaxed October meeting. **Bring your appetite, your Show and Tell project, and your good spirits—we'll see you there!**

Ready to Raffle?

It's that time of the year again for our annual Woodworkers' BBQ Picnic and Raffle. If you haven't done so already and paid for your lunch ticket ($20 by credit card) there's still time to pay online or to contact Jack Bailie (Alan will be out of town until Oct 9th). The BBQ will be provided by Demeris, drinks (soda & water) by the club, and dessert by any generous member that chooses to bake or buy for the others to share.

Venue: At the meeting, Raffle tickets ($1, $3, $5) will be sold for a variety of fabulous prizes ranging from $5 to $200 retail. Lunch will be served around "noonish". Just when everyone starts getting sleepy from carb overload, drawings for the prizes will begin.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used by the club to help offset the club's expenses (facility rent, wheels, axles, annual speaker, coffee, donuts, etc) that exceed membership dues.

So, bring plenty of cash to buy your tickets and an appetite for the BBQ, and of course for socializing with fellow woodworkers, family members, and friends.

P.S. Please feel free to bring (homemade or bought) a dessert or two!

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 October 13th 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: Cruise Ship Word Puzzle https://wwch.org/toy-program/

Club Announcements

- October meeting (10/10/2026) will be held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street, 77018
- ***If you haven't purchase your meal ticket for the October meeting you must do so by Sunday October 4th through the web site under Store. Jack Bailie needs to send in the meal count on Sunday, so don't delay!***
- Jack Bailie will be taking over as Web Master
- 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 welcomed 3 new members in September:
Steve Brackney, Kent Hawley & Janos Hidrowoh

Show and Tell

Jack Bailie

◊ Cutting board made from maple and walnut, finished with mineral oil and a mineral oil/wax mix

Brian Murrah

◊ Flag cases from fumed oak and dyes

Thomas Hackney

◊ The stool in the back was made by Thomas' grandfather. The stool in front is Thomas' replica that he made for family members

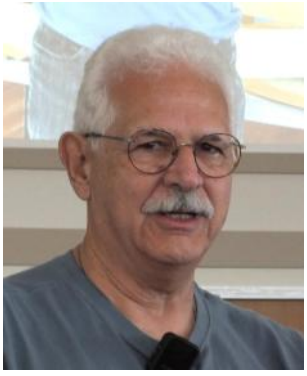
Show and Tell

Steve Wavro

◊ Intarsia beach scene door topper

Gordon Start

◊ Magnetic fences for hand planes when working on narrow stock



Mike Belovsky

◊ Violin bows

Show and Tell

Jeff Larsen

◊ Reamer and taper maker for chair building

Chris Farquhar

◊ Intarsia Bear

Steve Proctor

◊ Shiplap accent wall around a fireplace

◊ White oak built-in bookshelves

Show and Tell

Rick Spacek

- Proud Family scroll saw artwork cut from elm, painted with acrylics
- Old Mill scroll saw artwork cut from Wink wood

Henry Majoue

- 3 Cutting boards

Show and Tell

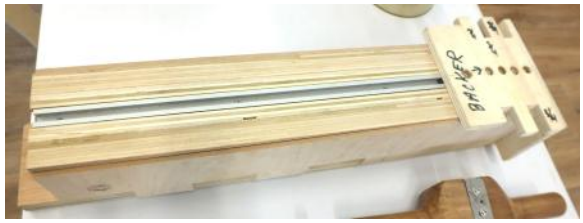
Mike Hardy

- Music stand for a clarinet/oboe player featuring granadillo wood accents
- Adjustment mechanisms on back made from granadillo
- Music stand commission featuring a second shelf and the Southern Cross constellation accent
- Close up of the Southern Cross accent

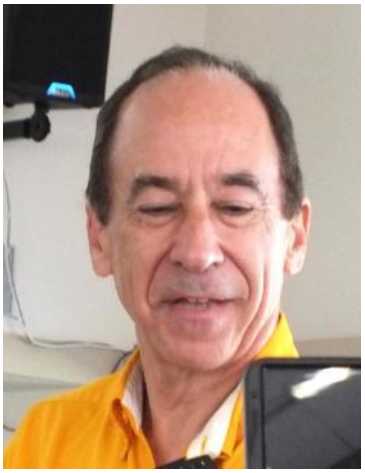
Show and Tell

David VanDewerker

- Box joint jig based on Phil Huber's plans provided at the 2025 seminar
- Blanket chest made from cherry using Greene and Greene style box joints
- Cherry blanket chest showing G&G-style plugs made from ebony
- Interior of blanket chest w/ cedar insert on the bottom
- Cherry blanket chest showing hidden drawer in base



Show and Tell



David Janowitz

- Cutting board made from maple and walnut, finished with mineral oil and a mineral oil/ wax mix
- Cutting boards from elm, ash, and post oak
- Coffee grinders with bases made from pad-uak and bird's eye maple
- Post oak charcuterie board with steam punk handles
- Cheese slicer with post oak board
- Mahogany bowl with brass nautical nut cracker
- Marble wood and Osage Orange rolling pin
- 3D end grain cutting board from Osage Or-ange 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:

October 13th
Annual Club Picnic
Activities before lunch & the raffles

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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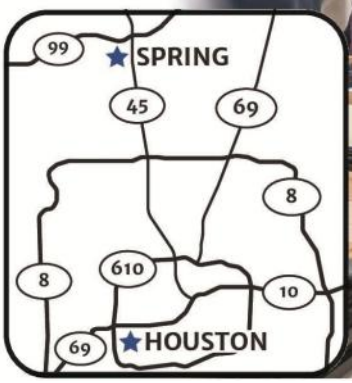

WWCH General Information

WWCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Secretary	Paul Foster
Treasurer	Alan Lipman

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Bill Harris
Curtis Love
Rich Ostermeier
Brian Murrah
Bernard Bynum

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Donuts	Roslyn Hager
Club Logo Items	Norm Nichols
Newsletter	Chris Farquhar
Raffle	David Janowitz
Refreshments	Kent Hawley
Technology	Denis Muras
Post Master	Jack Bailie
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

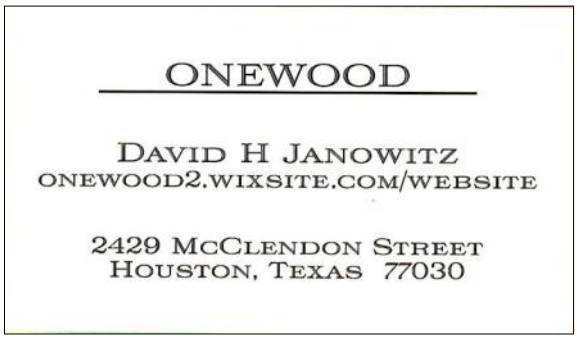
We're on the Web
www.wwch.org

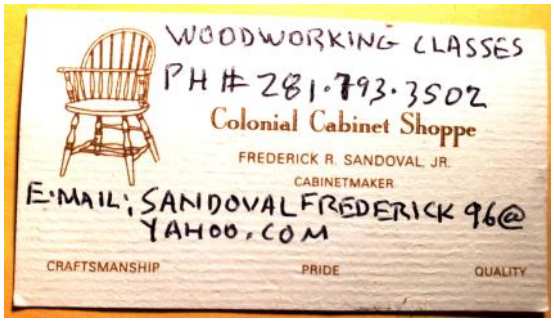
Join our Facebook Group! Woodworkers Club of Houston

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 November 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