

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by Eldridge Tidwell, Club President, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 14, 2016. 17 members and one returning member were present.

Treasurer's report shows \$1775.92 (before reimbursing Fred) in our account.

Blank of the Month

May: Lu Casaubon

June:

July:

August: Cruz Rendon

September: Helen and Shelley

October: Dan Gillen

November: Eldridge Tidwell

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News

Dan reminded us that the Texas Woodcarvers' Guild Show and Classes would begin May 1, 2016, in New Braunfels, Texas, for our last session at that location. The TWG will have the next event in Cleburne, Texas in May, 2017. Eldridge said that he might not get to New Braunfels this time due to a business conflict.



Dian's friend, Carl, has been diagnosed with liver failure and is in the hospital, so she will not be in New Braunfels either. Everyone please pray for both of them.

Since Dian will not be at the show, we need volunteers to set up and man the table on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Dan or Woody if you can help. We will need carvings to display on the table. Please bring those Friday evening or Saturday morning'

No one has signed-up for the May or July Blank of the Month. If anyone is interested, please email Woody (woodburn60@yahoo.com) or Eldridge (ertidwell@yahoo.com).

Door Prizes

- ◆ Dan won a Bobby Thurman knife;
- ◆ Forest won a Greenleaf bent gouge;
- ◆ Tom won a Greenleaf curved gouge.

Blank of the Month



Clarence carved crosses with patterns of turquoise or jet inlay. He will bring inlay materials to the May meeting. He said that Hobby Lobby has the small eye screws for the pendants.



Cruz said that the club had carved a display for the Austin Public Library in 1985 and it is probably stored in a basement now. Eldridge said he will go see if he can locate and recover it for the club.

We have reimbursed Fred for the expenses he incurred for our website.

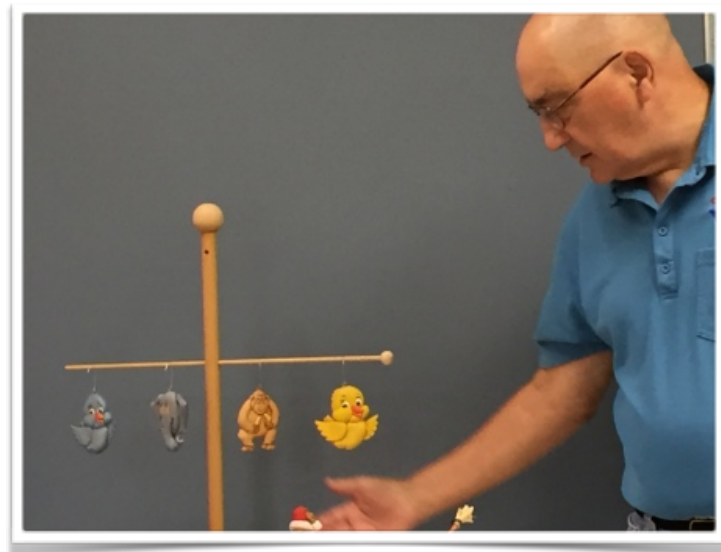
Dan announced that Cal Stewart has had one brain tumor removed, is still undergoing treatments.

Also, Ray North has leukemia and cannot travel, so his TWG class has been cancelled.

If you know of someone that would be interested in receiving our newsletter monthly, please let Lu know. It might get the word out about the club and lure in some possible new members.

Show and Tell

Dan carved and painted caricature birds, an elephant and a gorilla



Eldridge carved several crosses and heart pendants, using old jewelry for decoration, also a witch from a Dave Stetson roughout, and a nativity scene with Mary on a donkey and Joseph carrying a lantern.



Tom carved golf balls with birds for his 50 year high school reunion. He also had a Santa in a nightshirt (from a Jon Nelson roughout) and a cowboy bust.





Larry carved two large reliefs; one of an arm, with hand pointing up; the other an eagle over a furl of an American flag.



Fred carved three bottle stoppers from aspen.



Clarence carved several aspen pendants for the 'Blank of the Month', which is crosses with patterns of turquoise or jet inlay.



**Next meeting will be at 7:00 PM,
Thursday, May 12, 2016,
at the Hancock Center.**