

# the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

## Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by our President, Eldridge Tidwell, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 11, 2016. Eleven members were present.

Treasurer's report showed \$1272.16 in our account before Eldridge was reimbursed \$114.75 for door prizes purchased.

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## News

Dan had a list of possible changes to the awards presented at the TWG Woodcarving Show for us to consider. The Guild is trying to encourage more participation by members and clubs at the annual Show.

Eldridge said that he may not get to have carving classes for the school kids in Coupland this year, but he may teach classes in Taylor.

Dan asked us to inform everyone that Vic Hood will be teaching a repeat of the class that Dan took at Charley Phillips studio in Newark, Texas, from Oct. 17 - 21, 2016.

This will be a 5 day seminar carving a large human bust. Medium to large mallet tools are required, cost is \$350 plus \$75 - \$100 for the blank. You need to come with an idea of what you want for your bust subject. You will start with a butternut log; Vic will help you design the project to fit the log. He will rough it out with a chainsaw to get you started.

Questions: contact Vic Hood at [vhood@leatherwoodinc.com](mailto:vhood@leatherwoodinc.com). Register: contact Charley at [Charley@charleyphillips.com](mailto:Charley@charleyphillips.com). Charley's phone: 817-437-5310.



## Door Prizes

- ✦ Larry won a spoon with hearts for the handle.
- ✦ Lu won a knife.
- ✦ Woody won a small Santa blank.

## Blank of the Month

Blank of the Month was Cruz's bolos; we had a choice of a buzzard, Santa, cowboy or a longhorn steer.



Clarence said his exhibit at the Round Rock Library has been changed: his metal dragons, hobbits, etc. are this month. His relief carvings will be on display all of November.

Eldridge is doing well after his hip surgery and was able to drive to our meeting. Betty had knee replacement surgery in early August, she is recuperating at home and will begin rehab next week.

Priscilla checked with the Hancock Center office and was told that we could come for carving any Wednesday.

## Show and Tell

Dan carved a Civil War Confederate soldier from a large butternut stump. He was in a class taught by Vic Hood, held at Charley Phillips studio in Newark, Texas. The finish is a 50/50 mix of linseed oil & varnish (5 coats) with 5 coats of Deft. The stump was secured for carving by use of a ball & socket vise on a carving stand. Beautiful work, Dan!!!



Dan also carved a spoon from maple.

## Show and Tell

Clarence had a relief carving of a lady in a yellow dress and a blue hat.



Eldridge carved a Winnie the Pooh family of characters: 8 are finished and 4 still to do.



**Blank of the Month schedule for the rest of 2016:**  
August: Cruz  
September: Helen  
October: Dan  
November: Eldridge  
December: Christmas Party



Lu carved three different Harry Potter wands for his daughters .

**Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016, 7:00 PM, at the Hancock Center in Austin.**



# Pictures from Wednesday



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# **carving session:**