

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Meeting Notes

Eleven members were present at our meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2017. Eldridge brought the meeting to order. Treasurer's report showed \$1328.41 in our account.

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News

Eldridge said his school kids' carving class is over for the summer; all plan to return next semester. They gave him a \$100 gift card in thanks for his instruction. Next term he will have to teach at an earlier time. The school district gave him \$200 for teaching the classes, which he used to purchase wood for the blanks he will need in September.

County Home Demonstration Group has invited Eldridge to speak at their meeting, as has the local Red Hat Group. The "Coupland Leader" did a photo article about Eldridge and his wife with pictures of their carving and gourd work.

Tom will be leaving soon, going to the Carvers Rally in Crede, Colorado and other destinations for the summer. Have a great trip Tom!!

Helen has volunteered to paint all the chess pieces for the club's collaborative project. Everyone's should be getting their finished pieces turned in as soon as possible so she can get them painted.



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Door Prizes

- ◆ Eun Sun Lee won a knife;
- ◆ Woody got a flat, curved gouge;
- ◆ Marvin won a small gouge.

Blank of the Month

Blank of the Month was a continuation from last month. There were 8 chess pieces left to be carved. They were all taken by various members. The plan is to raffle the set off at the



Show and Tell

Clarence brought his pendants mounted on a display board; also a relief carving of sunflowers. He donated necklaces to the Round Rock Public Library to use as awards for their Summer Reading Program



Eun Sun Lee carved three boots, one for her son-in-law, one for her husband, and one for herself.





Tom carved a boot and cut laces in pieces, gluing them in place on the boot. Also a Santa carved from a Daniel Green blank, tall bears and a pack full of stars. He also brought finished chess pieces: a knight, the king and a pawn.



Marvin had a plaque saying "I spilled spot remover on my dog, now he's gone."



Next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Hancock Center in Austin.



Lu cut out a smaller size chess set for his use and has finished 8 pieces, he may need to make two sets for his older daughters.

Eldridge had carved a bull for a man in Lampasas, who wants two bulls fighting. He didn't like the way his painting turned out; Tom said to use Minwax sanding sealer, let dry and remove excess or use

Linseed oil instead of paint. Also Eldridge carved, burned, and painted a walking stick for his pastor who is leaving.

