

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 10, 2016, by our President, Eldridge Tidwell.

The Treasurer's report showed \$1737.40 in our account.

Blank of the Month

April: Clarence Born

May: Lu Casaubon

June:

July:

August: Cruz Rendon

September: Helen and Shelley

October: Dan Gillen

November: Eldridge Tidwell

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News

Fred sent an email that he has paid \$266.71 to renew our domain name registration for 3 more years. He will be reimbursed for this amount as soon as possible.

Dwight announced that Chris Hammock was willing to come to the area and teach a two day class on caricatures. Chris has a home in Stephenville now and teaches there twice a year; refer to www.chrishammock.com for pictures of his projects. Several members expressed interest in taking the class, so Dwight will speak to Chris about dates available when he sees Chris in New Braunfels in May.

Russell said that Fred did 3 handhold carvings for his sister's staircase and she liked one of them so much that she wouldn't let him put it up as a handhold, but uses it as a separate decorative piece. Eldridge brought one more handhold (a buffalo) for her. She is thankful for all who helped her.



Door Prizes

- ◆ Woody won one of Carolyn Halbrook's shelves with chip carving patterns to use in its decoration.
- ◆ Jesse (a probable new member brought by Lu) won a dog blank.
- ◆ Lu won a knife.
- ◆ Jim R. won a mouse blank for a lanyard.

Blank of the Month



There was no blank of the month for March. Please sign up for one of the available months if you have a great idea that the club might enjoy carving!!!!

Lu said he had not received information updates from a lot of members and asked if we would send him your contact information including name address and phone number. The information is strictly for the club and will never be shared. You can send the information to luiscaaubon@gmail.com

Eldridge had carved two 'wolf in sheep's clothing' pieces for a lady in Dallas and he brought pictures of them.

Tom brought some excess carving materials (spools, a strop, etc.) found while cleaning his work area at home. Betty brought two pieces of driftwood, which were found by her son-in-law, and would make good bases for animal or bird carvings. We all looked through the materials and took home items that will be useful in our carving projects.

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

Tom brought a relief carving of a squirrel in a tree, done from one of John Engler's patterns.



Jaleen brought three woodburnings that she did in Patty Rucker's class in Aransas Pass. They will be gifts for her three new grandchildren. She also brought her beautiful fish carving that won Best in Show there.



Dan carved a bird from a picture in a children's coloring book:



Betty brought a fish she carved in Wanda Reichert's class. Also two Santa Claus carvings, one each for her two Aggie grandsons. She finished the one that she had already started and completed another one in Adair & Patty Rucker's class in Aransas Pass.



Helen had a Santa Claus that she carved in Adair & Patty's class in Aransas Pass.



Woody had also carved a Santa Claus in Adair & Patty's class in Aransas Pass.



Clarence carved several hair barrettes, a pair of earrings, and a basswood cross pendant with turquoise inlay.



Eldridge carved the buffalo for Russell's sister and wood burned a 'witch mouse on a broom' from a quilt pattern.

