

# the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

## Meeting Notes

Eldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, May 11, 2017. Eleven members and one visitor were present. Treasury has a balance of \$1373.41. Our new member is Diana Dussan.

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## News

Eldridge told us about a man he met who makes 3- string guitars from cigar boxes.

Fred and Tom told Diana (our newest member) about the Camping Carvers group.

Tom told Diana that she should place wood in a wet paper towel and store it in the refrigerator to make the wood easier to carve.

Tom continued to share his vast carving knowledge with an excellent presentation on gouges, veiners, chisels, and something called a macaroni tool.



## Door Prizes

- ✦ Betty won a small gouge.
- ✦ Shelley won a small chisel.
- ✦ Diana won a knife.

## Well wishes...

One of Eldridge's students was using a glove with a hole in it and cut his hand, which required 4 stitches. The students have finished 3 projects each.

Eldridge said that Johnny was continuing treatments for the next few weeks. He is doing well.

Dan said that Cruz had been in a car accident but was unharmed.

## Blank of the Month

Lu cut out 32 chess pieces (an entire set) for us to carve as a group project. Detailed pictures of the set is from the Spring 2017 issue of Carving Illustrated. They are to be left natural wood so that they can all be painted together to match. If anyone is interested in painting all of the pieces, let me know. The complete set will be raffled off at the Holiday party in December.



## Show and Tell



Dan turned a small cedar log and carved "GILLEN" in it and then carved "DAN" and "MARY" in 2 smaller logs.



Diana carved several spoons from found wood (juniper, hackberry, etc.). Fred recommended she try sycamore wood. Tom said basswood or aspen would also be good.



Eldridge carved a small dog.



Marvin carved a very large basswood cowboy. The body was glued together like a barrel and lined with cedar. He uses this as a cigar humidor. Very clever!!!!

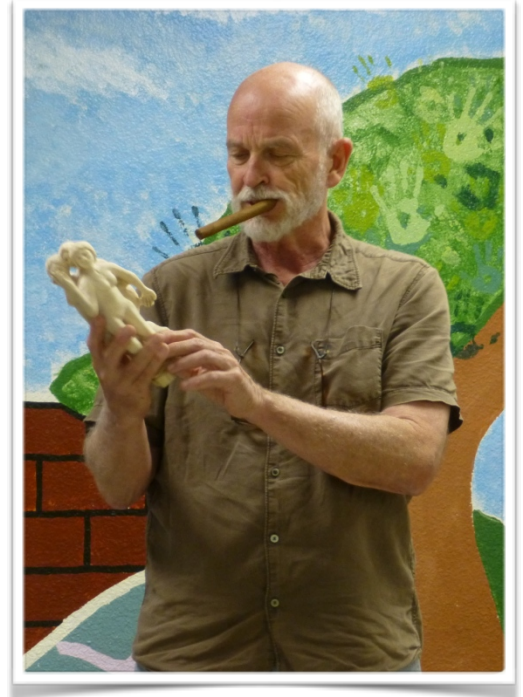


Betty carved a small snowman in Fred Carter's class. She also carved a small bunny whose face had to be carved again.





Fred carved a group of 3 women in different dancing poses, which he calls "Three Graces". He got the idea from a painting.



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