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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarver's Association

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Blank of the Month

by Rita Ryser



August Show & Tell



Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

This month has been a busy one. Lorraine and I have been volunteering at the Austin Convention Center to help the Katrina evacuees. There was an amazing outpouring of support from the people of Austin. We just want to thank all the people that came to help, contributed clothing and food, or provided assistance in other ways. This is a major disaster but we can be proud of how individuals responded.

If you have a web browser check out the directory of members. I have updated it to use an advanced cascading style sheet (CSS) and I need to know if it works on your browser.

<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa/ctwadirectory/index.html>

The newsletter is also available in color at

<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa/newsletters/index.html>

See you at the meeting!

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 13th
at 7 PM
at the Austin Woodcraft Store.**

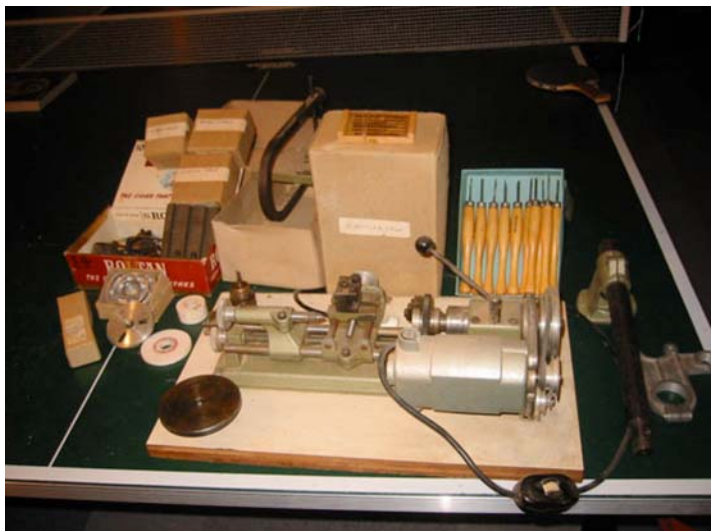
Doors open at 6:30. If you need directions call one of the officers or visit the club website (<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa>)

August Show & Tell



For Sale

From **Ralph Comer**: a Unimat for \$700. It has a three-jaw chuck and a four-jaw chuck, milling tables (square and circular), index table, it's both a metal and wood lathe; it has a tail spindle and can be converted to a drill press. Call 837-7664 and ask for Ralph, if interested.



Secretary's Notes

by **Shirley Newman**
August 9, 2005 Meeting

A great group of carvers gathered Tuesday night for our monthly meeting, several of whom had returned from well deserved vacations.

President, **Marvin Joseph**, opened the meeting, welcoming **Paul Lowengrub**, a former member of our club, with us once again.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,271.50 in our club account, less \$95.81 for expenses incurred producing our monthly newsletter. He reported that 65 - 70 of our members have paid their dues current for the year. A motion was made by **Jo Cage**, seconded by **Buddy Streetman**, that a post card be sent to the 30 or so remaining members who had not paid their dues, advising them they will be dropped from our membership roster if they do not bring their dues current by September 30. The motion passed unanimously.

No progress was reported on the Operation Cane project, but as soon as the kits arrive, carvers will be given the opportunity to participate.

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild 2005 14th Annual Artistry in Wood Show and Sale is nearly upon us, scheduled for September 18 - 24. Carving classes will be held Monday through Thursday, with the show and sale open to the public on Friday and Saturday. Our club will have a table set up Friday and Saturday, and each club member is encouraged to place at least one of their carvings on display during those days. Let's do our best to have a table full of carvings, reflecting the skills and talents of our members!

We had a lot of show and tell items at our meeting. **Buddy Streetman** brought his carved rabbit, with a bleached finish. This is the third such rabbit he has carved and for now he plans to move on to other projects. **Jim Roby** shared several items such as the leaf he carved and mounted in a very attractive frame he made. He also brought the giraffes he carved at the Spring meeting in Fredericksburg which are so attractive, and his cowboy caricature titled "blowout" as the cowboy holds one well worn boot! **Jeremy Cuba** worked some very impressive carving time into his busy summer, and brought a racoon he had carved from a roughout (one of his favorite carvings) which he had painted, a star painted like a Texas flag, a caricature bottle stopper, a realistic fishing lure painted and mounted on driftwood, and his sea captain in a yellow slicker. **Jo Cage** had finished very nicely the bunny ornament from last month which she plans to give as a Christmas gift. **Dottie**

Dunlop shared a beautiful deep relief carving scene, as well as three beautifully wood burned pieces, one of an eagle, and two of mountain men. **Jo Comer** had finished her Friar carving complete with painting it, and also had finished her bunny from last month which she made into a magnet, as well as the giraffe from two meetings ago. **Shirley Newman** brought two finished projects from the April classes in Fredericksburg, a caricature of "Grandpa in his PJs", and also a two sided ornament in a box of a young boy holding a goose.

After seeing all these different carving projects, and following the raffle, carvers purchased the blank of the month prepared by **Tom Sarff** which was a blank to be carved either as a bear or a rabbit.

Next month **Rita Ryser** will provide Santa ornament blanks which will certainly get us into the spirit of the upcoming ... and not too distant Holiday season.

Dick Pritchett and **Marvin Joseph** will set up for our September 13th monthly meeting. Hope you are planning to attend, as each monthly gathering is so very special. See you then.

Shirley Newman

Space Available

If you have an article related to carving I would love to publish it in the newsletter. Just call me or send some e-mail.

If you have some wood or tools for sale, members get to post the ad for free.

If you know of carving events that other members would be interested in please notify me. I will include them in the monthly newsletter if you give me the information before it goes to press.

Texas Carving Events

Sept 19-24, 2005 Fredericksburg, Texas
Sponsored by the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. 5 days of seminars for more information: contact: www.texaswoodcarversguild.com or call Robert Miles at Carverbob5@aol.com

Oct 8-9, 2005 Houston, Texas Sponsored by the Houston Area Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Linda Hughes at (281) 360-3193 or lhughes@pdq.net

Oct 22-23, 2005 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 39th

Annual Artistry in Wood, Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Bobbie Thornton at (405) 352-4096 or bobbiet@oklahoma.net

Blank of the Month for 2005

September Rita Ryser
October Marvin Joseph
November Johnny Dunlap

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual Membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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