

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by our new club President, Eldridge Tidwell. He will also be the new contact person listed on our website for information about the club.

Treasurer's report showed \$1656.20 in our account.

Blank of the Month

February : Clarence Born

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News

Eldridge said he had an opportunity to teach carving in Africa, but he turned that down. He saw all the hassles his son had at the airport trying to return to Africa with some knives and BB guns the kids got for Christmas, and he was worried that the inspectors could confiscate all his carving tools.

Eldridge also said that he is not teaching carving in the school at Coupland this term because the kids are taking art classes at this time.

Fred is working on the website and has had some problems. Russell offered to help him when he can.

Clarence's Santa Workshop exhibit at the Round Rock Library every Christmas was extremely popular with visitors this past December. It is always a joy to go see all these delightful carvings on display.

Russell had a request from his sister, who would like to have three carved handholds for her staircase at home. She needs these to help her hold onto both sides when going up or down the stairs. She has painted a mural of scenes from the Grand Canyon on the wall and would like to have handholds of a bear, buffalo, and another animal. There was a discussion of dimensions and other details by the group. Fred volunteered to carve a bear and Eldridge will do a buffalo.



Door Prizes

- ◆ Lu won a vulture blank
- ◆ Fred won a skew chisel
- ◆ Woody won an Indian blank

Please remember to pay your dues if you have not done this already, \$12 per year is DUE NOW.

Blank of the Month

There was no blank of the month for January.

We asked Lu to do an updated member roster. He will notify people by email and compile the information. Clarence had removed the names of no-pays from our 2012 roster previously.

Dan reported that the TWG website is open for class selection and registration online or by mail. The class descriptions are available, along with many pictures of the projects.

Clarence brought the second club cane. We need several more carvings before it can be finished. Several members have blanks they can complete.

I told the group about a product I purchased from Duluth Trading. It is a kit containing materials that will clot blood in cases of excessive bleeding. This would be an addition to any First Aid Kit and could save lives. Dan said he would ask the TWG officers if they were interested in purchasing one.

Show and Tell

Lu carved a spoon with a heart at the top for a co-worker's first baby. This is from a previous blank-of-the-month. He also carved a penguin from a Woodcarving Illustrated pattern; and a Santa as a remembrance of the family holiday trip to Santa Fe.



Clarence brought a carved a decorated heart pin.

Eldridge carved an ice skate; a cottonwood bark piece; and a Santa sitting in a chair with a quilt covering him (from one of Adair's blanks).



The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Thursday,
February 11, 2016,
at the Hancock Center.