

the Cutting Edge

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Clarence Born, CTWA President, called the Monthly Meeting to order on Thursday, February 13 at the Hancock Recreation Center in Austin. Sixteen members were present.

The Treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2,656.65, which included a deposit of membership dues paid in the amount of \$240.

Dwight Vance reported on the Carving Show and Classes held in Aransas Pass earlier in February. Jaleen Vance won a Blue ribbon and Runner-up Best of Intermediate for her beautiful carving of a trout. Dwight won a Blue ribbon for his carving of an owl.

Johnny Dunlap suggested that we have a carving display at Lake Line Mall in an effort to increase club membership.

Jake Heugel broke his shoulder recently, so we all wish him a speedy recovery. Dan Gillen reported that Larry Stanfield had been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer, after he had a series of strokes and heart attacks. Also, long-time carver Ed Moore is in hospice care. Sadly, both Larry and Ed died in the week following this meeting.

Fred McLeroy asked for more people to submit photos of their carvings to the Web site.

Fred also suggested having free carving classes with use of tools and wood provided at no charge. Several people said that they had extra tools that could be used. This would have to take place on Saturdays, since night classes have been tried and did not work out.

There was quite a display of carvings for Show and Tell this month.

Fred had a wood spirit carved from a piece of cedar that he found in the woods. He also had completed his "Ascent into Heaven" carving that he showed last month as a work in progress.

Jaleen Vance brought the fish carving that won awards in the Aransas Pass carving show. She also displayed a dove. Both carvings were displayed on driftwood bases.

Lou Casaubon showed a small elephant and two plaques.

Dwight Vance had a one-third size male snowy owl that he said took approximately 400 hours of work over a one year period.

Woody Heibert displayed an intaglio carving of an angel, carved in Greg Wirtz's class in Aransas Pass. For painting, she used Min Wax Clear Tint Base (water based) rather than water to mix paints.

Dan Gillen brought a bear carved from Lou's Blank of the Month. He also showed a butternut spoon with a heart carved in the handle: his wife's Valentine's present.

Johnny Dunlap presented a Norwegian style carving of a woman, based on a pattern by Harley Refsal. He also brought a caribou carving with a horn that had broken and was subsequently glued back into place.

Harvey Beauchemin showed a peg-leg sailor with a parrot on his shoulder. He finished this carving with Renaissance wax.

Diann Small had a Kachina doll that she had designed and carved.

Clarence Born brought a group of heart-shaped pendants, as well as other carvings he had finished since our last meeting.

On behalf of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild, Dan Gillen accepted the club's donation of the Friendship cane we worked on last year. He thanked everybody for their work and for the donation. The cane will be auctioned at the Guild meeting in April.

Harvey won a set of forceps in the Door Prize drawing. Fred's ticket was drawn, but he declined to pick a prize. Jaleen won a star blank. Betty Geise won a basswood cylinder—the spindle from a player piano, and Shelley Key won a pig blank.

Dan mentioned that Butch Wilkinson had been left out of the Guild newsletter. Butch is running for re-election as a board member.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Hancock Recreation Center meeting room.

Blank of the Month 2014

March	Jake Heugel
April	Cruz Rendon
May	Tom Sarff
June	Shelley Key & Helen Havemann
July	Clarence Born
August	Lou Casaubon
September	Johnny Dunlap
October	Diann Small

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