

# *the Cutting Edge*

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Clarence Born, CTWA President, called the first Monthly Meeting of 2014 to order Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hancock Recreation Center in Austin. He welcomed visitor Mark Klinge, from Cedar Park.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the financial report for January will be reported at the February meeting. Dues for 2014 will also be accepted at that time by Woody Hiebert.

Clarence noted that he had been contacted by an individual who has a full sized carousel horse roughout he is selling for \$450.00. You may contact Clarence if interested in more information.

Last November our club members voted to dispose of our magazine and video library, allowing our members to take any material of interest to them before the remaining items were disposed of. Accordingly, those materials were made available to members at the January meeting where a great deal of the items were selected.

Clarence commented on the success of the Christmas Party in December which was held at the Springhill Restaurant in Pflugerville, noting that the restaurant had been reserved for the 2014 Christmas Party. No deposit was required for this advance reservation.

In response to a question about the Club's non-profit status, he said that Woody Hiebert, Secretary, was following up on it.

Fred McLeroy requested that anyone wanting to share their personal carving photo gallery on our Web site do so by placing 10 or 12 photos on a CD and giving it to him.

A correction to an item in the November newsletter: the club member who passed away was Sandy Bauman, rather than Sandy Bowman, as previously reported.

There were many Show and Tell carvings on display this month.

Dan Gillen brought a carving of a hand holding a cross, a small carved turtle, and a small German Opa figure.

Johnny Dunlap had carved a realistic cougar, poised on a darker stained piece of driftwood.

Harvey Beauchemin had carved a delightful little kitten playing with a ball, carved from black walnut.

Tom Sarff had completed the little bear head from the November blank of the month.

Jake Heugel brought his carving of a realistic moose head. He also prepared a unique deer stand, complete with deer.

Clarence Born brought a number of pendants, some with painted designs on them and others with shallow relief patterns.

Fred McLeroy had an interesting piece carved from an aspen log which was some 18 inches tall. It was a three dimensional deep relief carving titled "Ascent into Heaven," with a number of bodies reaching heavenward. According to Fred, this is still a work in progress, so we may see it again later.

Jim Mischel brought a little bird carved into a piece of Bristlecone pine, and also a lizard lounging on another piece of wood.



Following the drawing for door prizes, Tom Sarff presented a very interesting and helpful session on sharpening knives and other tools. In it, he covered both sharpening by hand and power sharpening. Tom covered the various grits used to effectively finish carvings, the metals used in making knives, and sharpening new knives. He stressed the importance of “counting the strokes” when stropping a tool so that it is the same on both sides of the blade. He also demonstrated marking the edge of a blade with a black marker so that you can see what is actually being removed on the edges. He addressed leather strops and alternatives, as well as stropping compounds. He reminded us that when using power sharpeners we must be aware that the metal is removed very quickly, and to be wary of overheating the blade. Tom closed with the reminder that it takes time and practice to develop the skill of sharpening our tools.

A round of applause followed Tom’s presentation.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 7:00 P.M. at the Hancock Recreation center off Red River.

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