

the Cutting Edge

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

Woody Hiebert, club Treasurer reported that we had a beginning balance of \$2,896.65. We wrote a \$400 check for reinstatement of our non-profit status, a check to Tom Sarff for raffle prizes, and three members paid their dues for 2014.

Clarence said that he would talk to the Director of Hancock Center concerning the possibility of holding no-cost beginning carving classes on Saturdays.

Dan Gillen gave a presentation concerning the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. He told us that the Guild was losing money on the Rally and Show in New Braunfels. Several solutions were discussed:

1. Switch all members to email newsletters as we did in our club.
2. Require instructors to pay the regular registration fee.
3. Double registration fee for all attendees.

Dan also said that he had been asked by a clock repairman if anyone hwere could repair the carving surrounding a clock that had been brought to him. There is a piece broken off the carved part, which will have to be replaced. The biggest problem might be matching the paint.

Clarence accounced that the Texas Preservation Guild was looking for people to carve wood from trees on the Capitol grounds, and wood flooring removed from the Governor's mansion. These carvings would then be sold in the gift shops.

There was quite a variety of items for Show and Tell this month. Tom Sarff brought a dancing hippo that he developed for his carving sessions in New Braunfels.



Dan Gillen's latest turtle is chilling out in a nice pair of sandals. Perhaps to keep his feet from burning on the hot sand.

Fred McLeroy brought in a figure carved in Aspen of a woman with hands on her hips, and a butternut bust of his son's girlfriend.

Harvey Beauchemin brought in a Civil War soldier wearing what looks like a French uniform. He told us that at the beginning of the War, both sides were looking for uniforms, and used quite a variety. He also said that children's coloring books were good places to find ideas.

Lou Casaubon brought in several owl carvings: examples of his Blank of the Month.

Johnny Dunlap's latest caricature is tentatively titled "Presidential Hubris," portraying President Obama wearing a superhero T-shirt and holding up a crumbling globe. He used a belt sander to shape the continents.

Jim Mischel brought in a beer mug he'd carved from mesquite, and a small tumbler carved from Pecan.

Clarence Born displayed several of his pendants carved in Aspen and left unpainted.

Door prize drawings went to Johnny Dunlap who won a knife, Helen Havemann with a large piece of Cottonwood bark, and Dan Gillen who walked away with a hiking staff blank.

The next meeting will be Thursday April 10, 2014, 7:00 PM at Hancock Center in Austin.



Fred McLeroy



Harvey Beauchemin



Dan Gillen



Fred McLeroy



Lou Casaubon



Clarence Born



Johnny Dunlap

Blank of the Month 2014

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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