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Blank of the Month

by Jim Roby



March Show & Tell



Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

April is here! Some pretty good lightening tonight with the April showers. Last month we had some excellent show and tell items. Hope everyone has something to share this month. Also wish there was more room for the meeting. It is a little cramped right now.

Speaking of room, did you hear? St. Barnabas Church, or old meeting place, is moving. Seems they grew out of that space. Good luck to them.

Google now has a **local** search mode. Try *wood carver* or *woodcarving* in *Austin, TX*. You get maps using their new technology. Cool stuff.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 12th 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://www.onr.com/ctwa>)

March Show & Tell



Photo Credits

A special thanks to **Jo Cage** for taking the *Show and Tell* pictures the for the last few years.

Secretary's Notes

by Shirley Newman

March 8, 2005 Meeting

President, **Marvin Joseph**, opened the meeting with a call for old business. There being none, he moved on to new business.

The Club was happy to welcome new member, **Shelton Ashley**, into our carving group.

Jim Roby gave a Treasurer's report stating that we have a balance in our account of \$1,535.38, with 60 paid up members to date. Be sure and bring your dues current if you have not already done so for 2005.

Mark Chiles announced the upcoming 2005 Central Texas Wood Artisans' Show which will take place April 1 - 23 at The Design Center in South Austin. Categories will include Beginner, Intermediate, Advance, and Professional in the areas of furniture and/or accessories. Entry Forms were circulated to those interested in submitting their work for the judged event, and can also be obtained from the Club Secretary or President. Soft copies of the Entry Form, and very detailed additional information can be found at <http://www.ctwas.org/>. The \$10 late fee for entry is being waived for our club members as we have just received notice of this event.

Marvin Joseph read a letter he had received from the Chairman of the Operation Cane of Texas Committee. This is a project where-by woodcarvers of Texas may show their appreciation to our Texas veterans for their service, dedication and sacrifices in service to their country. Carvers volunteering for this project will be asked to purchase a "cane kit" costing \$15.00, carve the cane, and return it to the committee for distribution to eligible service members. To be eligible for the cane the soldier must have enlisted in the service from Texas and received injuries that make it necessary for him/her to use a cane to be mobile. The kits will contain not only the components of the cane, but instructions for carving, finishing, and disposition. The letter stated that the committee will provide an instructor or will train an instructor from individual carving clubs, and will be holding evening classes in the Spring at Glen Rose and Fredericksburg.

Several of our member expressed an interest in participating in the project, and it will be discussed more fully at our April 12th meeting. The project is estimated to be in full swing by May or June.

Bill Buckler, who had volunteered to bring the blank of the month to the April meeting, had a conflict at that time, and will be trading months with **Jim Roby**. Thanks to

both of you for seeing that this is covered for our carving enjoyment next month.

Some interesting items appeared on our show and tell table ... like the "Killer IV" stick **Jeremy Cuba** had cut out and carved for his teacher at school. If you wonder how the stick will be used -- well, ask Jeremy about that, but it was a job well done. **Jim Roby** brought his brown bear complete with tiny carved claws, a fish which Jim carved separately for the bear's dinner, and also with neat little leaves carved and scattered around the ground.

Jake Heugel brought the standing bear he had carved from a Debbie Edwards blank. He had even carved sharp teeth in the open mouth of the bear to finish off the project. He also brought his sleek mountain lion poised on a log, and mounted on a base. **Jim Brinkman's** latest project was a bowl he had turned out of butternut, on which he had completed a lovely wood chipped pattern. Each of these pieces reflected hours and hours of time, and a good bunch of "talent" as well. Thanks, guys, for sharing.

Those signing up for "Set Up/Clean Up" in April were **Arnold Abbott, Diann Small, and Bill Buckler**.

Following the raffle, chips began to fly on the little goat blanks **Jake Heugel** had brought,. Several club members stayed for the remainder of the evening to carve and chat awhile.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday night, April 12th at our regular Woodcraft meeting place. Following this will be the 2005 TWG Spring Round-Up in Fredericksburg April 24 - May 1. So keep those knives and gouges sharpened 'cause they are going to see a lot of use in the weeks ahead.

See you in April.



Texas Carving Events

Apr 24-May 1. TWG Spring Roundup. Gillispie County Fairgrounds, Hwy 16, South (Kerrville Hwy) Fredericksburg, Texas. Contact: Sue Nolen, johnsuenolen@yahoo.com
http://www.texaswoodcarversguild.com/springshow.shtml

On-line Carving Events at:
http://ical.mac.com/loeffler/CTWA

Blank of the Month for 2005

April Jim Roby
May Fred Hartman
June Gail Lynn
July Bill Buckler
August Tom Sarff
September Rita Riser
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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