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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarver's Association

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July Show & Tell



Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

Well, I am rested and back from vacation. Since I skipped the July newsletter I have included the notes and pictures from the June and July meetings in this issue. This month you are going to have to read **Shirley Newman's** excellent notes and see if you can figure out who craved which giraffe in photo above. **Gary Roberts** did the two large birds on this page and **Johanne Morin** did the life size piece on page 2. Also, thanks to **Jo Comer** for taking the pictures every month.

If you have a web browser check out the directory of members. I have updated it to use an advanced cascading style sheet (CSS) and I need to know if it works on your browser.

<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa/ctwadirctory/index.html>

The newsletter is also available in color at
<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa/newsletters/index.html>

See you at the meeting!

PS: Try Firefox if you want a more secure browser. You can download it at <http://www.mozilla.org/>

June Show & Tell



Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 9th 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://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa>)

June and July Show & Tell



Secretary's Notes

by Shirley Newman
July 12, 2005 Meeting

A good group of carvers gathered for our monthly Tuesday night meeting despite the 100 degree temps we have been experiencing, and the fact that many of our "regulars" were on the road.

Marvin Joseph opened the meeting noting we had one visitor, **Shirley's** grandson **Micah**, youngest carver of the evening.

Jim Roby gave a finance report stating we had \$1,411.06 in our club account.

The Treasurer's Report led to a reminder to all members of the club who have not paid their dues for this year to please do so promptly. We plan to put out a roster of our dues paying members so it is most urgent that each one brings their dues current.

Marvin Joseph gave a brief update on the "*Operation Cane*" project which is still pending as carvers await the arrival of the cane kits. So far 11 club members are poised and ready to carve these canes for veterans once the kits arrive.

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild 14th Annual Artistry in Wood Extravaganza will be held in Fredericksburg in September. Classes for carvers will be held Monday through Thursday, the 19th through 22nd. The Show and Sale, which is open to the public, will follow on Friday and Saturday. Our Club will again have a table at the Show and each member of our club is encouraged to bring at least one carving for display those two days. Hope you plan to attend some or all of the week as it is really a special time.

Show and Tell time revealed some interesting results from the giraffe blank of the month provided by **Gail Lynn** last month. Her go-by was on display, along with giraffe's carved by **Sue Sweeney**, **Jo Cage**, and **Clarence Born**. Each giraffe had it's own unique personality I might add. **Jo Cage** also brought the goat she had finished from a blank of the month a few times back. She mounted it and will use it in a Nativity she is preparing. **Clarence Born** brought a carving of a moose, and one of a man, both of which were most impressive. Way to go all of you carvers!

Buddy Streetman, **Joe Hill**, and **Shirley Newman** signed up to set up for the August 9th monthly meeting.

Bill Buckler provided our blank of the month, a whimsical little bunny, so when the meeting was over, the

chips flew.

Remember our meeting **August 9th**, and I hope to see you then.

June 14, 2005 Meeting

Our June meeting was called to order by **Marvin Joseph**, President. Quite a few members were absent this month and were probably enjoying vacation time with family and friends.

One of our very faithful and long time wood carving members, **Rev. Norm Hein**, passed away June 12th. He will be remembered for his friendship over many years, and for his skills as both a wood carver and a wood turner. Many of us were inspired by the wonderful wood pieces **Norm** would share with us. A master artisan, and treasured friend!

Sympathy also extended to **Johnny and Dottie Dunlop** upon the passing of Dottie's mother.

Two new members were welcomed into our club, **Howard Blonder** and **Cruise Giles**.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,411.06. And a REMINDER ... if you have not already done so, please bring your dues current for this year by checking with Jim.

Marvin Joseph reported that 12 kits have been ordered for the upcoming cane project. A list of those participating in this project was circulated so those carvers can show their address, telephone number, and email address which will accompany the completed canes. In this way, the recipients will know who carved their canes.

Upcoming blanks of the month will include a rabbit pendant provided by **Bill Buckler** in July, and patriotic caricature bears or rabbits provided by Tom Sarff in August. lots of fun carving ahead so plan now to be present at our monthly Tuesday night meetings.

Show and Tell time presented some awesome work. **Gary Roberts** had carved two huge yard birds at the request of his wife. Carved from Cyprus wood with mallet and chisel, then painted with four coats of black enamel gloss, they were a sight to behold. **Gary** is also working on a sphere which will include 5 diamond chip carved patterns with a 5 pointed star resulting on the end of the sphere. He had marked the details of this project on the sphere, and all I can say is ... good luck **Gary**. We look forward to seeing the results which will be amazing.

Sue Sweeney had carved a relief of daisies on a plate for her new granddaughter, Allison. She had also painted the finished work resulting in a lovely gift of love for this precious little baby.

Shirley Newman brought the seal sitting on a pile of rocks which she completed after the Fredericksburg week. She decided that "rock carving" is not an easy task, but the result was worth the effort.

Tom Sarff brought a dancing duck which will be a go-by for a class he teaches in Creede, Colorado in July. Should be a fun project for carvers there. He had also carved faces on a couple of Cyprus knees which he stained with min-wax, and also one he had painted. He carved a caricature cane top for the Friendship Cane in Creede which has two faces with common ears. You'd have to see it to believe it. **Tom** also brought a few of the patriotic bears which will be our August blank of the month.

Bob Tucker had carved an exquisite leaf which you will recall was **Jim Roby's** blank of the month not long ago. This was so thin it looked like it had just fallen from the tree. Lovely work.

Johanne Morin has been taking a life drawing class at the Sculpture Academy and shared her life sculpture done with chisel and mallet (and chain saw) from Elm. It was finished with oil mixed with polyurethane. We look forward to her sharing future projects as they are completed.

Bill Buckler, Marvin Joseph, and Jim Roby signed up to set up for our July 12 meeting.

After the raffle, out came knives to work on an original caricature giraffe blank brought by **Gail Lynn**. Conversation flowed and chips flew the rest of the evening.

In closing I want to thank **Jo Cage** for preparing the minutes of the May meeting while I was on vacation in Maine. Great job, Jo, and I do appreciate your willingness to step in for me.

See you in July.



Texas Carving Events

Sept 19-24, 2005 Fredericksburg, Texas
Sponsored by the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. 5 days of seminars for more information: contact: www.texaswoodcarversguild.com or call Robert Miles at Carverbob5@aol.com

Oct 8-9, 2005 Houston, Texas Sponsored by the Houston Area Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Linda Hughes at (281) 360-3193 or lhughes@pdq.net

Oct 22-23, 2005 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 39th

Annual Artistry in Wood, Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Bobbie Thornton at (405) 352-4096 or bobbiet@oklahoma.net

Blank of the Month for 2005

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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