

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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Christmas Party

December 13th

at the Optimist Club



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Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

This is my last issue as newsletter editor. It has been a great four years but now I am finding that the time demands of my new job make it impossible to continue. I want to thank everyone for their support and especially Jo Comer for her role as the unofficial club photographer.

In an effort to keep the communications open I have set up a Group on Google where members can make announcements and post club meeting notes. If you have not signed up please do so at your earliest convenience. Sign up at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/ctwa/about>

Right now there are about 16 members. The service is free and allows you to send mail to ctwa@googlegroups.com that will reach all the members. If you would rather login periodically to check new postings instead of getting e-mail you can do that too.



Donna Menke

November Show & Tell





Christmas Party



The WoodCarver's Christmas Party will be held **Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 6:30 PM** at **The Optimist Club** located at **505 Ferguson**. The meat and drinks will be provided. If your last name begins with:

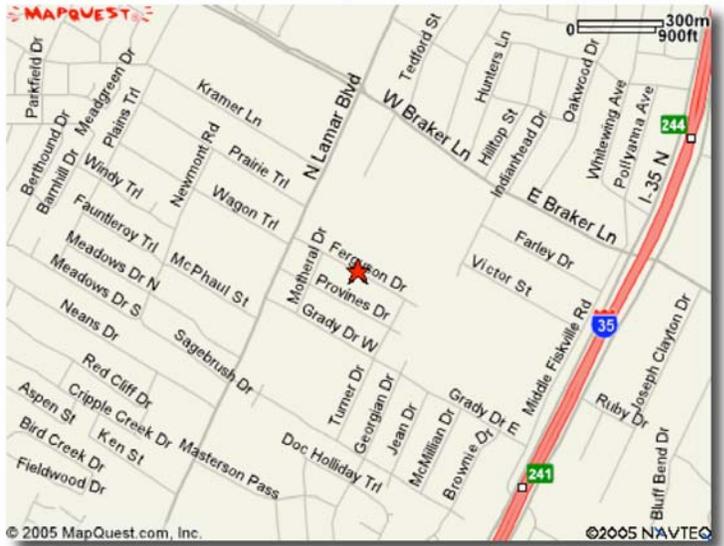
- A-E**..... bring a vegetable
- F-N**..... please bring a dessert
- O-Z**.....please bring a salad

Please bring your carvings as we will have Show and Tell time as well as our usual raffle.

Directions

The Optimist Club is located at [505 Ferguson](#) which is off of North Lamar. If you are in Austin proceed north on Lamar. Ferguson is on the right just before you get to the new China Town Center that is being built. As you turn right on Ferguson you will proceed about 1 1/2 blocks. On the right you will see T&T Automotive. The Optimist Club is beside T&T Automotive.

If you are going South on Lamar you will proceed past the new China Town Center that is being built as Ferguson is the first street to the left just past China Town Center. Go 1 1/2 blocks. On the right you will see T&T Automotive. The Optimist Club is beside T&T. The Optimist Club occupies a prefab house and has a sign on the front of the house.



*Johanne Morin
Wood Burning*



Sue Sweeney

*November
Show & Tell*



Secretary's Notes

by **Shirley Newman**
November 8, 2005 Meeting

A good group of carvers ... a bit of business ... show and tell items proudly displayed ... all combined for a great Tuesday evening in November for our carving Club.

President, **Marvin Joseph**, opened the meeting with a special request that all club dues for 2006 be paid by January 1st. That will work! He also extended a word of thanks to Woodcraft's new manager for rearranging items in the meeting room which made it much roomier for all of us in attendance.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,399.05 less \$81.70 he had paid for printing and mailing our monthly newsletter etc. Incidentally, Jim will accept dues payments from members so be sure to see him in December.

Marvin Joseph moved that the following slate of officers be elected for the upcoming year, beginning in December,

President	Bill Buckler
Vice President	Clarence Born
Secretary	Shirley Newman
Treasurer	Jim Roby
Blank Master	Johanne Morin
Librarian	Diann Small
Raffle Master	Tom Sarff
Photographer	Sue Sweeney

The motion was seconded by **Jo Cage**, and passed by member vote.

Dottie and **Johnny Dunlop** graciously accepted the responsibility of heading up our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13th. Thanks to **Bob Snider**, who recently joined the Walnut Creek Optimist Club in Austin, we will have the party at the Optimist Club located at 505 Ferguson off North Lamar, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meat and drinks will be furnished and those attending will bring the side dishes and dessert. If your last name begins with A - E bring a vegetable ... F - N bring a dessert ... O - Z bring a salad. And if you want to assist Dottie and Johnny in setting up for the party, please plan to be there around 5:45. We will also have show and tell during the evening so bring along a special carving.

This will be the last newsletter as our editor, **David Loeffler**, has resigned from this position after faithfully providing us with "The Cutting Edge" for several years. Words cannot express how much David has meant to our Club as he has prepared, mailed and emailed this newsletter monthly to our membership. Thank you, David, on behalf of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association, for all you have done.

As you hopefully have been made aware, David has set up a CTWA Group through google which our club members may join. Until another newsletter Editor "volunteers" to take David's place, we may use this resource for distributing monthly meeting notes and special notices to our club members.

Several sheets were circulated for folks to sign up for carving classes including a class led by Debbie Edwards in February 2007 at a cost of \$150 plus \$20 or so for the blank; a class led by Walter Wortham the weekend of January 20, 2006 at a cost of \$75; a 3 day class led by Steve Prescott for \$100, and a class led by Dallas Degee for \$70 plus the roughout. More info on these classes will be available at the December meeting.

Show and tell time, as always, was fun. **Donna Menke** showed her realistic momma bluebird on a log, worm in mouth, ready to

feed the little ones peeking out from inside the log. A lovely piece of work, mounted on a mesquite base. Donna also brought the little mouse on a leaf she had carved in a class while in Fredericksburg in September.

Johanne Morin's stylized *Wood Burning* sculpted piece was magnificent. Flames were carved from purple heart, paduk, pine, cedar, and babunga, with a linseed oil finish. Simply beautiful.

Dottie Dunlop shared more of her wonderful woodburned pieces, and an impressive shallow relief carving.

Clarence Born brought three little carved kittens perched on the edge of the table. We hope to see them as a blank of the month in 2006, Clarence.

Sue Sweeney brought the butternut Nativity she carved for her grandchildren, Ashton and Allison. This will be a treasured memento of her love for them to cherish and enjoy over the years.

Shelton Ashley shared his realistic deer head which he had carved, painted and mounted. **Buddy Streetman** also shared his realistic deer head carving which was painted and mounted (and as he said, this is what the poem was all about in last month's newsletter).

Bill Buckler brought a very impressive Indian bust, complete with carved feathers in his head band, painted and mounted.

Shirley Newman brought her *touch me nativity for little hands* carved from basswood while in Fredericksburg. Carved for her grandchildren to handle and enjoy, she tested it out on her four year old granddaughter, Ruby, who confirmed Grandma's worst fear ... yes, the donkey did look like a rabbit. Rest assured a replacement donkey will be carved before the holidays.

After the raffle and awarding of prizes to those with lucky numbers, **Marvin Joseph** passed the gavel to our new President, **Bill Buckley**, who will serve beginning in December.

Thank you, Marvin, for all you have done to make this a memorable year for all of us in the Central Texas Woodcarving Club. You did good!!!

Dottie and **Johnny Dunlop** provided the blank for the evening ... a Santa face complete with cowboy hat. Really getting in the spirit of the Holidays.

Remember the Holiday Party December 13th and mark the date on your calendar as it promises to be a very busy month.

Shirley Newman



For Sale

From **Ralph Comer**: a Unimat for \$700. It has a three-jaw chuck and a four-jaw chuck, milling tables (square and circular), index table, it's both a metal and wood lathe; it has a tail spindle and can be converted to a drill press. Call 837-7664 and ask for Ralph, if interested.



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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