

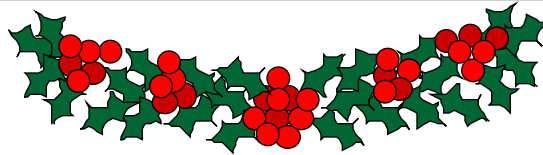
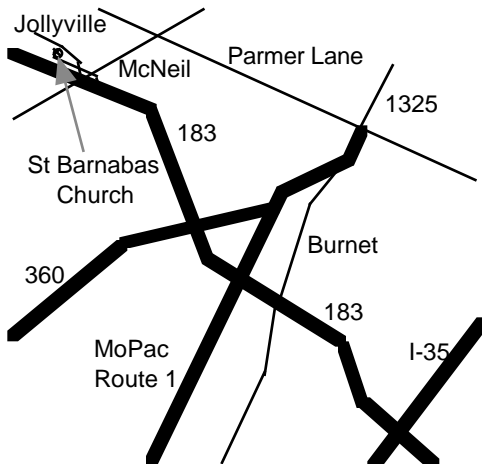
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CTWA Holiday Dinner

by Sue Sweeney

More than fifty members and their guests enjoyed good food, lots of laughs, beautiful decorations, show and tell, and the Tom Sarff raffle. St. Barnabas provided tables with colorful cloths and poinsettias adding to the festivity. One person at each table was permitted to take a poinsettia home. The church also provided more poinsettias for the raffle.

Our president, Jim Roby, presided over the show and tell table. Among the things brought to show were:

- a ram's head carved by Ed Roberts
- a fawn and a rose by Diann Small
- a humorous description of his wheelbarrow was given by Noble Campbell
- bottle stoppers carved from eggs by Tom Farr
- A sphere of interlocking fish was carved by Norm Hein
- James Nelson brought a spoon
- Lee Schuenemann brought a carving from Germany
- Buddy Streetman brought his ram's head (which won a blue ribbon at Fredricksburg)
- Marvin Joseph brought his cowboy cigar humidor and a golfing dentist
- Don Keehoe brought two of his original Christmas ornaments
- Dorothy Turner brought her first place winner of a woman and a spoon, which won fourth place at Fredricksburg
- Chas Chapot brought a maple and metal sign
- Fred Hartman brought an Aggie flag he attaches to his truck

We had a report on Tom Small and were all very happy to hear that he is doing much better and is recuperating at home.

There were many things provided for the raffle and everyone took great pleasure in winning the items.

A huge thanks to Jo Cage and her committee. They did a great job organizing the party and are much appreciated.

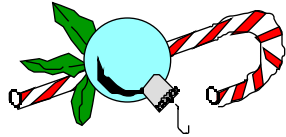
I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed doing the newsletter for the last two years. I liked getting to know you better, and you all made my feel appreciated. David Loeffler will do a wonderful job, so help him out with some articles, jokes, pictures etc.

Happy New Year!



**Next Meeting is at St. Barnabas Church
on Tuesday February 12 at 6:30PM.**

Holiday Party Snapshots



Blank of the Month

Bill Buckler

The blank for Febuary is the **Bookworm** pattern from the Nov-Dec 2001 Chip Chats. Bill will bring blanks and pictures.

Chip Chats magazine is \$14/year. Subscription form at <http://www.chipchats.org>

Dec 2001 Meeting Notes

by Jo Cage

Jim Roby as Vice President called the December meeting to order in the absence of John Thompson. Seeing no visitors, he asked about old business. Because we are using the church's tables, the church would like us to remove our four old tables so that they would have more room in their storage area. There are two six foot tables and two eight foot tables. It was suggested that we hold a silent auction at the next meeting, and see if we could dispose of them that way.

The question was asked about the "Christmas" party which is now a "Welcome to the New Year" party. A flyer will be sent to everyone but the essence of the affair is that it will take place at St. Barnabas on January 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a pot luck. Type of food will depend on your last name, and everyone is to bring something for Show and Tell. Drinks will be provided.

Gail reminded us that we had never actually voted on the slate of officers for the coming year and that no one had volunteered to be the recording secretary. The name of John Thompson was added as Secretary and the slate was then unanimously elected. It doesn't pay to be absent.

Ed Jones reported that the reason the Smalls were not present was because Tom was back in the hospital due to complications of a serious nature from his previous surgery. Ed brought a card which we all signed and it was voted to send a plant from the club. He will be sent to St. David's Hospital for therapy as soon as he is up to the move. JoAnne will see to the plant purchase.

The raffle was held by Jake Heugel in the absence of Tom Sarff. There was a knife that was won by Fred Horn, a cowboy roughout won by Robert Elfant, and a carving book of Little People won by David Loeffler.

Our Show and Tell was as interesting as ever with work from several of our fine carvers. Chas Chapot brought two fine examples of his sign making. One out of mahogany in the shape of a banner and the other out of bass wood. Norm Hein had finished a small nativity like the ones the two Jo's had done in the evening classes

at Fredricksburg but he had added and placed them in a neat stable that added to the set up. Jerry Elliot brought his cane of different woods pegged together which was outstanding. Sue Sweeney brought her totally different cane that she had made from a blank of Don Hartt. Also finished beautifully. Jim Roby had finished his Cavalry soldier and explained to us the process with which he had achieved a beautiful finish. He used Bix stain with a little burnt umber added first. He let it dry overnight and then brushed it all over with MinWax for dark woods, thinned with mineral spirits until it was the consistency of melted butter. And again let it dry overnight and brushed it the next day with a shoe brush. He specified the brush be a new one. He repeated the last step three times. It really showed the effort he put into it. Thanks for sharing the steps with us, Jim. Finishing a project is so important.

The meeting broke up and everyone stayed to carve the blank of the Month brought by Diann Small and Ed Jones of the Long Horn Steer. Tom Sarff showed up with a box of all kinds of blanks which are much appreciated by those of us that don't have saws to cut them out ourselves. Thanks Tom.

A wonderful book on carving techniques was donated by one of our members and I wrote his name in the inside of the book, but by the time I got home, I forgot his name (my age is showing) so I will thank him next time. You now see why I am glad to give up this job to our new secretary.

Newsletters will soon be available on-line.

Upcoming Events

April 28-May 4 TWG Spring Roundup 2002. Fredericksburg, TX. Gillispie County Fair Ground. Contact Robert Miles, 7881 E. Goldenrod, Gardendal, TX 76093

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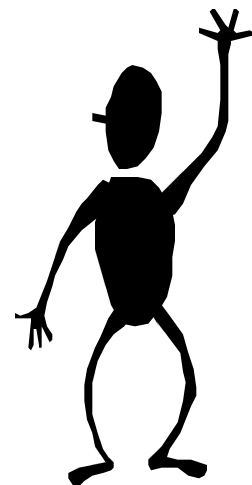
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