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Notes for Contributors

by David Loeffler

If you are doing the blank of the month and would a picture in the newsletter please send me a digital photo at least 3 weeks before the meeting. I prefer JPEG format.

If you know of any carving events or classes that would interest other members of the club please e-mail them to me. Likewise if you have any woodworking equipment or tools for sale. There is no charge to post the ad.



Jo Cage puts on another great Holiday Party

Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

Everyone had a good time at the party. A **BIG** thanks to **Jo Cage** for organizing it again! Great fellowship and the spouses got to see some work by other members. I was especially impressed by **Johnny Dunlap's** moose carving. See **Shirely's** notes on page 3 for more details. Sue Sweeney has organized the blank of the month contributors (see page 4). For February, **Norm Hein** is bringing eggs to carve faces or birds.

Remember to get your 2004 dues paid. Membership application / renewal form is on the back page.

Electronic version of the newsletter is on the club website. See <http://www.onr.com/ctwa/newsletters>

Next Meeting is Tuesday, Feb 10th at 7 PM at St. Barnabas Church.

Doors open at 6:30. If you need directions call one of the officers or visit the club website (<http://www.onr.com/ctwa>)



Johnny Dunlap



Jake Heugel



Diann Small



Martha Schreffler



Buddy Streetman

Secretary's Notes

by Shirley Newman

January 13, 2004 Meeting

Tuesday night, January 13th, and it was time for our Annual Central Texas Woodcarvers' Party. It would prove to be another fun night of visiting, feasting, and admiring some amazing wood carving projects.

Hats off to **Jo Cage** who once again coordinated the event which was a huge success for the 40 or so folks who attended. Jo had added a special touch this year ... colorful tablecloths on each table, which made the evening even more festive. She had made sure there was an ample supply of sliced turkey and sliced ham, and that the rest of us who attended brought a variety of salads, vegetables, and desserts to round out the meal. If you went away hungry Tuesday night, you just didn't return to the table enough times, as food was plentiful and delicious!

Jo asked me to especially thank her "elves" like **Tom, Rita, Jo & Ralph, Jeremy and his Grandma**, and all the others who met her around 6:00 to set up tables and chairs, mix the punch, get ice, spread the tablecloths, and lend enthusiastic moral support as she pulled things together (and later when it was time to clean up).

President **Buddy Streetman** opened with a brief business meeting, and carvers were reminded that Debbie Edwards will be here January 23 - 25 to conduct a class which will carve a buffalo. Cost is \$125 plus the rough out, with sign up time still available. Blank Master **Sue Sweeney**, just back from her wonderful visit with Grandson Ashton (and his parents) in Las Vegas, put out a call for volunteers to bring blanks of the month for us to carve at upcoming meetings.

The show and tell table was full of very interesting items and folks milled around admiringly throughout the evening. Buddy suggested that the carvers bring their work back once more to the February meeting where each piece can be discussed. But these are the things I observed ... a huge moose horn with moose carved into it in a very detailed manner, by **Johnny Dunlap**. He had also brought his lovely carved lady with the tiny, delicate roses on her dress and in her hand, and her handsome gentleman friend, both of which were excellently carved, and then painted by his wife. **Jake Heugel** had three items which he had carved and then creatively mounted on bases with brass plaques naming each piece. His carved ram was entitled "Mountain Majesty", the mountain lion was entitled "Intimidator", and the bob cat was entitled "Stalking Her Prey". Pretty clever, Jake, and realistically carved I might add. **Buddy Streetman** had carved another pair of those tiny shoes, this time for a

golfer. He had also completed his impressive stylized dolphin carved from walnut. **Diann Small** shared the lovely stylized heart which won first place at the Fredericksburg show last September, a Santa she had carved in the "tramp" method which we want to hear more about, and she also brought her carved walking stick which was so impressive. Then there was **Jim Roby's** caricature cowboy ... as always a great carving with the "Roby" touch. And **Jo Comer's** daughter, **Martha Schreffler**, had brought three framed pieces and a box, all of which had been delicately and beautifully wood burned. **Rita Ryser** shared a "Goodwill" find, a wooden spoon intricately carved, and engraved on the back with "carved in 1912 for a 52nd wedding anniversary." A super find.

You can see why folks kept returning to the show and tell table for a second look, as the carvings were so diversified and certainly well done!

A Denny knife, a gouge, and a couple of rough outs went to lucky holders of the drawing tickets. Then, followed by a blessing on the meal by **Ralph Comer**, everyone filled their plates with the variety of tempting foods.

It was a great evening and I hope you were a part of it. Now we are looking forward to February ... see you then.

REESE's PIECES for the NOVICE

By Bob Reese

This hint is for bases of your carvings. On some of my Cowboy carvings, I like to make the base with wooden slats. It looks like he is standing on an old wooden floor. I use a medium large V-Tool and then a sharp cut down the middle of the V. You can use Driftwood Grey and a little light brown (diluted) between the slats to give depth and to give the illusion of shadows. Don't forget to use a fine or medium point Marks-a-Lot for the nails.

For Sale

24" Porter-Cable Omnijig with 1/2" dovetail and 1/2" box joint templates. Original cost, new \$622. Will sell for \$350.

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Texas Carving Events

February 16-19. Tree City 2004 Woodcarving Seminar, UVALDE, TX (Uvalde Activity Center, 250 E. Main).
 Instructors: John Engler, Callas Deege, Jon Nelson, Ronnie Reed, Lem Smith, Mary Jo Smith, Johnney Stevens and Bill Taylor. For registration brochure, contact Paul McLeod at Uvalde Activity Center, 250 E. Main, Uvalde, TX 78801 or email uaacoffice@swtjc.cc.tx.us.

March 6-7. Rhapsody in Wood - The North Texas Woodcarvers Guild 30th Annual Show and Sale. Grapevine Convention Center, GRAPEVINE, TX. Hours 10AM-6PM on the 6th, Noon-5PM on the 7th. Contact Flo Morrison, NTWG, PO Box 233, Keller, TX 76244-0233. Phone (877) 337-0660. Email: NTXWoodcravers@aol.com

2004 Blank of the Month

February.....Norm Hein
 March..... Jim Roby
 April..... Jake Heugel
 May.....Bill Buckler
 June.....Gail Lynn
 July.....Fred Hartman
 August..... Bob Hrehor
 September..... Diann Small
 October.....Ed Jones
 November.....Jim Brinkman
 December..... Tom Sarff

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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