

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarver's Association

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May Show & Tell



Jim Roby Sue Sweeney Diann Small

Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

First I have to apologize for getting the newsletter out so late this month. Seems time flew by too fast.

Lots of great carvings last month! Great work everyone. I have included pictures of the Walter Werther class Diann Small is hoping to arrange for late summer or early fall. See her or one of the club officers if you would like to sign up.

Gail has her own version of a giraffe for the blank of the month. Very cute.

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

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

Blank of the Month
by Gail Lynn



Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 14th 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>)



Jim Brinkman

Fred Hartman

May Show & Tell



Eagle Cane Operation

Jake Heugel & Buddy Streetman



Robert Johnson circa 1939

Blanks for Walter Werther Class



Secretary's Notes

by Jo Cage

Our president, **Marvin Joseph** called the meeting to order. The room was crowded in anticipation of hearing about the Fredricksburg gathering of carvers and to see the resulting Show and Tell. We had one new member, **Johanne Morin**, who hails from Quebec, Canada. She was here in the fall and took a course from **Jim Roby** but now plans on coming more regularly and joining us on Wednesday mornings .Welcome!

Treasurer **Jim Roby** reported that we now have \$1335.06 in our treasury after paying for our insurance for the year and the newsletter expenses . \$42 was taken in by the club from the blank of the month for April (which turned out to be a challenge for all of us who participated.

The Blank of the Month for May is a hair barrette brought with instructions by **Fred Hartman**. Thanks Fred and all the other carvers who give their time and expertise to seeing that we have interesting blanks to carve each month.

Diann Small reported that Walter Werther is interested in coming to Austin to do a class for \$75 each including the blank, if there are at least 8 participants. We would have a choice of a bear, a buffalo, a cat, giraffe or goat. It would be for a Friday night, all day Saturday, and Sunday. A tentative sign -up sheet was circulated.

Those signing up for helping with Set Up/Clean Up for our June 14th meeting are **Sue Sweeney, Dick Pritchett,** and **Jim Roby**.

An example of the Eagle Cane Operation , lent to us by Ed Moore from Ft.Collins , was brought and is being lent to us to keep until we do ours. Kits probably won't be available until late June or July. These canes are for Texas soldiers who have been wounded during this was . Our club will pay for the kits so lets all get involved. A sign-up sheet was passed.

Anyone who is without a name-tag should let **Sue Sweeney** know.

The main event of the meeting was what we were all interested in and that was our Show and Tell. Everyone reported that a good time was had by all in Fredricksburg.

Buddy Streetman and **Jake Heugel** brought their finished river otters done in Dee Gibson's class. Painting was done with a cut off paint brush and dry brushed. Bark was under cut with saw, or using a hot wood burner was burned almost black, then brushed off with a toothbrush.

Hair was done with a disc shaped diamond tool. Excellent work done by both men but each with these fine carvers own touches. An interesting family group of giraffes were carved by **Jim Roby** in the class of Walter Wharton who comes from Dallas. Jim said he was a very good instructor. (back part of giraffe was missing). **Jim Brinkman** brought his finished Indian bust done in Roy Waterhouse's class. Jim explained the various techniques that he (Jim) used to get the variety of colors in the hair, the braids, and the face. It was beautifully finished overall with a coat of paste wax diluted with mineral spirits. Job well done. **Sue Sweeney** brought her results of the several one day classes that she enjoyed, a nativity scene carved within an egg in a class by Mrs. Sprowl; continued her excellent bark carvings in a class with Charley Erickson whom she found to be an excellent teacher, and an interesting wood burning in a class by Patty Rucker, another good teacher. Other Show and Tell contributions were several pretty leaves by **Diann Small** from last month's blank of the month as well as one carved by **Joe Hell** who also shared with us a chain carved by his father-in-law from a broom stick . The resulting chain is over 6 ft long! **Johnny Dunlop** brought a "poor man's vice" that he had made out of various pipes and fittings. He brought a list of needed parts and said it was made for about \$16. Shows what you can do with a little ingenuity!

Following Show and Tell the monthly raffle was held and winners were **Bob Tucker, Jake Heugel, Dorothy Turner, Newton Le Blanc** and **Don Gillen**. Rest of evening was spent carving.

Respectfully submitted by **Jo Cage** (If I left anything out , please forgive.)

Texas Carving Events

July 9-15, 2005, Creede, Colorado Creede Woodcarvers' Rendezvous in Creede Colorado. Inquiries call Jon Nelson (719)573-5986 or email: jonndon@msn.com

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

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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