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A Word from the Editor

by David Loeffler

Hi, I am the new editor of the newsletter. Starting with this issue we have both a hardcopy and an electronic version of the newsletter. The electronic version is available at my website @ <http://www.onr.com/user/loeffler/ctwa/index.html> . The electronic version requires Adobe's Acrobat Reader (which is free). If you don't have Acrobat Reader there is a link on my web page to get it.

Why an electronic version? Well, it cuts the cost of distribution and printing. Also, I don't spend as much time folding and sticking on stamps and address labels. With Acrobat Reader you can print out a copy if you like. If the font is too small you can *zoom* in to make it larger. Also, I can add *color* to the newsletter!

I am planning to make a new directory of members with our pictures in it. We'll start taking mug shots at the next meeting. There is a sample of the membership directory available on the website mentioned above.

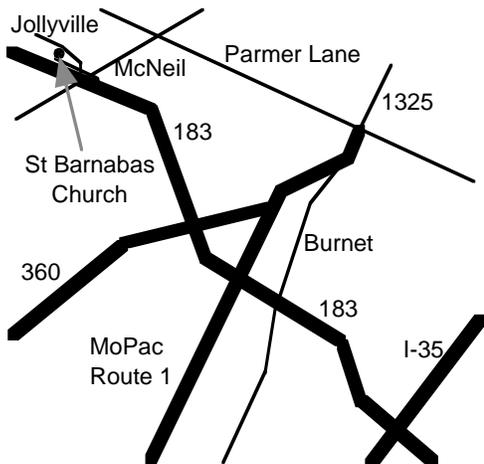
I also have a collection of woodcarving links. If you have found others I will gladly add them to the list or setup a link to your webpage. Check out <http://www.onr.com/user/loeffler/hobby/carving.html>.

I am indebted to **Sue Sweeney** for helping get all the parts of the newsletter converted. The newsletter is now composed on an iMac and since I don't have a printer I create a PDF file (the electronic version) and then ship it to another computer for printing. Sue helped convert some of the logos and other documents to a format the iMac understood.



Next Meeting is at St. Barnabas Church on Tuesday March 12 at 7:00PM.

Directions: Go NW on 183 to the McNeil exit. Follow the frontage road thru the lights at McNeil and Jollyville and look for a big red brick bldg. on the right. Enter the Arbor Square parking lot. Enter the door (St. B's is 12871) take the elevator to the 2nd floor and go down to the hall to a large room on the right.



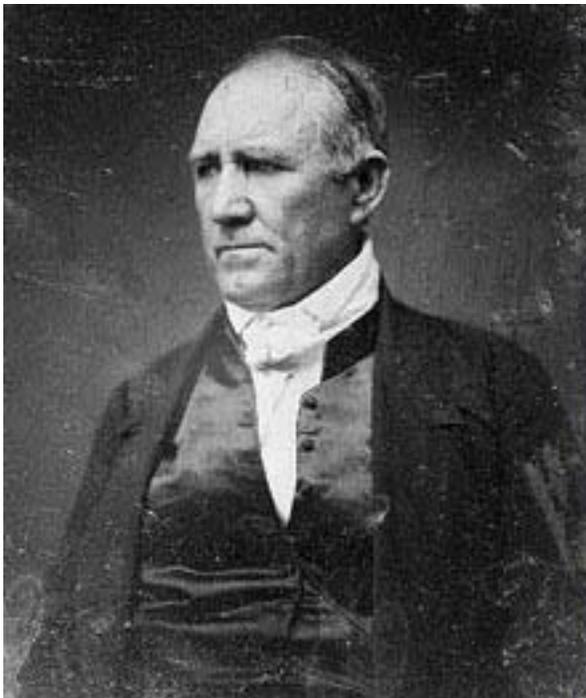
Famous Carvers

Copied from Jan '87 CTWA Newsletter.

Did you know General Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, twice Governor of the State of Texas, was an avid whittler? He learned to carve as a lad while living with the Cherokee Indians. Throughout his life he perfected his skills and gave his "Whittling" as gifts, usually to some fair lady or hostess.

In later life he was said to have attended church with a pine stick and clasp knife in hand. Much to the concern of the Baptist preacher, General Sam whittle his way through the service and presented his finished carving at the end of the service to one of the attentive small children. The preacher was always amazed at General Sam's ability to carve and be aware of every point in the sermon at the same time.

The last years of General Sam's life were spent in Huntsville, Texas where on sunny days he would set among a crowd of children on the "Square" and carve a highly treasured gift for each child.



Sam Houston

Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, between 1848 and 1850.

Blank of the Month

Ed Jones

**LOOK
INTO MY
EYES**



Secretarys Notes

By John Thompson
February 12, 2000 Meeting

Well these here is the best notes I could take with everyone talking faster than I can write and getting up and down and movin around and everything. Due to the fact that the church was having a pancake supper in our regular meeting room, we moved to the sanctuary where everyone proceeded to sit anywhere but the front row. We tried to tell them that we weren't having service but old habits are hard to break. Our president, **Jim Roby** opened the meeting by asking if there were any visitors. There were none so Jim proceeded with the meeting by asking for a treasurer's report. **Gail** was not present so we will have to wait until next month to find out how much money we have. Under the category of New Business **Bill Buckler** our Blank Master asked for volunteers for the blank of the month and several people responded. If you would like to be part of this group Bill may have a few openings left. **Tom Sarff** announced that he had the blank book and also some blanks for figures that would be great for beginning carvers. If you have run out of ideas for carving projects, check out the blank book. Tom also brought a carving toolbox that he had made and said there would be a silent auction for the box and the proceeds would go to the club. I am not sure who actually had the high bid but the last time I saw the box, **Ed Jones** was pulling it around. When I asked if he had gotten the box he said, "So Far." I guess he figured that if he carried it around no one else could bid on it. Thanks to Tom and Ed.

Sue Sweeney suggested that we conduct the auction and show and tell separately to allow proper attention to both and everyone agreed. **John Callaway** offered some particle type board that he said was good for relief carving.

Three upcoming carving events were mentioned.

1. The *Chisholm Trail Roundup* in Lockhart on June 6 - 9, 2002.
2. Wayne Barton will have a chip carving class at Woodcraft sometime in March.
3. Phil and Vicki Bishop will be here for a three-day class in August.

Show & Tell:

Jake Heugel had a clay sculpture of Dale Earnhardt he did with Stu Martin at Rally on the Rio. He also had a longhorn that was a previous blank of the month, a wood burned piece (his first) and a wood burned tie, which he modeled for us.

A flying pig, which was another former blank of the month, was shown by **Ed Jones**.

Norm Hein brought an Indian Bust that he completed in a Stu Martin class.

Chas Chapot had a carved drapery holder. He will use it as a pattern to duplicate others. This sounds like a honey-do project.

Buddy Streetman brought a Big Horn Sheep that he carved as a silent auction item for the Dallas Sporting Club.

Diane Small showed us her first attempt at Intarsia, which for you south Austin people is where you cut up little pieces of wood, round them off, and put them together to make a picture. Her picture was of TAZ and was done for her sister's birthday and was a beautiful job. She also told us that Tom was doing better and had gotten out of the house to take a trip to HEB with her. He is not 100% and has a ways to go.

The meeting was adjourned and carvers moved back to the other meeting room to work on a Bookworm, which was supplied as the blank of the month by **Bill Buckler**. Thanks Bill.

Wanted

- How-to articles
- Show Reviews
- Class Critiques
- Tips

Send them to:
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Upcoming Events

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



Dues Due

Dear Members,

If you have already paid your dues, thank you very much, and go on to the next article.

If you have not paid your dues, please make a check out to CTWA (Central Texas Woodcarvers Association) for \$12.00, and send it to me at the following address:

Gail Lynn
11906 Rickem Cove
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Your dues almost pay for the expense of mailing the newsletter (approximately \$800 in 2001) and donations to the church for the meeting room (\$25 per month, or \$300 for the year.) The rest of the money comes from raffles and blank sales at the meetings.

Our total expenses for 2001 were \$2500. Our current bank balance is \$1120.

Last year we had 87 paid members, and 37 have paid for 2002 so far.

Feel free to call me at 835-6643 or e-mail me at gaillynn@austin.rr.com if you have any questions.

That said, we always like to see you at the meetings.

Happy Carving
Gail Lynn

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