

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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Blank of the Month

by Johnny Dunlop



Show and Tell



Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

November is here! The year has gone by too quickly. Hope everyone is getting in the mood for the holidays and visits with friends and family. The club party is coming up as are elections.

I will be stepping down at the end of the year as the newsletter editor. It has been four years since I volunteered and it has been a lot of fun. I especially want to thank Jo Comer for taking great pictures and for those that have contributed articles.

The club website is <http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa>

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 8th 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>)



A WOOD CARVER'S LAMENT
by Johnny Dunlop

Alas, there once was a woodcarver
"Buddy" was his name
Carved two "right" side deer horns
But he said they looked the same!

Best remembered for his heroics;
One event brought great shame.
Tried his hand at power carving
Things will never again be tame.

There came a shout from the table;
Buddy's face was turning white.
Thought his power carver was turning left
But the switch was to the right.

His carving hit the floor
The dangerous tool took flight
Went flying across the room
And sailed out of sight.

Over and now under the table
Flopped the flying clipper
The power carver still spinning
Was stuck in Buddy's Zipper.

The leg turned blue, the floor turned red
His friends all ducked with fright
Just watching a grown man cry
Is a terribly sad sight.

Some say his serious intention
Was a self vasectomy that day

From all the blood a flying, we thought
Never more would Buddy play.

The Red Cross now wants Buddy
As a poster boy for sure.
Blood donations for Katrina
His future is secure.

Cut the cord off his power carver
And surely saved his life.

Presented to "Bloody" Buddy Streetman
By the survivors of the first *never to be re-*
peated power carving disaster in Freder-
icksburg, Texas

September 21, 2005



Woodcraft honored Buddy
With a donated first aid kit
To remember when "Bloody" Buddy
Got his britches in a snit.

Now no one will sit near Buddy.
He sits and carves alone.
His woodcarvings though much admired
May never again be shown.

The club put Buddy on probation
Took away his carving knife

Secretary's Notes

by Shirley Newman

October 11, 2005 Meeting

In spite of it being a bit of a rainy evening, our October meeting was really something!

Marvin Joseph, President, opened the meeting to a *packed house* of carvers. **Jim Roby**, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,391.07 less a small amount to be paid for supplies. Marvin reminded club members that Thursdays are Woodcraft Appreciation Days for carvers, with different items on sale each week. He also circulated a newspaper clipping from the Fredericksburg Standard which featured a photo of our Club's table at the Fredericksburg Show and Sale September 23rd and 24th.

Several items were discussed during the meeting, including:

1. A replacement for **David Loeffler** who will resign as Editor of our monthly publication, *The Cutting Edge*, at the end of this year.
2. A larger meeting space for both our weekly and monthly carving gatherings.
3. A date and location for our annual Holiday Party, which may in part be determined by where we regularly meet to carve.

Suggestions regarding any of the above will be greatly appreciated by **Marvin Joseph** as we look forward to our November meeting on the 8th.

Sign up sheets were circulated for upcoming carving classes by Dee Gipson, Walter Wharton, Debbie Edwards, and Jack Stapler.

Show and Tell time was spectacular, as anticipated, with our Club carvers receiving **9 Blue Ribbons** at the Texas Woodcarvers Guild's 14th Annual Artistry in Wood in September, as well as numerous other 2nd and 3rd place ribbons.

Jake Heugel received an Exhibitor Award, Mayor's Award, Merit Award, and a Blue Ribbon for his realistic running Cheetah we have all seen and admired. Well deserved in all regards! He also received a Blue Ribbon for his Lynx carving.

Buddy Streetman received a Blue Ribbon for his Otter reclining on a log. He also received a Blue Ribbon for his tiny set of shoes complete with laces, reflecting different activities during a week. Buddy's realistic rabbit received a Red Ribbon.

Dwight Vance had carved a bear resting on a log, and also completed a bear with his head in a tree searching for honey, with a bee nearby.

Dottie Dunlop received a Blue Ribbon for one of her lovely painted deep relief carvings, and a White Ribbon for another relief. Dottie received a Red Ribbon for her wood burned Scrapbook cover, and a Blue Ribbon for her set of three wood burned Woodsmen.

Johnny Dunlop entered his realistic Brahma bull carving which received a Blue Ribbon. He also received a Blue Ribbon for his caricature carving "Courting Disaster" with a bull, cowboy in a barrel, cowboy straddling a fence, and cowgirl looking on.

Shelton Ashley received a White Ribbon for his stylized sculpted figures of a Mother, Father, and newborn baby "Precious Priority". He also received a Red Ribbon for his carving of a goat which had been one of our blanks of the month, and one of his first carvings after joining our Club.

Clarence Born shared a very realistic relief carving of an Iris, which he not only carved, but painted very nicely also.

Jim Roby brought the Otter on a log he had carved while in Fredericksburg. **Jim Roby**, **Jake Heugel** and **Johnny Dunlop**

also brought the deer heads (with horns) mounted on a myrtle wood base, they carved in Dee Gipson's class.

And what was that we saw standing amid the carvings? Well, it was a caricature carving of a cowboy complete with painted finish, by **Marvin Joseph**.

Jake Heugel had carved and painted a very realistic white tiger with piercing eyes, which stood next to a stained ornamental box with relief carvings done by **Shelton Ashley**, which earned a Red Ribbon.

Diann Small decided on a flute with an ornamental bear head as her week-long class in Fredericksburg, and yes, you can play tunes on it for real. No concert at our meeting, but maybe in the future, right Diann? She also carved a pair of tiny Hummingbird earrings and received a Blue Ribbon for her efforts on the tiny creatures.

Johanne Morin entered her exquisitely carved Human Form Life Sculpture into competition and received a second place award. We are sure to see more of her work in the months ahead - and at Fredericksburg next year.

A group of large dried gourds with wood burned patterns were handsomely displayed on the table which had been completed by **Jo Cage**, **Jo Comer**, **Jaleen Vance**, and **Tom and Priscilla McCarthy** at a one-day class led by multi-talented **Dottie Dunlop** at her home.

And, (sigh), I think that pretty well covers it! Actually, each and every carving was a winner, and reflected the many talents and skills exhibited by our Club's carvers.

Blanks of the Month for the evening were provided by **Marvin Joseph**. Appropriately, they were ghosts and pumpkins. Next month the Dunlops will provide the blanks. And of course a raffle was held before we closed the meeting, with 4 lucky folks receiving prizes.

BUT WAIT ... read on, because before we were dismissed, a special award was presented to a surprised **Buddy Streetman** by some of his wood carving buddies who had been in class with him in Fredericksburg. It appears that there was a *never to be repeated* power carving disaster in Fredericksburg which is best explained in "*A Wood Carver's Lament*" written by **Johnny Dunlop**, and read by **Dwight Vance** as the hand made *award* was given to Buddy (with *Ouch* on the base). The poem pretty well covers this event, and is being printed in the newsletter in case you have any questions (space permitting).

Our next meeting is Tuesday night, November 8th ... see you then.

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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