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Next membership meeting
May 8, 7:00 PM
Austin Woodcrafters Store

April Meeting Minutes

Club President, Joe Hill, opened our monthly meeting April 10th at the Woodcraft store. There were no visitors or new members, however, we had a great group of members present!

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,321.41 in our club account.

Joe Hill reported that he is following up further on suggestions for t-shirts and caps with our club logo. He has received a catalog, and also the names of a few other providers. He will have more to share on this soon.



Dwight Vance

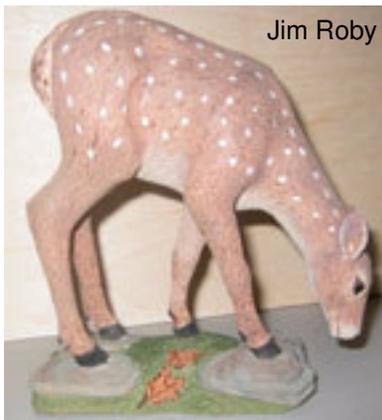
There being no further old or new business, a raffle was held with several members receiving choice carving items. Our show and tell table was full to overflowing.

JoAnne Cage brought the clown she had previously carved, which she painted in Patty Rucker's recent painting class. Not only was it very well carved, but painted most colorfully.

Tom Sarff had carved several rabbits which will be our blank of the month for June. It is rather unique, and Tom said it represents "how to cover up a mistake without anyone knowing it." You will have to see both sides of the carving to understand. He carved a scene on a small wooden thread spool. Tom also brought a bust of a woodsman which he had carved, and then painted in Patty Rucker's class.



Richard Evans



Jim Roby



Jonas Wechsler

Jonas Wechsler had been busy carving, and brought the cheese spreader which was last month's blank of the month. He had also

carved a cow, complete with shirt and pants, which he said was still a work in progress. Jonas had carved an armadillo, and also an eagle head from a previous month's blank. Great carving, Jonas!



Jonas also shared a carving his Grandfather had given him, dated 1944, which was a bowl carved from a birch root. A most interesting piece.

Dwight Vance shared a very impressive carving of a Saw Whet owl sitting on a branch. The owl was carved from tupelo, and the branch was carved in 3 pieces from basswood. This was mounted on a maple base. He said most of the carving was power carved. Unfortunately we don't have a picture of this carving. Dwight had carved a caricature cowboy which he painted in Patty Rucker's class and a Santa which Jaleen painted in class.

Dwight had also finished an interesting bark house that involved splitting a piece of cottonwood bark, hollowing it out and carving windows etc., and then gluing the two pieces back together. This was a most interesting project which Dwight finished with shoe polish.

Dwight and Jaleen will be leaving for the summer, and we look forward to their return later this year.

Dan Gillen brought a mask he had carved from butternut while in Fredericksburg. This was a nicely carved piece with a natural finish. He also shared his caricature golfer carved in Steve Prescott's class, and painted in Patty Rucker's recent class. Dan had also completed a lovely cardinal which he did in Sheila Hunter's woodburning class, using colored pencils for the colors.

Richard Evans had carved and painted a bust of a Viking Nordman. And Jim Roby brought a realistic fawn he had completed and painted.

Jake Heugel brought the blank of the month, a tiny Carolina Wren, and also gave some very interesting facts about this little bird which weighs about three-

fourth ounce. It is the State Bird of South Carolina, and is found from the East Coast to Central Texas and on to Canada, but the little bird prefers the warmer climate

Secretary
Shirley Newman.



JoAnne Cage



Carved by Dwight
Painted by Jaleen

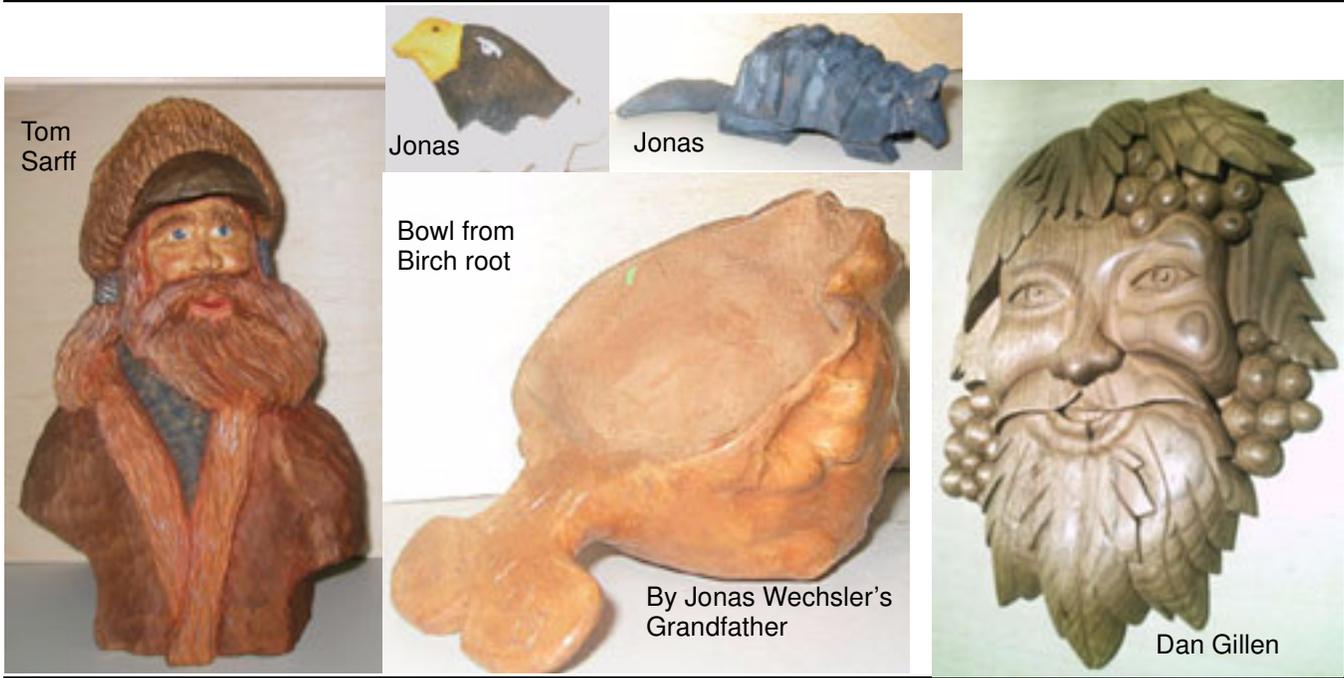


Dan Gillen



Dan
Gillen





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. This membership includes a monthly e-mail newsletter. An additional \$12.00 per year is collected if you desire a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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