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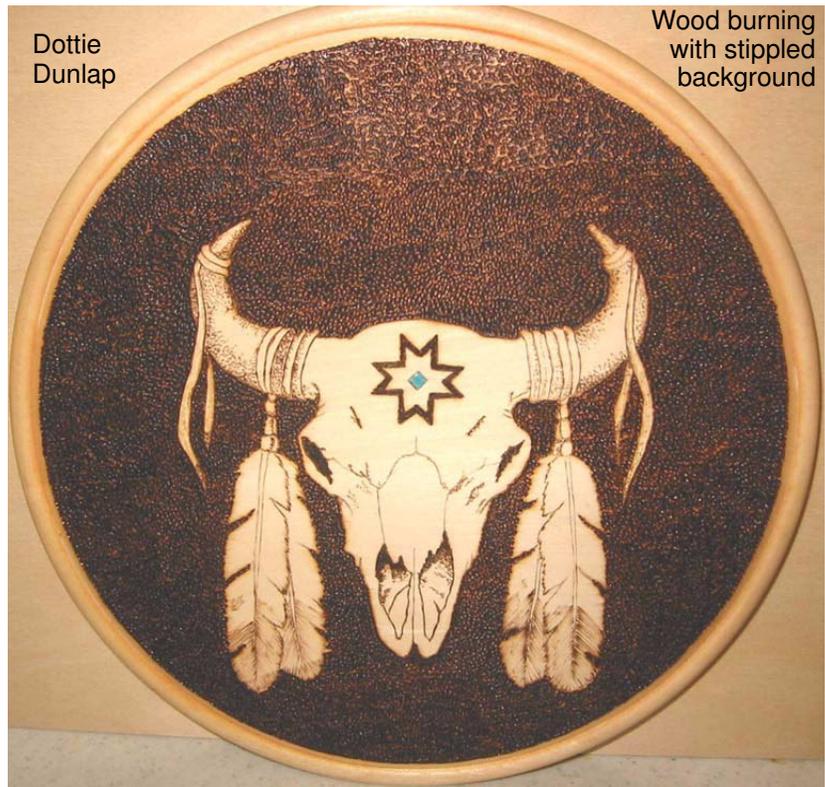
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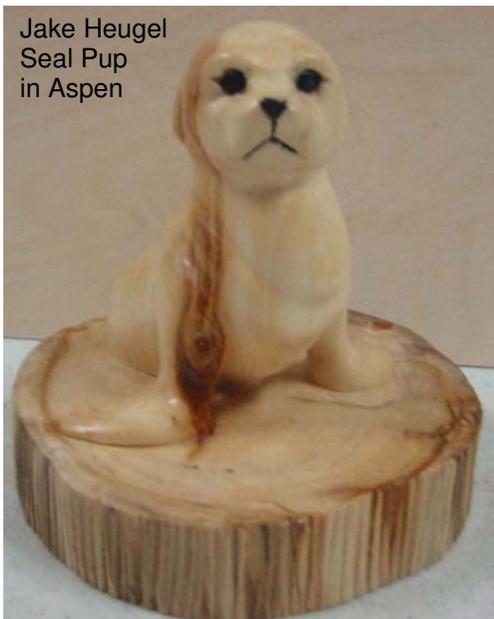
Marvin Joseph	'05
Buddy Streetman	'03-04
Jim Roby	'02
John Thompson	'01

Next Meeting Thursday September 14, 7:00 PM at the Austin Woodcrafter Store

Diann Small provides the blank of the month for this meeting



Jake Heugel
Seal Pup
in Aspen



A great group of carvers were present as President, Bill Buckler, called our August 10th monthly meeting to order.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,976.02 in our club account. Jim also reported that he had reserved one club table for the Fredericksburg show September 24 - 30. Revising a previous discussion at our July meeting regarding who could place carvings on the club table for display, a motion was made by Diann Small that anyone wishing to place a carving on the club table must either be in Fredericksburg personally to deliver it and take it home, or make arrangements for a designated person to take their carving to the show and bring it back to them. Marvin Joseph seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

Bill Buckler reported that Steve Prescott would be available to come to Austin early in September or mid-October for a class in caricature carving. The next dates would be in January or February 2007. A sign-up sheet was sent around to indicate club member preferences, and more information will be available at our September meeting.

A class by Debbie Edwards is scheduled the 2nd week of February 2007. Bill will bring more information in September regarding the cost, and carving roughout.

Jake Heugel shared information regarding an opportunity for carvers to participate in a series called "Sundays in the Park" at the Internet Cafe in the Renaissance Austin Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. October 1 -November 19. Each Sunday a different artist, author, etc. will be featured who will both demonstrate their skill, and interact with those in attendance. If interested as a carver, please contact Michelle Beasley at 832-284-4278 or online at www.MarketAssistOnline.com providing her with contact info, a short biography, pictures of your carvings, etc.

Jake Heugel is missing a carved and painted Longhorn blank he provided for a recent blank of the month. Please return it to Jake if you have it.

A web site for our club was again discussed, and Dan Gillen will look into possibilities, reporting on his findings at our meeting in September.

Jake Heugel introduced a recommendation from the committee looking into a club project for our club table at the Fredericksburg show in September 2007. The committee, made up of Jake Heugel, Tom Sarff, Johanne Morin, and Johnny Dunlap suggested a "Santa's Workshop" which could include small carvings of elves, small toys, Santa etc. It was also suggested that these items might be coordinated with the blank of the month each month next year in preparation for this exhibit. Shelton Ashley moved that "Santa's Workshop" be designated a club project for the Fredericksburg Show in September 2007. Diann Small seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Buddy Streetman suggested that some of the funds in our club account be used for either a catered group picnic, or catered Christmas Party. Most club members were in favor of continuing the pot-luck style dinner at our annual Christmas Party, however, Buddy will report next month on recommendations for a picnic to be held during cooler months.

The show and tell items were plentiful at the meeting! Johnny Dunlap brought a handsomely carved bust of a mountain man, as yet unpainted, carved with much detail.

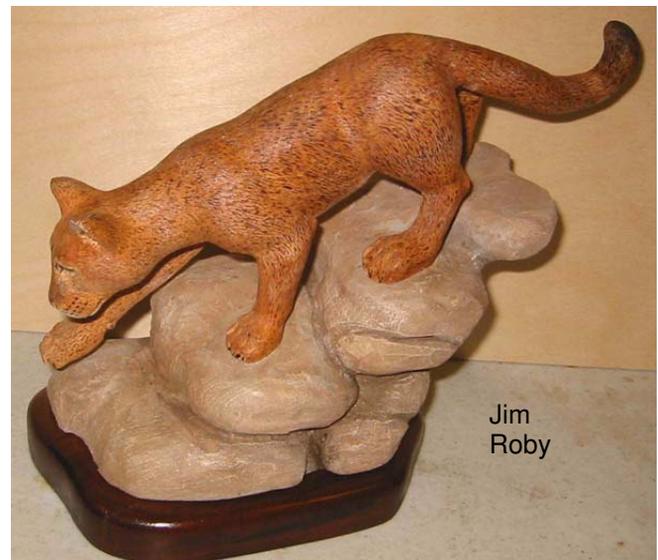
Dottie Dunlap shared four wood burned pieces including an old country church nestled among trees, with the face of Christ tucked among the leaves of a nearby tree (look closely below). Others included a polar bear reclining on an ice cap, a Texas steer skull, and a box with a rose on the lid. Especially of interest was the background on the wood burning called "stippling" which is a series of dots done with a red hot tip, resulting in an almost leather like appearance. Lovely work as always, Dottie.



Bob Tucker shared his black panther which he still planned to add a few touches to. Nice carving, Bob, and a most unique finish.

Jake Heugel brought a mountain goat carved, not from basswood, but from geluton (which I may not have spelled correctly). A new experience for Jake. He had also carved an adorable seal pup out of Aspen.

Jim Roby carved and painted a most realistic cougar on rocks from a Dee Gibson roughout. The most challenging part according to Jim? The rocks!



Clarence Born carved several little fawns from the blank of the month in July, and also some variations of the blank resulting in some interesting little mules. Great work showing versatility.

Tom McCarthy had taken up wood burning and shared two pieces, one a wooded scene, and the other a winter scene complete with sleigh.

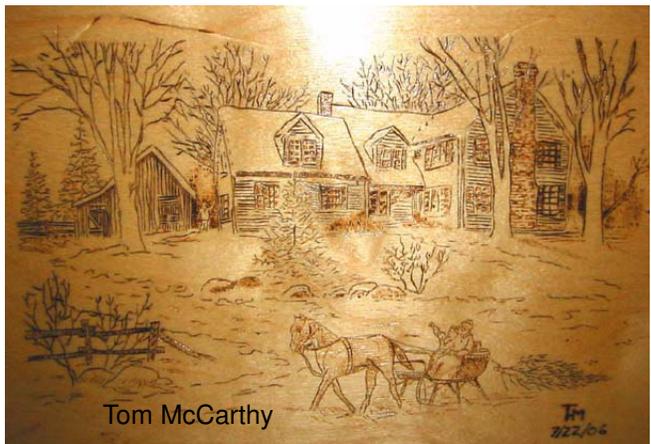
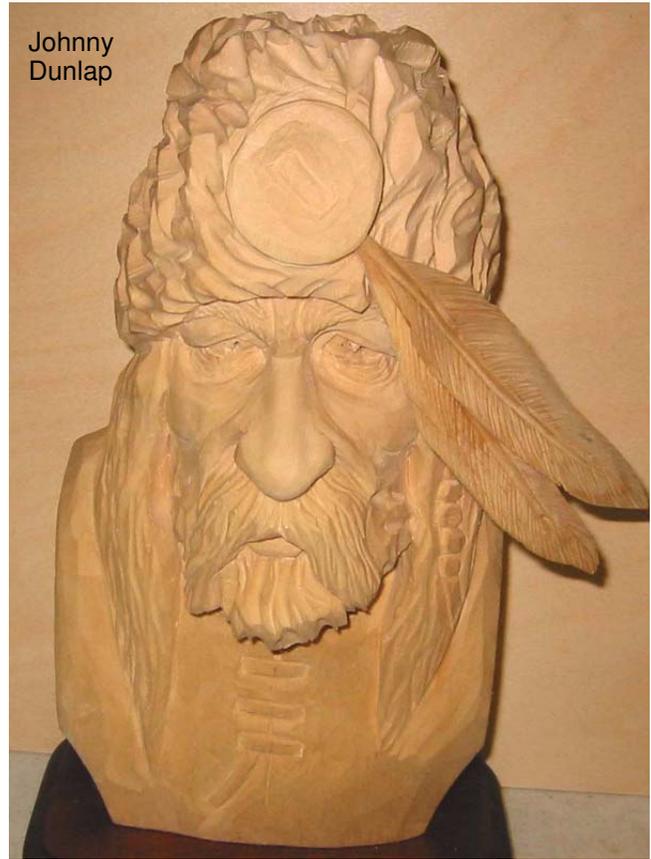
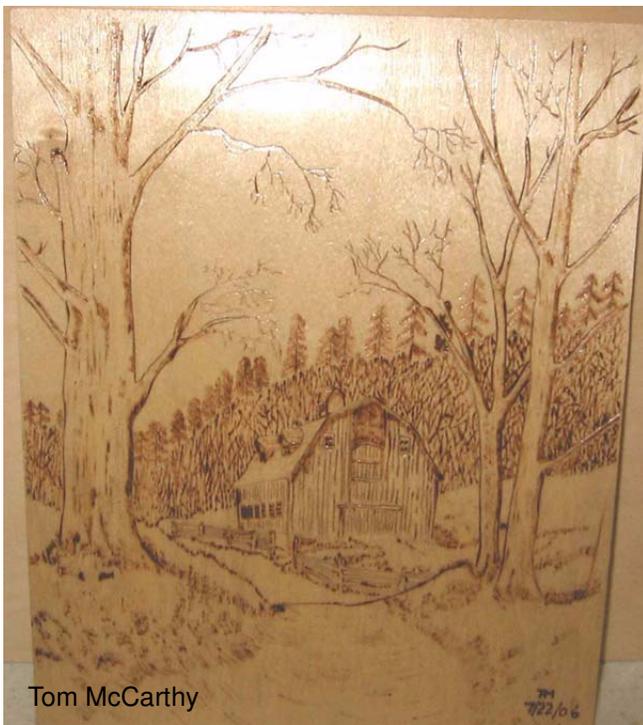
Priscilla McCarthy brought the scenic deep relief (below) she had completed, part of which was carved completely through for an added effect.



Diann Small brought a sampling of the blanks for September which will be several sizes of stylized fish. Looks like a most enjoyable project.

Following our raffle, carvers settled in to carve the fish blank brought by Bill Buckler. This blank was cut on a slightly different angle of the wood grain which called for added carving care as the project progressed.

August CTWA Meeting Notes
by Shirley Newman



Johnny Dunlap

Tom McCarthy

Clarence Born

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Clarence Born's Donkeys

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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